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Hays CISD to Create Attendance Zone for New Elementary

The process will soon be underway to create a new elementary school attendance zone to accommodate the opening of the district's 15th elementary school. The new campus, located in the Sunfield subdivision, will open in August 2022. In August 2021, the Board of Trustees voted to empanel a committee of 14 citizens to review proposed maps, receive public input, and create a recommendation that will be presented to the Board for a vote December of this year.

"Board policy requires the district administration to create at least two starting-point maps for consideration by the citizen committee," said Hays CISD Chief Communication Officer Tim Savoy. "We encourage everyone who has an opinion to reach out to the committee by using the special 'Zone Talk' button on the committee's webpage or attending one of two public forums. People can also follow along as the process progresses, view the prevailing draft maps, and see all of the materials presented to the committee on the committee webpage."

The committee webpage is www.hayscisd.net/rezone.

Hays CISD establishes attendance zones for schools to: 1. Maintain the neighborhood school concept; 2. Prevent, reduce, and eliminate overcrowding; 3. Allow for future growth; 4. Keep distances traveled by students as short as possible; 5. Minimize the need for student transportation; and 6. Allow campuses to house students safely and provide adequate services to all students.

The new elementary school was approved by voters as part of the Hays CISD May 2021 bond election. Construction began on the 117,611 square-foot campus in June 2021, and features the district's next generation prototype of elementary campus design. The campus will be able to accommodate as many as 900 students, grades pre-K through 5th. The total project cost, including construction, furniture, technology, and start-up supplies is \$38.4 million.

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