

New High School "TTT" Attendance Boundary Proposal

Introduction

Residential development in south Hillsborough County has steadily increased over the past decade, and has been rapidly growing during the past four years. New homes generate new students, which is spurring overcrowding in area high schools. Most notably, East Bay and Lennard High Schools, which have both opened new classroom additions in the past three years. Considering the additional capacity, East Bay is currently at 91% of its capacity and Lennard is at 125% of its capacity. The District has leased twenty-four (24) portables at Lennard to serve the expanding population, and Lennard is projected to continue to grow reach 180%, and East Bay is projected to rise to 132% in the next three years depending on the pace of development.

In August 2020, new High School "TTT" will open located on the north side of County Road 672 (Balm Road), and east of US Highway 301. Designed to provide space for new growth in the area, the new high school will offer relief to East Bay High School and currently overcrowded Lennard Bay High School. Additionally, the proposal includes minor adjustments to the southern portions of the Newsome and Durant boundaries, which include areas closer in proximity to the new High School "TTT" site.

In April 2018, District staff proposed several preliminary attendance boundary changes designed create a new attendance boundary for High School "TTT", while balancing enrollment among the area high schools. Students have been proposed to move from East Bay, Lennard, Newsome, and Durant to High School "TTT". Also, an underdeveloped portion of the Waterset development is slated to be reassigned from Lennard to East Bay. A public outreach initiative was implemented in order to solicit input from families, students, and the community on the preliminary boundary change proposal. There was limited stakeholder input, and staff is bringing forward the original scenario for School Board consideration.

Proposed Areas of Change

Area 1: Durant to "TTT"

This rural area abuts the Manatee County line to the south, State Route 674 through the center, and vacant area to the north. The area contains approximately four (4) students assigned to grades 7-9.

Area 2: East Bay to "TTT"

This area includes residential subdivisions, and is generally located east of I-75, north of Balm Road (672), south of Big Bend Road, and west of Balm Boyette Road. Subdivisions located in this area include, but are not limited to; Southfork, Belmont, Shady Creek Preserve, Pradera, and Triple Creek. This area contains approximately six hundred and seven (607) students assigned in grades 7-9.

Area 3: Lennard to "TTT"

The area encompasses Cypress Creek subdivision, and areas generally located east of US 301, north of the Manatee County line, and south of Balm Road (672). Subdivisions located in this area include, but are not limited to; Cypress Creek, Valencia Lakes,

Sereno, Vista Palms, Ayersworth, and Mirabella. This area contains approximately nine hundred and seventy eight (978) students assigned in grades 7-9.

Area 4: Newsome to “TTT”

This rural area abuts the Manatee County line, and proceeds north, terminating prior to reaching Balm Road (672). This area contains approximately three (3) students assigned in grades 7-9.

Total of all Areas

One thousand five hundred and ninety two (1592) total assigned students impacted in grades 7-9.

Implementation Strategies

The new high school will open in August 2020, therefore current students in grades 7-9 impacted by this change were notified. Students in grades 7-9 will be required to attend the new school in order to utilize the capacity at the new school, and transition out of portable classrooms. Per historical attendance boundary implementation, staff notified the students currently in grade 10, who will be in grade 12 in 2020 that they are proposed to remain at their currently assigned school for their senior year.

Staff received mixed input from the limited amount of parents who provided comments. Some parents were excited about the prospect of a new high school, however others were did not want their child to be relocated. Below are the suggested implementation strategies.

- Changes will be effective starting with current 9th grade students (2018-19)
- New High School “TTT” will open in August 2020 with only grades 9-11 (no grade 12)
- General school choice options will be closed for Lennard and East Bay
- Limited choice will be available at the new High School “TTT” for grades 10 and 11 for the 2020 school year only
- Sibling preference will not be offered for non-assigned siblings to the new High School “TTT”, Lennard, and East Bay
- Standard school choice hardship rules will apply
- Staff will continue to inform the school staff and parents of these changes as the opening date approaches

Attendance Boundary Projection Data

High School "TTT" Attendance Boundary Projected Results					
Data Points	Durant	East Bay	Lennard	Newsome	TTT*
FISH Capacity	2738	2492	2500	3011	2885
Operational Capacity	2601	2367	2375	2860	2290
Assigned Students	2474	3063	3225	3293	0
Change in Assigned	-8	-735	-1185	-10	1938
Projected Assigned Students	2466	2328	2040	3283	1938
Projected Enrolled Students (Assigned x Popularity + Choice)	2390	1736	2073	3031	1809
Projected FISH Utilization (%)	87%	70%	83%	101%	63%
Projected Available Seats (FISH)	348	756	427	-20	1076
Growth Factor					
Growth Projections (Incl Shifts)*	80	537	509	264	1359
Adjusted Projected Enrollment	2470	2273	2582	3295	3168
Projected FISH Utilization w/Development (%) *	90%	91%	103%	109%	110%

Source: 2018-19 SY 40th day enrollment

Note: 83% popularity used for new school and 200 choice students

* Projections based all concurrency developments building out in 3 years and 100% student assigned student attending

Stakeholder Outreach

Internal Stakeholders Meetings

- Participants included the Choice, Principals, Area Superintendents, Growth Management, Transportation, Curriculum and ESE representatives
- Multiple meetings were held to discuss various scenarios and included Curriculum and ESE representatives

Notification Methods

- Boundary Website, High School Websites
- Parent Link call and email to all current students in grades 7-9 assigned to East Bay, Lennard, Newsome, and Durant attendance boundaries proposed to move to High School "TTT" prior to each public meeting
- Parent Link call and email to all current students in grades 10 assigned to East Bay, Lennard, Newsome, and Durant attendance boundaries proposed to remain at their currently assigned school prior to each public meeting
- Press Releases
- Meeting Signs posted at all impacted schools, and the new TTT site

Community Attendance Boundary Meetings

- Shields Middle School Cafeteria

- July 18, 2018 – nine (9) participants signed in
- July 26, 2018- eight (8) participants signed in
- September 4, 2018 – eight (8) participants signed in

Public Feedback

- Some families were excited to attend a new high school.
- Some parents were not supportive of uprooting their students during high school.
- A select portion of attendees suggested general choice options should be offered.
- Three (3) comment sheets were collected at meetings, and are accessible at <https://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/doc/251/growth-management/resources/boundary/>

Additional Public Outreach

- Parent link message sent prior to school board consideration of the boundaries notifying impacted families of the final proposal.
- Websites, HCPS and individual school websites updated with the final proposal.
- If approved by the School Board, parent links will be sent to parents in the areas scheduled to change schools outlining the results of the school board meeting.
- Notifications of School Board meetings were sent on Twitter and Facebook