

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Goose Creek CISD to hold hearing on redistricting plan

The Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed single-member Board of Trustees redistricting plan for the district. The hearing will be held in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 4544 Interstate 10, at 6:30 p.m., on Monday, Jan. 23.

The new districts are for school board representation, not school attendance zones. See proposed district maps here A large map of the proposed districts is also on display at the administration building.

By law, government bodies including school boards, county commissions and state legislatures, must redraw their lines when new Census figures come out.

They also must ensure that there is appropriate minority representation.

The Board hired Dr. Robert Stein of Rice University to analyze Goose Creek CISD's current distribution of population by trustee district and to offer a redistricting plan for new trustee districts.

The 2010 Census information analyzed by Dr. Stein indicated that the current distribution of residential population is not in compliance with the requirement of an equal distribution of residential population across the district's seven single member school trustee districts. Dr. Stein's team has designed a redistricting plan that remedies the population variations in the current districts.

The board has yet to approve any redistricting plan. Once a new map is approved, the Board will send it to the U.S. Department of Justice for preclearance.

The new districts for school board representation would take effect for the May 20113 election, when Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5 will appear on the ballot.

Board members now serve four-year terms.

The Goose Creek CISD public facilities are wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact Noemi Garcia in the Superintendent's Office at 281-420-4816.

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