



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Goose Creek CISD to redraw school zones

Big changes are on the horizon that could affect hundreds of students throughout the 128 square mile Goose Creek school district.

The 21,000-student district has enlisted community volunteers to reconfigure school attendance zones for the next school year.

Current overcrowding at many Goose Creek CISD schools and student enrollment projections necessitates the need to address current elementary, junior, and high school attendance boundaries.

Goose Creek Superintendent Dr. Toby York said the objectives of the rezoning process are to:

- draw attendance zones in a way that supports an efficient/effective use of school facilities
- reduce overcrowding of campuses
- plan for future growth
- draw zones to be contiguous, as much as possible
- involve the community in public forums
- always keep in mind doing what is in the best interest of students.

Two committees of school district and community volunteers are already reviewing and studying data regarding student enrollment projections, current attendance boundaries, and current and future GCCISD demographics.

Recommendations for new elementary and secondary school boundary lines should be ready for Board of Trustees this spring. The Board will make the final decision, and the new boundaries will be in effect for 2011-2012 school year.

Presently, eight of the 13 elementary schools are overcapacity while three of five junior schools are over instructional capacity. On the high school level, Goose Creek Memorial is at 104 percent capacity.

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At a Jan. 10 Board of Trustees meeting, the district's demographer reported that Goose Creek CISD could see between 1,275 and 2,449 students in the next five years.

Under the "Most-Likely Growth Scenario," Goose Creek CISD would experience an increase of 1,788 students in the next five years. By fall 2015, the district could have an enrollment of 22,915 students and by 2020, and a total of 25,419 students could be enrolled.

The demographer predicts an 8.7 percent increase over the next five years, and a 20.6 percent increase over the next decade.

Goose Creek CISD's total enrollment on Jan. 7 was 21,130.

Parents may provide input on the rezoning options by e-mailing rezoning@gccisd.net, calling 281-420-4808 or faxing their comments to 281-421-3229.

Comments also may be sent by mail to Dr. Byron Terrier, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, P.O. Box 30, Baytown, TX 77522.

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