



TO: Williamson County Board of Education

FROM: Mike Looney

DATE: April 17, 2017

RE: Supplemental Recommendation for Rezoning Plan to allow early rezoning for 2017-2018

As you know, the current rezoning proposal is scheduled to go into effect in the Fall of 2018, to coincide with the planned opening of new schools. However, during community and Board discussions, the possibility was raised of allowing students to attend their newly scheduled school a year early, beginning in the Fall of 2017.

We have reviewed this possibility and discussed it at the Board's April 13, 2017 Work Session. Based on this discussion, I recommend the Board approve 2017-2018 open zoning of the schools to which students will be rezoned in the Fall of 2018, not to exceed 110% of any receiving school's capacity, as described below. This proposal is contingent on the actual rezoning plan approved by the Board at its May 15, 2017 meeting. Also, this proposal is being brought to you prior to the scheduled May 17 vote to allow families a reasonable time to consider whether to exercise this option.

If the Board approves the plan as currently presented, we project and recommend that the following additional schools be open zoned for the areas in the current rezoning proposal:

- Students rezoned to Bethesda, Chapman's Retreat, Clovercroft, Heritage, Sunset, and Winstead Elementary Schools
- Students rezoned to Heritage and Sunset Middle Schools
- Rising 9th graders to Centennial, Independence, Ravenwood and Summit High Schools

If the Board approves Plan B in addition to the current rezoning proposal, we project and recommend that the following additional schools be open zoned for the areas in the current rezoning proposal Plan B:

- Students rezoned to Grassland and Westwood Elementary Schools
- Students rezoned to Fairview, Grassland and Woodland Middle Schools
- Rising 9th graders to Fairview and Franklin High Schools

Except as described below, Board policy will apply. This includes transportation, requiring parents to provide transportation for students attending schools out of zone. This also includes

the allowance for siblings to attend with these students.

All open zone seats will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Applications will be time & date stamped at the local school level. Families may begin applying immediately beginning on Tuesday, April 18, at 8:00 a.m., with the caveat that approval will not be granted unless the Board approves a rezoning proposal at its May 15, 2017 meeting that includes rezoning the residence of each applicant to the school to which they are applying. Because the Board is currently scheduled to vote on the rezoning proposal on May 15, the Board Policy's deadline for open zone applications, I also recommend the deadline for application related to this rezoning be extended from the Policy's May 15 deadline to Monday, June 5, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.

Staff recommends approval.