



OPTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

August 29, 2011

To: Board of Education
From: Summer 2011 Ad Hoc Options Committee
Subject: High School Boundary Option for Consideration

In response to letters from the school community councils from Highland High and East High Schools and following Board Policy S-13, Annual Student Population Review Process, the ad hoc Options Committee has met to submit a viable high school boundary option for the board of education to consider. The primary objective given to the committee was to study boundary adjustments that could be made between Highland and East that would: increase student enrollment at Highland High School; support Highland and East remaining in the same UHSAA classification; better balance the economic diversity of all high schools; and, correct minor historical boundary errors.

The committee reviewed maps, enrollment data, and other demographic and geographic data relevant to the assigned task. The committee recognizes that the board is working to maximize and support school choice while managing student enrollment trends and building on the strengths at each school. The committee recommends the following for consideration:

- Adjust the Highland High School boundary to include all Riley Elementary School students who live east of the Jordan River (anticipated 175 student increase for Highland and decrease for East);
- Adjust the Highland High School boundary to include all Beacon Heights Elementary School students (no anticipated enrollment change); and,
- Adjust minor historical boundary errors and the Highland/East boundary west of the Jordan River (no anticipated enrollment change).

The committee would also like to share the following comments, suggestions, and observations that may lead to other actions and/or further study to meet the overall objectives of the board: 1) at a future date, consider aligning the Bennion Elementary School boundary with the East High School boundary (anticipated 10-15 student increase for East and decrease for Highland); 2) enrollment data for district-wide programs located on high school campuses should be captured and tracked annually; 3) any future high school boundary studies should include all high schools; and, 4) efforts should continue to be made to balance resources and student diversity as appropriate.

If the board chooses to recommend these options to move forward for public comment, the committee recommends that one informational open house be held at Riley Elementary School and informational letters be mailed to all families in the Riley boundary and all the families in the portion of the Beacon Heights Elementary School boundary recommended for the proposed change. Attached is a map with the recommendations highlighted. Members of the committee will be in attendance at your business meeting on September 6, 2011.

MCKELL WITHERS
Superintendent of Schools


mckell.withers@slcschools.org

p 801. 578.8349
f 801. 578.8685

Salt Lake City School District
440 East 100 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111




www.slcschools.org


EXHIBIT: D1
Board Meeting: 9/06/11



**Salt Lake City School District
Information Systems**

Legend

-  Middle School Boundary
-  Proposed High Bound
-  High School Boundary

 N
W E S

0 0.25 0.5 Miles

