



To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Dr. McKell Withers, Superintendent
Dr. Dorothy Cosgrove, Associate Superintendent

Re: Public Comment and Final Recommendations for the Proposed Boundary Changes Between East and Highland High Schools

Date: October 26, 2011

At the September 6, 2011 board meeting, the Salt Lake City Board of Education directed us to invite families affected by a proposed high school boundary change to an open house to get information, ask questions, and give feedback. It was held on October 13, 2011 at Riley Elementary School, 1410 South 800 West. Letters in English and Spanish were mailed to all families in the Riley Elementary boundary and all families in the portion of Beacon Heights Elementary School boundary affected by the proposed changes. Seven families attended the open house and feedback was supportive of the changes.

In addition, we displayed maps, and provided information and comment cards at East and Highland High Schools; Clayton, Glendale, and Hillside Middle Schools; Riley and Beacon Heights Elementary Schools; and the district office. Few comments were received and they were supportive of the changes.

Recommendations:

- Adjust the Highland High School boundary to include all students in grades 9-12 living east of the Jordan River and within the current **Riley Elementary School** boundary (anticipated 175 student increase for Highland and decrease for East);
- Adjust the Highland High School boundary to include all students in grades 9-12 living in the north end of the current **Beacon Heights Elementary School** boundary (no anticipated enrollment change); and
- Adjust minor historical boundary errors and the Highland/East boundary west of the Jordan River (no anticipated enrollment change).

Implementation: Any adjustments enacted by the board of education will be implemented for the 2012-13 school year. Students in grades 9 and 10 for the 2012-13 year, within the new Highland High area, will be expected to attend Highland. Students in grades 11 or 12 from the same area, will have the option to continue through graduation at East High School or to enroll at Highland High School.

We look forward to your direction and potential action on the above recommendations during your November 1, 2011 board business meeting.

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