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# “Getting Started” Community Meeting on Refinements to High School Attendance Zone Boundaries

October 17, 2016

# Purpose



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Address overcrowding at Washington-Lee by gradually moving students to Wakefield and Yorktown and to balance enrollment at all three high schools.

# Meeting Agenda

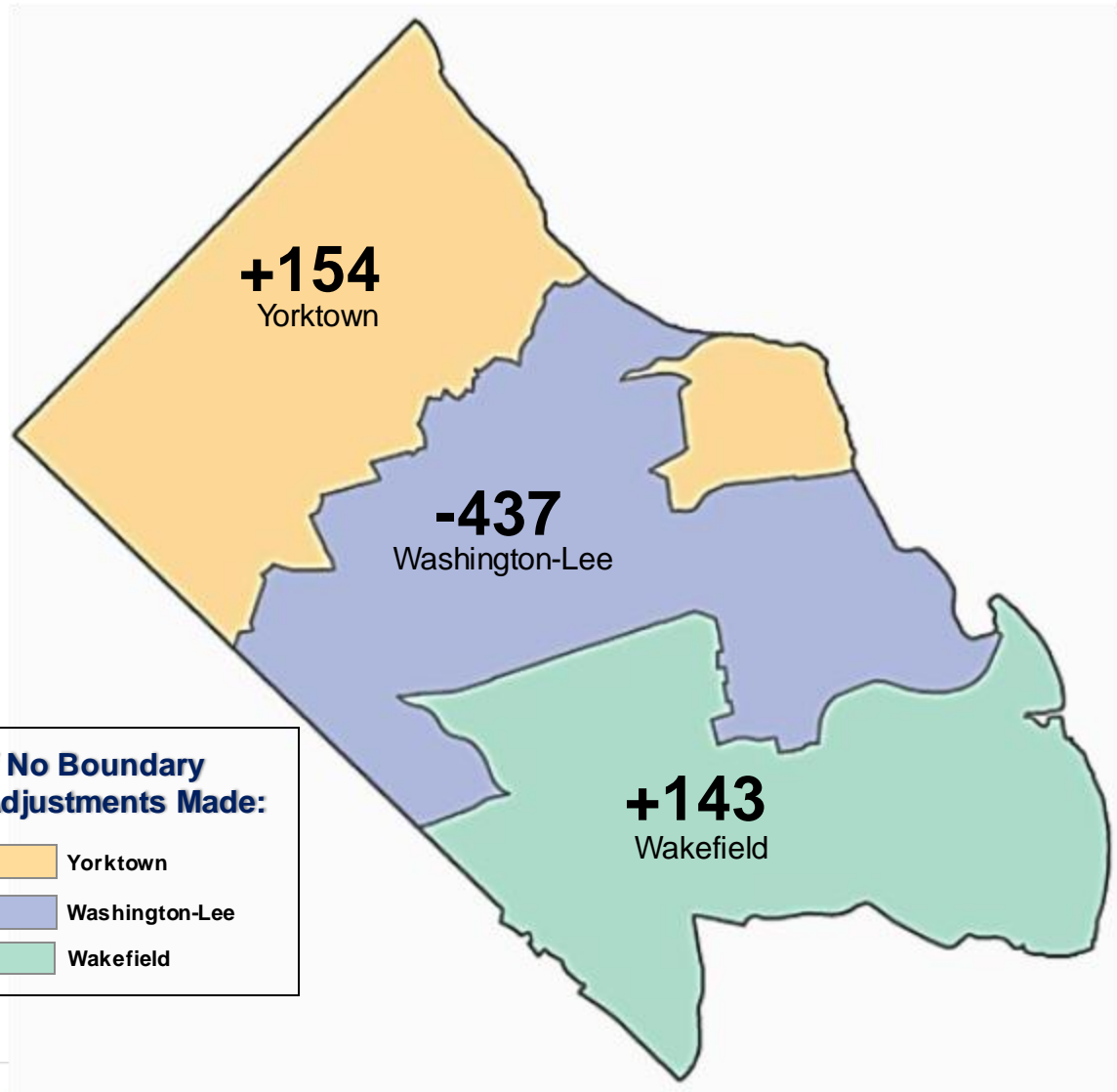


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- Context for Refinement
- Instructional Considerations
- Demonstration of the online Boundary Tool
- Questions and Answers
- Next Steps

*Optional table discussions*

# Scope of Boundary Refinements Needed by 2020-21



- Reduce W-L enrollment by 400 students by 2020-21
- Shift approx. 100 students per year from W-L to Yorktown/Wakefield

# Boundary Refinements Will



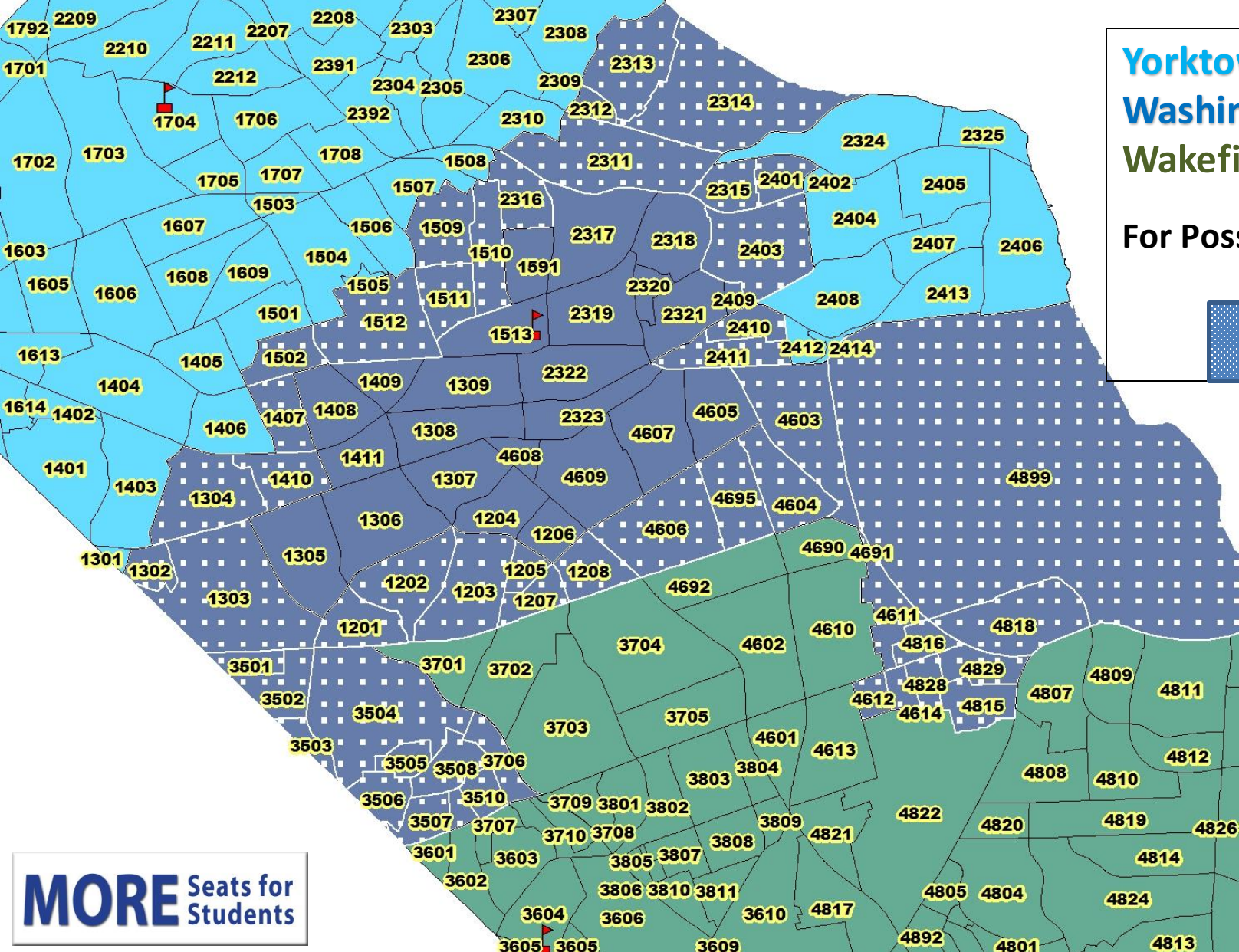
- Balance enrollment among the 3 high schools
- Better utilize available & planned instructional spaces
- Take effect September 2017
- Apply to current grade 8 students:
  - *Incoming freshman class of 2017-18 (Class of '21)*
  - *Future freshman classes*
- Not apply to students already enrolled in H.S.
- Communicated at H.S. Information Night (12/12/16)

**NOTE:** We will need to revisit H.S. boundaries in 2020 to prepare to add 1,300 H.S. seats in 2022

# Proposed Planning Units

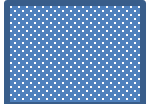


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For Possible Moves:



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## **APS Boundary Policy (30-2.2)**

... recommended boundary changes ... shall include, but not be limited to, consideration of the following criteria:

- Efficiency
- Proximity
- Stability
- Alignment
- Demographics
- Contiguity

## **Sibling Preference**

Allowing younger siblings to enroll in the same high school if an older sibling will be concurrently enrolled at Washington-Lee, and transportation, if needed



## Recommendations:

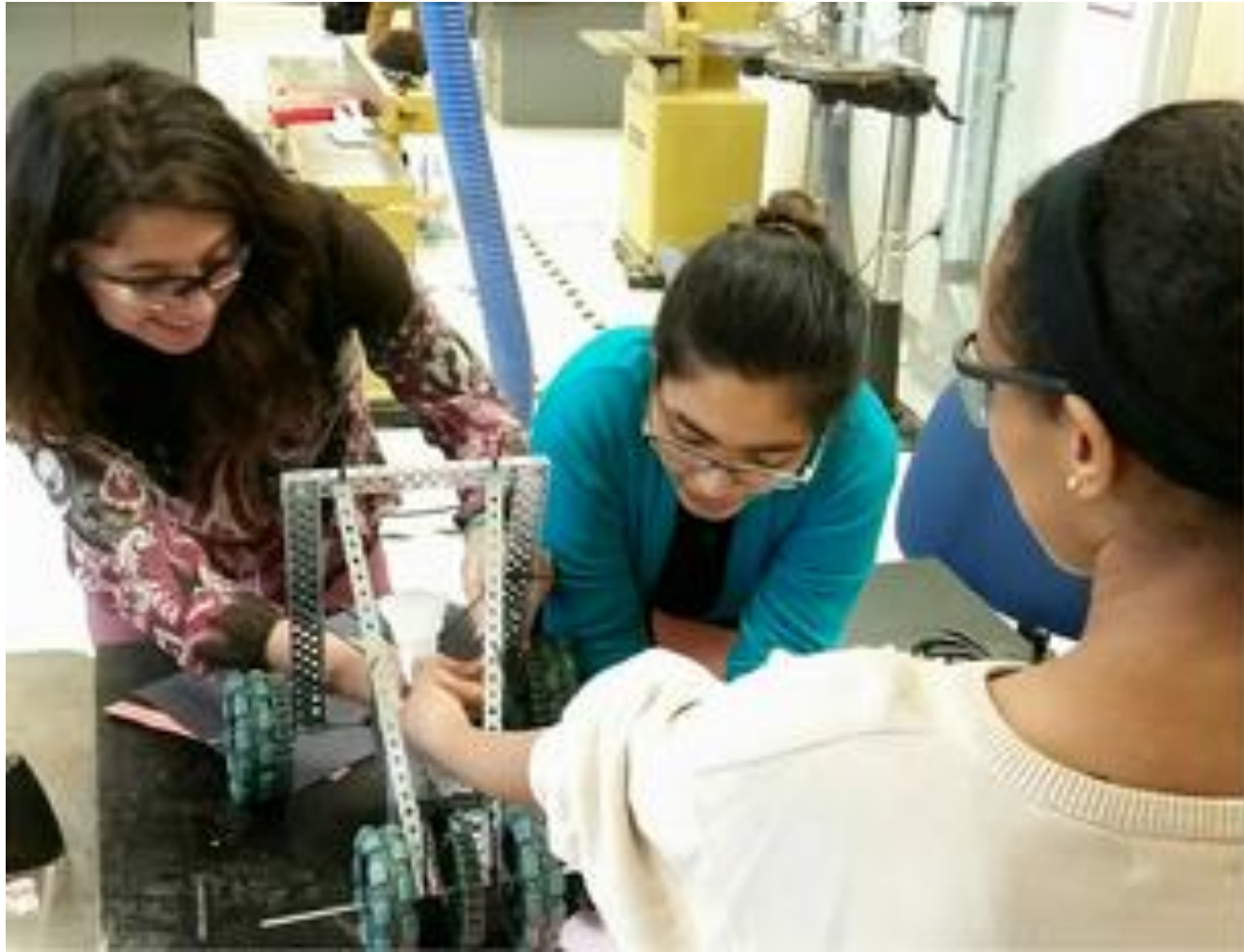
- Will take effect September 2017
- Will apply to current grade 8 students  
*incoming freshman class of 2017-18 (class of '21)  
and future freshman classes*
- Will not apply to students who are already enrolled in high school
- Will include provisions for students who have older siblings that will be enrolled concurrently at Washington-Lee, including transportation provisions for those students if needed
- Will be communicated at High School Information Night on December 12, 2016



# Instructional Considerations



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# Strategic Plan 2011-17



- Ensure that every student is challenged and engaged
- Eliminate achievement gaps
- Recruit, retain, and develop high quality staff
- Provide optimal learning environments
- Meet the needs of the whole child

# Course Offerings and Academic Achievement



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## Diploma Options:

- Standard
- Advanced

## Course Offerings:

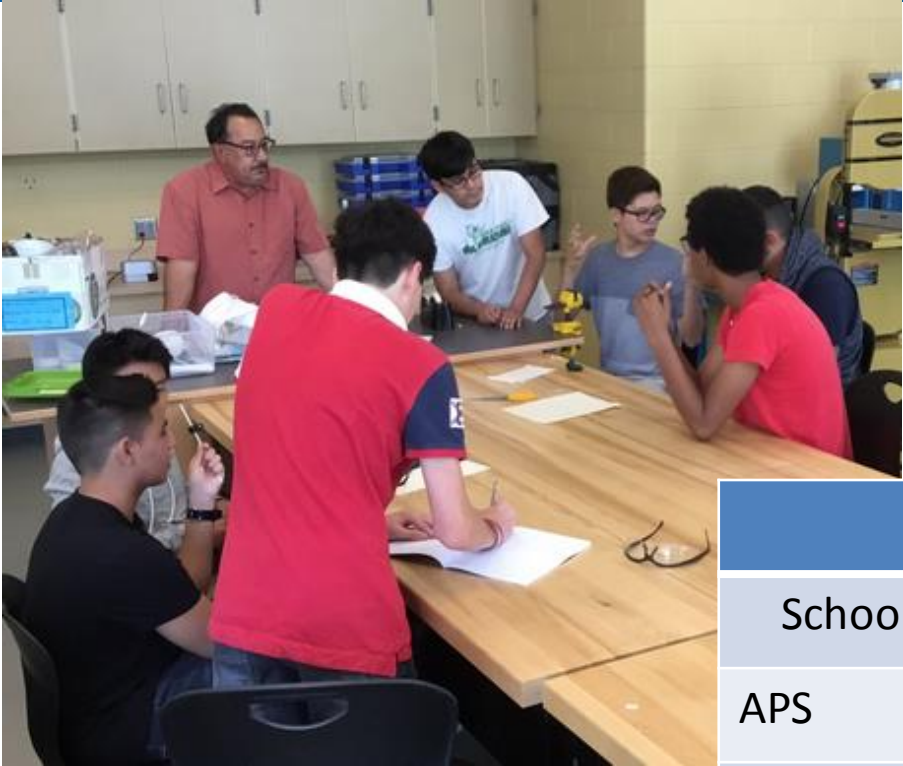
- Rigorous Grade-Level Courses
- Advanced Placement
- Dual Enrollment

Each APS high school earned full accreditation from the Virginia Department of Education

# Exceptional Teachers



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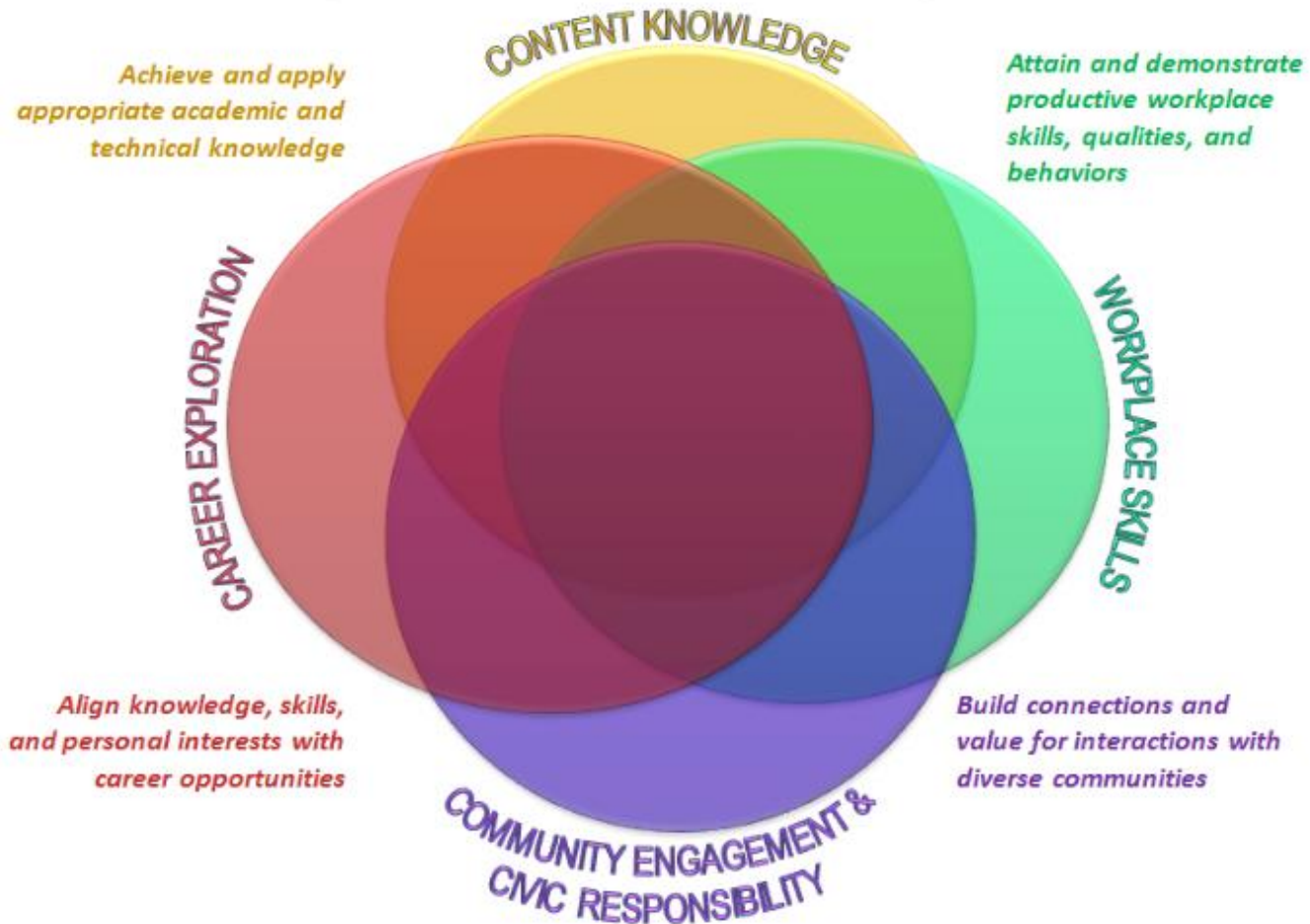
Highly Qualified			
School	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
APS	98.2%	98.2%	98.2%
Wakefield	100%	100%	98.8%
Washington-Lee	99.6%	99.6%	99.6%
Yorktown	98.5%	98.2%	98.6%

# Profile of a Virginia Graduate



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## **Profile of a Virginia Graduate** In Virginia, the Life Ready Individual Will, During His or Her K-12 Educational Experience:



# How to Participate



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# Community Engagement Options



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- 4 more community meetings
- Boundary Webpage  
[www.apsva.us/APSboundaries/](http://www.apsva.us/APSboundaries/)
- Boundary Email and Hotline
- Ambassadors
- Face-to-Face Networking
- Boundary Tool (October 12-24)



# The Online Boundary Tool



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# Questions?



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## School Board Deliberations



- Recommendation – November 3
- Work Session – November 9
- Public Hearing – November 15
- Board Action – December 1

## Implementation



- Dec. 12, 2016 – H.S. Info. Night
- Jan. 30, 2017 – H.S. Transfer Deadline
- Sept. 2017 – Grade 9 Class
- Sept. 2018 – Grade 9 Class
- Sept. 2019 – Grade 9 Class
- Sept. 2020 – Grade 9 Class



## **This is the beginning of the process.**

You can continue to participate by:

- Providing feedback through the boundary tool
- Contacting us
- Attending the November 27 “What we Heard” meeting
- Attending a School Board meeting