



Alexandria City Public Schools

Overview of 2018 Redistricting Process

Redistricting Steering Committee
Meeting
February 27, 2024





Essential Questions

- What was the previous scope of work in 2018?
- How were the redistricting criteria used to make decisions?
- How were the options developed in 2018?
- What option was recommended and voted on by the School Board?



2018 Scope of Work

- Policy Decisions
 - “Grandfathering” - included an...if space is available clause
 - Transfers - modified open enrollment policy was eliminated
- School Utilization
 - Classroom and building capacity
 - Staffing and instructional impact
- Boundary Configurations
 - Transportation impact
 - Movement of students
 - Diversity of school (i.e., gender, SES, ethnicity, FARM, SPED, ELL)



2018 Redistricting Criteria

- Minimize the need for bus transportation or travel time
- Consider proximity to the school
- Natural points to define boundaries
- Optimize facility utilization
- Optimize programmatic offerings



2018 Options Development

- Contractor developed planning blocks from existing school data that included geographical boundaries including major roads and highways.
- Steering and Review Committees reviewed the breakdown of current student populations within each elementary and middle school with special focus on areas defined by the criteria.
- Committees engaged in mapping exercises by moving the planning blocks to see the outcomes of over- or under-utilization in school buildings to determine efficiencies that met defined criteria.



2018 Option Selected

- Contractor presented draft options to the Steering and Review Committees from the mapping exercises.
- Nine (9) iterations of the boundary maps were presented to the Steering and Review Committees for consideration highlighting the redistricting criteria.
- Committees provided input on the options providing input on the pros and cons of each option and narrowed it to one option.
- In January 2017, the School Board voted to adopt map 9a which changed the elementary school boundaries designed to impact approximately 1351 students in multiple elementary schools.



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Questions?

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