



Redistricting Process and Timeline

November 30, 2023





Essential Questions

- How is redistricting aligned with Strategic Plan 2025?
- What is the impetus for redistricting?
- What is the redistricting process?
- How will the community be engaged?
- What is the impact on policy?
- What is the proposed timeline?





Strategic Plan Goals

EQUITY FOR ALL



ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- Systemic Alignment
- Instructional Excellence
- Student Accessibility and Support
- Strategic Resource Allocation
- Family and Community Engagement



Policy JCE/JCE-R

- ACPS will enable students to attend their boundary school with equitable access to instructional programs and services.
- ACPS will engage in a boundary analysis every five years and/or when new schools, facilities, or programs are added that affect student assignment and capacity.



2022-23 Boundary Analysis - Summary of Findings

- Some schools currently have utilizations outside the ideal range increasing capacity reassignments.
- City development will continue to occur in school boundaries that are already over capacity and ACPS needs to plan for these changes.
- Modernization of new schools creates capacity and ACPS should optimize this use.



Redistricting Process

- Transparent Engagement
 - Redistricting Considerations
 - Diverse Participation
- Decision-making
 - Stakeholder Input
 - Development of Options
- School Board Adoption
 - Policy Impact
 - Implementation





Redistricting Considerations

● Instructional Capacity	→ Number of students assigned to a school
● Student Safety	→ Safe walk zones and routes to school
● Transportation	→ Minimize the need for bus rides to school
● Enrollment Capacity	→ Room for future growth
● Capacity Reassignment	→ Keep students in zoned school
● Class Size	→ Adherence to policy and policy review
● Distribution of Special Programs	→ Balance and access
● Previous Rezoning	→ Minimize changes to student experience
● Program Continuity	→ Maintain school engagement
● Sensible and Fair Boundaries	→ Proximity to school
● Diversity	→ Consider richness of different cultures in schools



Decision-Making

School Board

Kelly Carmichael Booz
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- Select vendor through RFP
- Select committee members
- Review stakeholder feedback
- Receive recommendations
- Make final decisions

Steering Committee

Diverse
ACPS Staff

- Support School Board process
- Liaison to Redistricting Review Committee and School Board
- Develop recommendations
- Final options to School Board

Redistricting Review Committee

Diverse
Stakeholders

- Recommendations to School Board
- Link to community for diverse perspectives
- Review recommendations
- Review final options



Review Options

- Committees present multiple options
- Weighing advantages and disadvantages
- Limitations and greatest impact on students
- Capacity relief to impacted schools



Select Option

Option chosen takes into consideration:

- Building utilization across schools
- Students attending their neighborhood school
- Alignment with the strategic plan and policies



Related Policies

- **JC/JCD-R - Student Placement**
- **IGBJ - Academic Excellence and Educational Equity**
- **IHB - Class Sizes**



Family Engagement

- Early and ongoing communication to impacted families to newly zoned schools
- Open house for students and families to visit their new school
- Policy changes based on selected option with a focus on rising grades, siblings, administrative transfer requests, capacity reassignments and programmatic transfers



Proposed Timeline

Time	Activity
November 2023	Propose Redistricting timeline to School Board
December 2023 - February 2024	Establish RFP and secure vendor to support the Redistricting process
March 2024 - December 2024	Community feedback and stakeholder input
January 2025 - February 2025	Recommendations to the School Board
March 2025 - July 2025	Families notified of impact on their student
August 2025	New school boundaries for implementation during the 2025-26 school year



Timeline Considerations

- **Changes in School Board members in January 2025**
 - New School Board members will need to be informed of former activities around Redistricting and the selected option
- **Budget Cycle Ensuring Alignment**
 - Other budget priorities
 - CIP allocations and considerations
- **K-8 School Analysis**
 - Impact on middle school enrollments and instructional programming



Next Steps

- Incorporate feedback on draft process and proposed timeline
- School board to determine Steering Committee members
- Committee to develop RFP with scope of work, review proposals and select vendor
- Establish time for updates to the School Board throughout the process



Questions?

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