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Dear Parent/Guardian:

On Monday, November 26, 2018, the Santa Fe ISD Board of Trustees voted to approve the elementary attendance areas for Roy J. Wollam, Dan J. Kubacak and William F. Barnett Elementary Campuses as recommended by the Elementary Attendance Area Committee, effective August, 2019. Attached is a timeline chronicling the processes and actions that led to Board recommendations by both the Elementary Alignment Committee and the Elementary Attendance Area Committee. This information is also displayed on the Bond Page tab of our district webpage.

The process for determining the grade level alignment for elementary campuses began with an open invitation for participation to the community, parents, faculty and staff through the newspaper, website, and district/campus communications. The Elementary Alignment (grade levels) Committee was comprised of 31 members, including parent, community, faculty, staff and administrator representation. This four-month process resulted in a recommendation for elementary grade level alignment to the Board of Trustees at their regular meeting on June 19, 2017. The elementary alignment for the three elementary campuses, beginning in August, 2019 is as follows.

- 2 Pk-5 grade level campuses (Kubacak and Barnett Elementary Campuses)
- 1 EC-5 grade level campus which includes PPCD and SOAR (Wollam Elementary)

The seven-month process for determining elementary attendance areas began with a request for recommendations for elementary teachers and parents to serve on the committee along with a survey link for parents and community members to volunteer to participate. The committee was comprised of 30 members with representation from the community, parents, faculty, staff and administrators. The attached map displays the Board approved attendance areas for Roy J. Wollam, Dan J. Kubacak and William F. Barnett Elementary Campuses, effective August, 2019. Additional information regarding the opening of William F. Barnett Elementary will be shared as it becomes available. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

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Santa Fe ISD Timeline Elementary Alignment Committee

The process for determining the grade level alignment for elementary campuses began with an open invitation for participation to the community, parents, faculty and staff through the newspaper, website, and district/campus communications. The Elementary Alignment (grade levels) Committee was comprised of 31 members, including parent, community, faculty, staff and administrator representation. This four-month process resulted in a recommendation for elementary grade level alignment to the Board of Trustees at their regular meeting on June 19, 2017. Below is a synopsis of the process.

- February 9, 2017: An initial meeting was held regarding future district alignment for 3 elementary campuses to begin August, 2019
 - Subcommittees were formed: Grade Alignment Committee; Facilities Committee
 - Reviewed data including advantages and disadvantages of SFISD's current alignment (single feeder pattern)
 - Participants determined possible grade alignments for consideration
- March 23, 2017: Meeting with the Cr8 Architects
 - Presented the firm's vision of a 21st century elementary campus including shared activity spaces, outdoor learning areas, color and light, flexibility and flexible technology
 - Shared their virtual reality capabilities
 - Presented different design committees and participants were all encouraged to sign up for one or more of these committees
- April 3-7, 2017: Cr8 held design charrettes for all of those who signed up for one of the committees; covered all aspects of building use
- April 24, 2017: Narrowed the consideration to four possible elementary grade level alignments for consideration
 - Reviewed research regarding grade level alignment and the impact of transitions
 - Determined and discussed the advantages and challenges of each of the four options being considered
 - Completed an initial survey of the direction of the committee; 100% of those in attendance indicated they prefer Pk-5 grade alignment.
- May 1, 2017: At the request of a committee member, one additional option for grade level alignment was provided and considered by the committee.
 - Director of Transportation presented requested information regarding Pk-5 grade level alignment on transportation
 - Largest impact: Would reduce the time required for the routes and, thus, decrease student ride time
 - Voting occurred: #1 Choice of the Grade Level Alignment Committee: 3 Pk-5 campuses with PPCD and SOAR remaining at RJW.
- May 15, 2017: Presented a committee report to the Board of Trustees on 5/15/2017
- June 19, 2017: Board approved the elementary alignment for the 3 elementary campuses, beginning in August, 2019 as follows:
 - 2 Pk-5 grade level campuses (Kubacak and Barnett Elementary Campuses)
 - 1 EC-5 grade level campus which includes PPCD and SOAR (Wollam Elementary)

Santa Fe ISD Timeline Elementary Attendance Area Committee

The seven-month process for determining elementary attendance areas began with a request for recommendations for elementary teachers and parents to serve on the committee along with a survey link for parents and community members to volunteer to participate. The committee was comprised of 30 members with representation from the community, parents, faculty, staff and administrators. The development of the recommendation to the Board of Trustees by the Elementary Attendance Area Committee was as follows.

- April 26, 2018: Elementary Attendance Area Committee initial meeting
 - Discussed committee purpose: To recommend to the SFISD Board of Trustees attendance areas for Roy J. Wollam, Dan J. Kubacak and William F. Barnett elementary campuses, beginning in August, 2019.
 - Provided committee members with maps where they drew suggested lines that were natural dividers
 - Determined future meeting dates
- August 23, 2018: Reviewed multiple forms of data (student demographics, designed building capacity)
 - The Executive Director of Maintenance and Operations reviewed information regarding area projections for future growth
 - The Director of Transportation provided four options on elementary attendance area maps
 - Reviewed advantages and disadvantages of each map option
 - The committee ranked the options
- October 11, 2018:
 - Committee was provided two versions of the #1 ranked option from the prior meeting.
 - Reviewed and discussed advantages and disadvantages of each map option
 - The committee voted and selected the recommended map for Elementary Attendance Areas, effective August, 2019.
- November 12, 2018: Community Information Night
 - Reviewed the committee process and recommendation
 - Provided opportunity for stakeholder feedback on the process, the attendance area map, and future considerations
- November 26, 2018: Open invitation made through the District website and by each campus
 - Board presentation regarding the work and recommendation development of the committee
 - Presented a board agenda item for the approval of Elementary Attendance Areas for Wollam, Kubacak and Barnett elementary campuses, effective August, 2019.
 - The Board approved the recommendation.

