

CHRONOLOGY OF THE AGENDA ITEM
Attendance Area Adjustment -
Idlewood Elementary School to Smokerise Elementary School

Scope:

Attendance Area Adjustment - Idlewood Elementary School to Smokerise Elementary School- to relieve overcrowding and facilitate the facility renovation of Idlewood Elementary School.

Period of Adjustment

This request is for approval of proposed elementary school attendance areas for the 2025-2026 school year as contemplated by the Elementary School Attendance Areas Map (1/13/2025) effective July 1, 2025.

Background

In January 2023 the Board approved a major renovation of the Idlewood facility, with an architect and a construction manager approved in February 2024. Idlewood Elementary School is currently 100+ students over capacity with twelve (12) existing portable classrooms. Proceeding with a major renovation without reducing the number of students, would require at least an **additional** twelve (12) portable classrooms. This would likely extend the construction schedule, adding significant additional cost to the project and disruption to Idlewood students and staff.

Public meetings to discuss options to relieve overcrowding at Idlewood were held on December 5, 2024, December 17, 2024, and January 9, 2025. Based on feedback from these meetings the recommendation is to redistrict a portion of the Idlewood attendance area to Smoke Rise Elementary School. Smoke Rise Elementary has over four hundred available seats and is in the same middle and high school cluster as Idlewood ES.

Approval of the proposed elementary attendance areas would move an estimated 400 students from Idlewood Elementary to Smoke Rise elementary, reducing Idlewood's capacity utilization from 115% to around 60%.