



High School Boundary Study Update

REPORT

In preparing for the SB 328 later start time legislation, the Taskforce identified a need to focus on equity and access for students to school services. In particular, the existing high school boundary configuration did not provide equitable access to South Modesto families for:

- Zero Period (prior to 2022-23, buses were arriving just before the start of 1st Period)
- 8th Period (prior to 2022-23) and after school Athletics
- Childcare and impact on families (made harder with longer distance to Downey)

After review by an internal Boundary Committee, the following Boundary Study Goals were established:

- Review equity and access of transportation and other services for each high school boundary
- What are the implications for a contiguous boundary for Downey High School
- What are the enrollment elementary feeder district trends that may impact future high school enrollment
- Maintain existing student capacities for each high school
- Provide up to 3 boundary adjustment options for the community to consider

With the exception of Enochs and Beyer High Schools (not effected by any scenario), community input meetings were scheduled for the following high school boundaries:

- Modesto High School (3 meetings)
- Downey High School
- Johansen High School
- Davis High School (2 meetings)
- Gregori High School

The meetings were held from 7:00pm – 8:30pm, and were designed to get input from the community members present. Each meeting included the following:

- District Presentation
- Small group table discussions
- Gallery walk to view other table ideas/suggestions
- Online survey to rank each scenario
- Direction to district website for further input and review of the process

The following commitments were made to the community at each meeting regarding the Boundary Study process:

- If there were boundary changes, they would **NOT** go into effect until the 2024-25 school year, and would be only for 9th grade students
- Students will **NOT** be required to change schools
- Siblings will be allowed to attend school at the same school
- Intra-District transfer options will remain, subject to availability

After receiving input from each community meeting, and through the online survey tool, it was determined to **not move forward with adjusting the existing high school attendance boundaries** at this time. The recent passage of Measure L to improve high school facilities, will provide enhanced school opportunities for students at the older high schools. We will continue to work with annually with Davis Demographics, to keep our current and projected enrollment up to date, for all elementary feeder districts. This data can be used at any time in the future to accurately project student counts in each high school attendance area.