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Community Forums Will Provide Information On Boundary Proposals

-District will present high school boundary proposals and provide opportunities for community feedback

As part of the overall plan to review the enrollment increases at Dearborn’s three comprehensive high schools the District will hold a series of Community Forums to provide information and solicit feedback regarding proposed high school boundary changes. The forums are open to all members of the community and your child need not attend the school where the meeting is being held in order to take part. The complete schedule is as follows:

Community Forum Schedule

Fordson High School	Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2017	6:00 pm
Edsel Ford High School	Thursday, October 26, 2017	6:30 pm
Dearborn High School	Thursday, November 2, 2107	6:30 pm
Stout Middle School	Monday, November 6, 2017	6:30 pm
Lowrey Middle School	Wednesday, November 8, 2017	6:30 pm
Woodworth Middle School	Friday, November 17, 2017	6:30 pm
Salina Intermediate School	Monday, November 20, 2017	6:30 pm
Smith Middle School	Tuesday, November 28, 2017	6:30 pm
Unis Middle School	Wednesday, November 29, 2017	6:30 pm
Bryant Middle School	Thursday, November 30, 2017	6:30 pm

“The Board of Education was very clear that they would make no decision on high school boundaries until the community had an opportunity to hear the proposals and provide their feedback”, commented Dr. Maleyko, Superintendent of Dearborn Public Schools.

In addition to the community Forums a special “Boundary Blog” has been created and can be found at: <http://iblog.dearbornschools.org/hsboundary/> .

The blog will contain items such as:

- Maps of the current boundaries and the proposed boundaries
- A schedule of Community Forums
- The presentation being made at the Community Forums (In English and Arabic)
- An online form that will allow the community to directly provide feedback on the proposals
- Other items as needed

Almost thirty consecutive years of enrollment gains have brought Dearborn’s numbers from just over 12,000 in the late 1980’s to approximately 21,000 in 2017-18 making it the third largest school district in the state. Through the 1990’s the district replaced aging buildings and added new schools. In 2003, a \$150,000 million bond proposal provided for additions at all three high schools and the building of the Berry Career Center. Now, projections show continued increases at the high school especially Dearborn High and Fordson who currently enroll 2, 077 and 2,790 respectively.

The Board of Education started the discussion on high school numbers back in March, 2017 and since that time the topic has been part of almost every Board meeting including a special study session held in August. At the study session, that was open to the public, the Board was able to review data, examine options, and consider proposed changes to the high school boundaries that would balance enrollment at the high school level.

“We look forward to presenting this information to the public, listening to their reaction, and bringing that information back to the Board,” commented the District’s Communication Director Mr. David Mustonen.