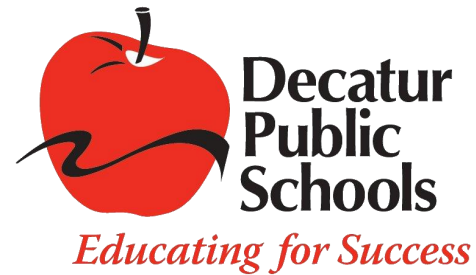


# DPS SCHOOL BOUNDARIES: WHAT'S CHANGING

Throughout 2019, District #61 leaders have worked with parents, school principals, teachers, staff, and community members to review existing elementary school boundaries. DPS school boundaries haven't gone through a thorough evaluation in nearly 25 years, so it was time for a review to make sure we're best meeting the needs of all our DPS families.

The Boundary Committee made its change recommendation to the Board of Education on December 10, 2019. The Board is currently considering those changes and will make its decision in January 2020.



## ➤ WHY? **EQUITY.** It's all about

We're working to address the inequities that exist in our current school boundary system and ensure that DPS students have equal access to a high quality education in their own neighborhood school. ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

### COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

# 89%

Parents agree boundaries need to be reevaluated

# 80%

Parents say students should attend the school in their neighborhood

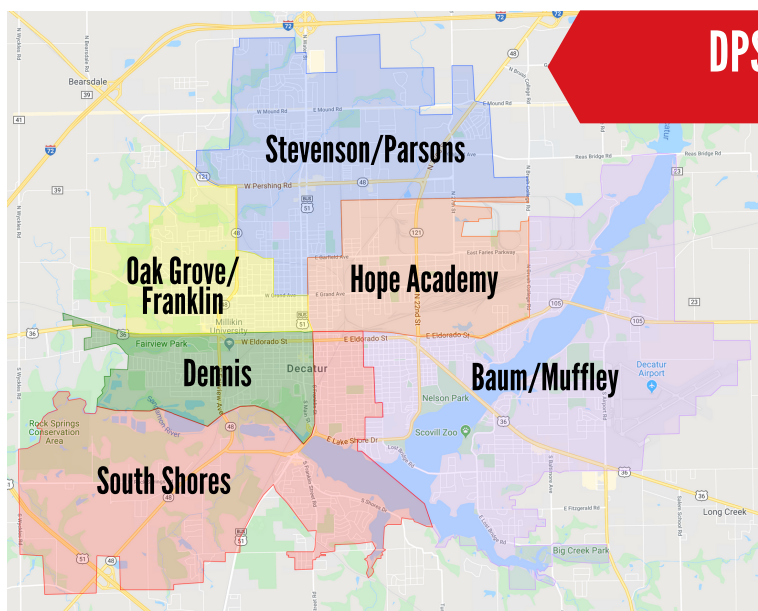
### Why change the current boundaries?

- They don't follow natural landmarks so they're hard to easily define
- They lack a neighborhood emphasis for certain schools, meaning students don't always get to go to the school in their neighborhood
- In 2018-19, 500+ students had to go to schools outside their neighborhood boundary

We know that several of our schools are either **well over or well under capacity**, which is one reason we're consolidating schools. We also know that change can be difficult and frustrating, and we certainly would not be making these changes if there was not a need for them. However, we're working to address long-standing issues within our buildings to create the best possible environment for our students to learn. **Now is the time to make boundary changes.** We're making BOLD changes in DPS facilities through 2023, allowing us to provide all students with an **equitable learning experience**, no matter where they live in the District, and to create a more sustainable future for District #61.

# BOLD

➤ **FACILITY PLAN** ◀  
**Building Better Opportunities  
for Learning in Decatur**



## DPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

Pending board of education approval

**We know you have questions, and we have answers!**  
**Find more information on the DPS website about:**

- Phased-in implementation
- Grandfathering and appeal process
- FAQs + online forms to voice your opinion and submit your questions
- Interactive mapping COMING SOON

**MORE INFO @ [DPS61.ORG/BOUNDARIES](https://dps61.org/boundaries)**