

Elementary School Enrollment and Creating Better Balance

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2024-25 Enrollments (as of 12.2.24)

- Bibich – 495
 - Homan – 441
 - Kolling – 533
 - Peifer - 428
 - Protsman - 616
 - Watson - 550
- Clark MS - 1033
 - Grimmer MS – 813
 - Kahler MS - 972

Kolling Crowded Conditions

- Lack of space resulted in our decision to convert $\frac{1}{4}$ of library to a classroom in summer 2018 (enrollment was nearly 700)
- Reading specialists and counselor operated out of small offices
- Walden Clearing and Morning Crest assigned to Watson prior to construction of the first homes
- Bibich Elementary expansion in response to lack of space as well as development of The Preserve and other neighborhoods
- This year saw an increase in population at Watson(540-550) but a sizeable decrease in population at Kolling (621-533)
- **Most families prefer not to switch schools** – we have chosen to minimize the movement based on available space

Neighborhood Reassignment

- Student enrollment data for both elementary **and** middle schools needed to be considered
- Move enough students to better balance schools and allow for intra district transfers throughout (Kolling and Clark have been closed to intra district transfers)
- Neighborhoods to be shifted must also make sense logistically in order to simplify routing for our Transportation Department
- Students may continue at a school but must provide their own transportation
- ❖ Intra district transfers are not guaranteed but are determined based on class sizes

Minimize Movement

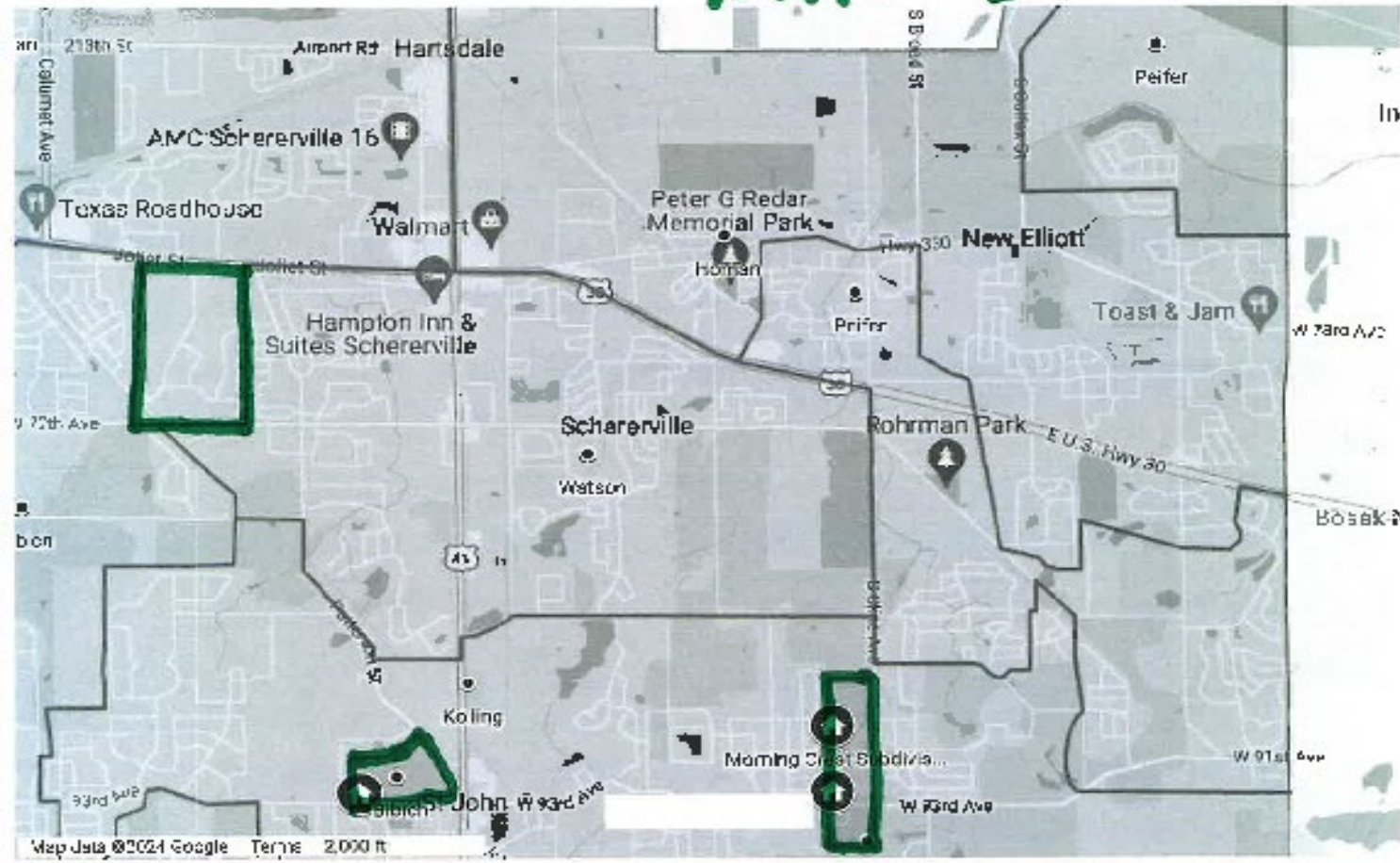
- LCSC will take some pressure off Protsman and Watson while utilizing the new space created at Bibich
- After moving the islands (next slide), what is the impact to Protsman, Bibich, Watson, Kolling, Clark, Grimmer and Kahler?
- The neighborhoods selected help us logistically by making some bus routes more contiguous – simplifying pickup and drop off of students

Neighborhoods Moved

- Castlewood – only Protsman neighborhood south of US 30 and used to be part of Bibich (see map #1)
 - Note: no impact on middle schools
- Morning Crest and Walden Clearing – very close to Clark MS, currently islands surrounded by Kolling district (see map #2)
- The Continental – another island, currently assigned to Bibich, no students currently enrolled

this map was made with [Google My Maps](#). [Create your own.](#)

MAP 1



186 Students from Castlewood, Castleview, Morning Crest and Walden Clearing

- 75 attend LCHS
- 25 attend Kahler
- Castlewood/Castleview (Protsman to Bibich) = 31 (19 impacted, 12 are 4th graders)
 - Current k = 2
 - Current 1 = 5
 - Current 2 = 5
 - Current 3 = 8
 - Current 4 = 12
- Walden Clearing/Morning Crest (Watson to Kolling/Clark) = 36 (one PreK)
 - Current k = 9
 - Current 1 = 4
 - Current 2 = 11
 - Current 3 = 1
 - Current 4 = 10
- Walden Clearing/Morning Crest (GMS to CMS) = 19 (13 impacted, 6 are 8th graders)
 - Current 5 = 3
 - Current 6 = 6
 - Current 7 = 4
 - Current 8 = 3

Realignment may be Necessary again in the Future

- Being a consolidated school district means we are not tied to residents in a certain town going to a school in their town
- We have a fiduciary responsibility to utilize our spaces efficiently
- Sizeable neighborhoods are being planned east of Renaissance in St. John

Summary

- Declining enrollment at Kolling reduced the number of neighborhoods impacted in this realignment
- Some rebalancing is accomplished by moving the 4 neighborhoods mentioned earlier
- The neighborhoods selected have been part of their “new” elementary districts in the past
- Transportation is simplified
- Changes and enrollment decline, enable us to once again **permit most intra district transfers** to all of our schools