

PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGE FEEDBACK THEMES

STRENGTHS

- The proposal would help to balance enrollment within the impacted schools.
- By adjusting boundaries, the district could save money and decrease class size.

“ We are very strongly in favor of the proposed boundary adjustments. We live in the affected neighborhoods and see this as a huge benefit. We currently send our kids to private school to avoid the overcrowded schools we are currently assigned to. If the boundaries are adjusted to address this issue (changing our family to Kellogg, Century) we would very likely switch our kids back to Rochester Public Schools. Thank you for considering this option and doing something to address the overcrowding issues currently affecting the school district.”

WEAKNESSES

- The proposal would put extra stress on families.
- Many families have already established relationships within their current schools.
- Families have purchased homes in specific boundaries.
- For some, the proposed school would be further away from their home than their current school, making transportation more difficult.
- Families would prefer the changes not happen so soon.

“ We have been at Jefferson for the last 5 years. I have a 3rd grader next year. It's a big deal to leave that community of teachers/staff and friends. It's not a decision I would support. It's not an easy decision for those that have 4th graders going into 5th and children in younger grades that wouldn't be grandfathered in.”

IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

- Roll out the changes at a slower pace.
- Wait to shift boundaries until new schools are built.
- Look more closely at students on exception to attendance to eliminate loop-holes.
- Restrict open enrollment to the impacted schools.
- Choose different areas/schools for boundary adjustments.
- Allow students currently enrolled at impacted schools finish out their elementary or middle school years at current schools.
- Rescind exceptions for relocation and daycare and close open enrollment to a specific school

“ Allow the school to move forward as it is and work on funding to build a new school that will ease overcrowding. The district is going to continue to grow with time and short term solutions like this are avoiding the real issue that most schools here are at or above capacity.”