

## **Rationale for Redistricting in Woburn Public Schools**

Due to increasing enrollment the School Committee has voted to have administration undertake a redistricting process to address significant capacity challenges and a more efficient use of school facilities. The last redistricting occurred over 30 years ago, and since then, the WPS has experienced notable changes in demographics, student enrollment, and educational needs. As a result, the current school boundaries no longer provide the most effective distribution of students across our schools, leading to overcrowding in some areas and underutilization in others.

The primary drivers for this redistricting initiative are as follows:

1. **Increased Student Enrollment**
2. **Inadequate Space for Educational Programming**
3. **Equitable Distribution of Resources**

Ultimately, the goal of this redistricting process is to ensure that all students and staff in Woburn Public Schools have access to high-quality education in safe, well-equipped, and appropriately sized facilities. This effort is rooted in the district's commitment to equity, effective use of resources, and long-term planning for a thriving school community.

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) about Woburn Public Schools Redistricting**

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### **Q1. What is redistricting?**

School redistricting is the process of adjusting neighborhood school district boundaries to better distribute students among schools. The goal is to optimize the use of school facilities and support educational programs for the future.

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### **Q2. Why are school boundary changes being considered?**

Redistricting is being considered primarily due to increased enrollment, especially at the preschool and elementary level. The number of preschool classes has increased over the past years to its current level; 9 classrooms at the Reeves, and 4 classrooms at the Shamrock for a total of 13 pre-K classrooms.

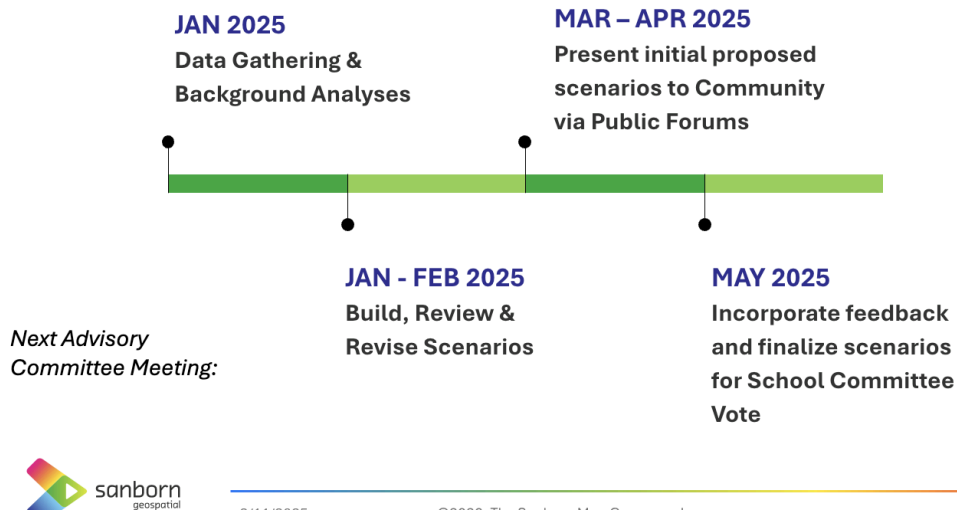
Simultaneously, our elementary student population has increased at certain schools; specifically the Goodyear and Hurd-Wyman. Additionally, the growing number of students who require special programs is a contributing factor in the number of class rooms available.

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### Q3. What is the timeline for the redistricting process?

The timeline for redistricting includes the following steps:

## Timeline & Milestones



### Q4. Will I have a chance to share my thoughts about the redistricting scenarios?

Yes, your feedback is important! We have sent an initial thought exchange about the most important factors and here is a summary of your collective thoughts on most important factors:



Additionally:

- We will continue to provide opportunities for families to provide feedback on this process both online, and in person.
  - Attend Public Forums: Learn about the redistricting scenarios and share your thoughts.
  - Submit Written Comments: [Email comments to redistrict@woburnps.com](mailto:redistrict@woburnps.com).
  - Attend School Committee Meeting(s)
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#### **Q5. When will I know my child's school assignment?**

- School assignments will be communicated following the School Committee vote in May 2025.
  - If your child is reassigned to a different school, open houses will be held before the school year begins, giving families the chance to explore the new school.
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#### **Q6. When will the new boundaries take effect?**

The new boundaries are expected to be implemented in **August 2025** for the **2025-2026 school year**.

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#### **Q7. What criteria will the School Committee use to evaluate the new boundaries?**

The School Committee will consider the following factors when evaluating redistricting scenarios:

 [Copy of Redistricting Guiding Principles](#)

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#### **Q8. How will transportation be affected by redistricting?**

The district is committed to providing safe and efficient transportation for students who are reassigned. A detailed transportation plan will be developed after the final boundaries are determined and shared with families in advance of the new school year.

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#### **Q9. Why doesn't my child attend the closest school to our home?**

The elementary schools are not equally spread out across the City, and with the new developments there has been an imbalance created. While the district strives to maintain "neighborhood" schools and assign students to the nearest school, this may not always be possible due to space constraints and the need to efficiently utilize existing resources. Redistricting aims to address these challenges while balancing school capacities.

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**Q10. Where can I find more information?**

Additional resources and presentations will be made available as part of the redistricting process. Please refer to the Woburn Public Schools website, and the specific link dedicated to redistricting.