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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Parent/Guardian of Elementary Students:

On Thursday, March 26, 2009, the Pulaski County School Board voted to change some elementary attendance boundaries for school year 2009-10. All boundary changes which I had previously recommended were accepted by the School Board with the exception of some streets located in the Dublin Elementary School zone. This change impacted approximately twenty-two students; those students will continue to attend Dublin Elementary. A complete listing of streets affected by the boundary changes is included in this newsletter. The boundary adjustments for 2009-10 were necessary to help us

balance the enrollment at our elementary schools and utilize the capacity of our schools more efficiently. The Board also accepted my recommendation to close Newbern Elementary School at the end of this school year.

I am sending this information to all elementary parents, but many of you will not be affected directly by the changes. The information, attached on separate sheets, shows the specific areas where boundary changes were made.

Information regarding out-of-zone transfer requests is included in this newsletter. A link to the full policy may be found at

www.pcva.us/redistricting
You may also wish to talk with Ms. Theresa Reed, coordinator, student services, at 994-2515 if you have questions about out-of-zone requests.

Our administrative staffs at each school will plan times for you to visit your new school if your attendance zone was changed for next year.

Thank you very much for your patience and understanding throughout this process.

ON-LINE INFORMATION

- For more information on redistricting, please go to www.pcva.us/redistricting
- In addition to the information found in this newsletter, you will find redistricting maps and transfer forms.

RIVERLAWN ELEMENTARY OPENS!



REASONS FOR OUT-OF-ZONE TRANSFER REQUESTS

Parents of PCS students who perceive the need to have their children attend PCS schools other than the ones to which they are assigned may apply for a transfer using the approved Transfer Request Application. Transfer requests may be generally considered appropriate for the following reasons:

1. The student has need of **special educational programs or services which are not offered at the assigned school** or are inadequate to meet the student's needs and can be better accommodated at the requested school.
2. The transfer would result in the **improvement of the educational environment** at the assigned school without creating undue or adverse impact upon the educational environment at the requested school.
3. The student is in demonstrated **danger of physical or psychological victimization** or has actually been a victim of violence at the assigned school.
4. The student's family has a **demonstrated hardship** situation which requires special consideration.
5. The student is involved in a **temporary domiciliary situation pending expected resolution**.

Please be sure to clearly state on your application the reason for your transfer request.

Redistricting will help ease overcrowding at some schools and balance student-teacher ratios.

OUT-OF-ZONE TRANSFER REQUEST PROCEDURE

In order to expedite the transfer request process, please follow the steps below. Requests will not be considered until June. You will be notified in writing whether or not your request has been approved.

1. Fill out the Transfer Request Application including the reason for requesting transfer. Applications are available at the schools or on-line at www.pcva.us/redistricting
2. Leave the application with the school you wish for your child to attend. **This is the last step in the process for parents.**
3. The principal will recommend that the application be accepted or rejected based on numerous factors including school, grade level and classroom enrollment numbers and send it to the Office of the Superintendent.
4. The Superintendent's designee will collect and hold the applications until June.
5. Applications will be reviewed and presented to the School Board in June.
6. Parents will receive letters informing them whether or not their requests have been approved.

Please note that information on the status of your applica-

tion will not be available until after the applications have been reviewed by the board in June. Please do not call principals to see if your application has been approved prior to July. They will not receive the lists of approved/denied applicants until the letters have been mailed to parents.

