

Fact Sheet: Four Zone Future Vision

“We believe that wherever families live in the district, they should have equal, trouble-free access to a wide range of high-quality school choices that prepare students for 21st Century success.” –Superintendent Dr. Nancy McGinley

What is the “Four Zone” vision in a nutshell? As explained during the Town Hall meetings held this fall, this is a new way of looking at the district through the lens of four geographic zones, and working and planning (through academic and capital investments) to ensure that by 2015, each of these zones offers consistent, high-quality school choices for every family.

What will be offered in each zone? Each zone would offer a full menu of choices for parents. These include community and middle college high schools; career academies; and middle and elementary school choices that will include single-gender options and “partial magnets” (neighborhood schools with special themes (i.e. Montessori, Arts, Math & Science) and expanded attendance zones and “seats” accessible through application). Each zone would also have a “service center” where parents could speak directly to staff, learn about their options, and access important documents (i.e. applications, paperwork, registration).

What is the main purpose of the zone vision? The zone vision is about driving district goals by improving and expanding school choice, increasing family access to high-quality options, and enhancing customer service.

Will this change countywide magnets, principal reporting lines, or the role of constituent boards? NO. The zone vision “overlays” the existing structure of the district—the zones do *not* replace constituent boards or attendance zones, which will remain where they are. Constituent boards will continue to oversee zoning changes, student hearings and transfers.

How does this change my child’s attendance zone? *It does not.* It will ultimately create more accessible, local choices for parents, but it will not change the attendance zones of neighborhood schools. The zoning process will remain driven by the local constituent boards.

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