

CONSTITUENT DISTRICT 2 COMMUNITY MEETING FAQ

- 1. Why is Moultrie Middle being rezoned?**
The school district is expanding Moultrie Middle to add 300 additional seats, so the constituent board is tasked with rezoning students to fill the seats.
- 2. How many students will be projected at Moultrie?**
After the school is expanded, it will have a new student capacity of 1200. The projected number of students will be known once a final rezoning decision has been made.
- 3. When will the new attendance lines go into effect?**
The new attendance lines will go into effect for the 2019-2020 school year.
- 4. What are the guidelines for this rezoning project?**
The constituent board considers many factors including student enrollment, building capacities, socioeconomic demographics, traffic patterns, curriculum offerings, neighborhood/feeder school concept, and a five-year plan.
- 5. Why is a school feeder pattern part of the criteria?**
Based on input from families and school principals over the years, the constituent board has worked to achieve the current elementary to middle school feeder systems. Keeping neighborhoods together is less disruptive.
- 6. When will attendance lines be drawn for Lucy Beckham High School?**
The process for rezoning high schools is scheduled to begin by Fall of 2018, with a final decision by Fall of 2019.
- 7. Could part of the Whitesides Elementary School attendance zone be rezoned for Mt. Pleasant Academy?**
Mt. Pleasant Academy is currently over capacity, so no students will be added during this rezoning project.
- 8. Have you considered splitting schools by one of the main roads such as the Isle of Palms (IOP) connector?**
Yes, using main roads such as the IOP connector is something that has been considered as maps have been developed.
- 9. Will students be pulled from Cario to Laing?**
No, there is not a plan to pull students from the Cario feeder system during this rezoning project.

10. **Will any elementary schools be rezoned?**
Yes, there is the possibility that some elementary school zones will be affected by this rezoning.
11. **Why transport students further away to Moultrie and transport students residing closer to Moultrie to Laing?**
No final rezoning decisions have been made yet, but establishing effective traffic patterns to shorten travel time is one of the factors considered.
12. **What are the grandfathering options for this rezoning project?**
Students who are rising 8th graders for the 2019-2020 school year will have the option to remain at their current school to finish the final grade. Likewise, in the event any elementary schools are rezoned, rising 5th graders for the 2019-2020 school year would have the option to remain.
13. **Is transportation provided to students who choose to be grandfathered in?**
No, transportation of grandfathered students must be provided by the family.
14. **Will Laing partial magnet students have transportation?**
Transportation is provided from centralized bus stops.
15. **How will bus times be affected by the rezoning?**
Every year bus routes are developed based on students requesting transportation. All routes times are expected to remain within District guidelines.
16. **Have new developments in Mt. Pleasant been factored in?**
Yes, new developments are factored into District estimates. Staff meets regularly with town planners and large developers to confirm development plans and factor in growth into our enrollment projections.
17. **Does Moultrie offer a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) curriculum?**
Yes, Moultrie offers coordinated STEM courses.
18. **With more students attending Moultrie, how will increased traffic in that area be addressed?**
The Moultrie campus was designed for a capacity increase from 900 to 1200 students and the Mt. Pleasant Coleman Boulevard initiative is expected to streamline the flow of traffic. The Coleman Boulevard project completion date coincides with completion of the Moultrie expansion.
19. **Will more programs at Moultrie be added?**
The number of programs is based on actual enrollment. At 1200 students, it is anticipated that Moultrie would have more programs than with an enrollment of 900 students.
20. **Will any programs be taken away from Laing?**
The number of programs is based on actual enrollment. Although re-zoning will reduce the number of students in the Laing zone, the school is also a partial magnet with a waiting list. As such, it is not possible to predict what program changes if any, may be made at Laing.