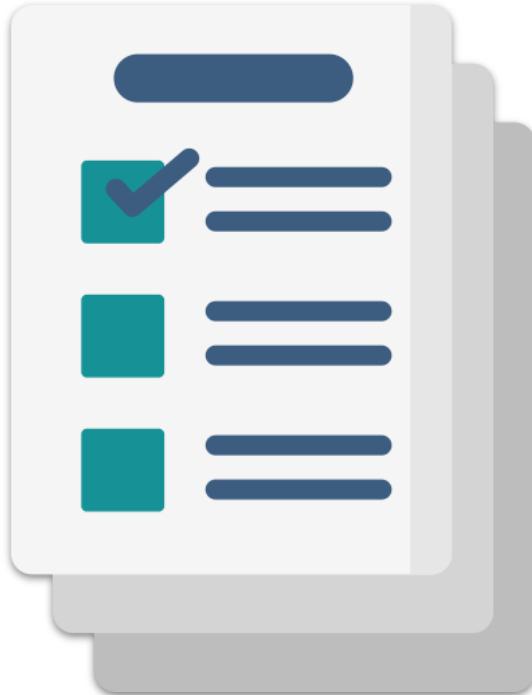


October 2023 Population Analysis Update



Agenda



1. Recap
2. Study Process
3. Outreach
4. The Why – Benefits of Consolidation
5. Western Hills Proposal
6. Re-open Brockbank and Reconfiguration

WHY ?

**Optimizing elementary school size
creates better outcomes and
opportunities for students**



Benefits of Consolidation

Include, but are not limited to:

- Having a minimum average of 500-550 students allows an elementary school to staff at a minimum of three teachers per grade level
- No split grade-level classrooms
- Provides more parental choice to match learning style and decrease personality conflicts
- Professional Learning Communities and overall collaboration are much more effective
- Team teaching is more effective
- Balances out classroom size

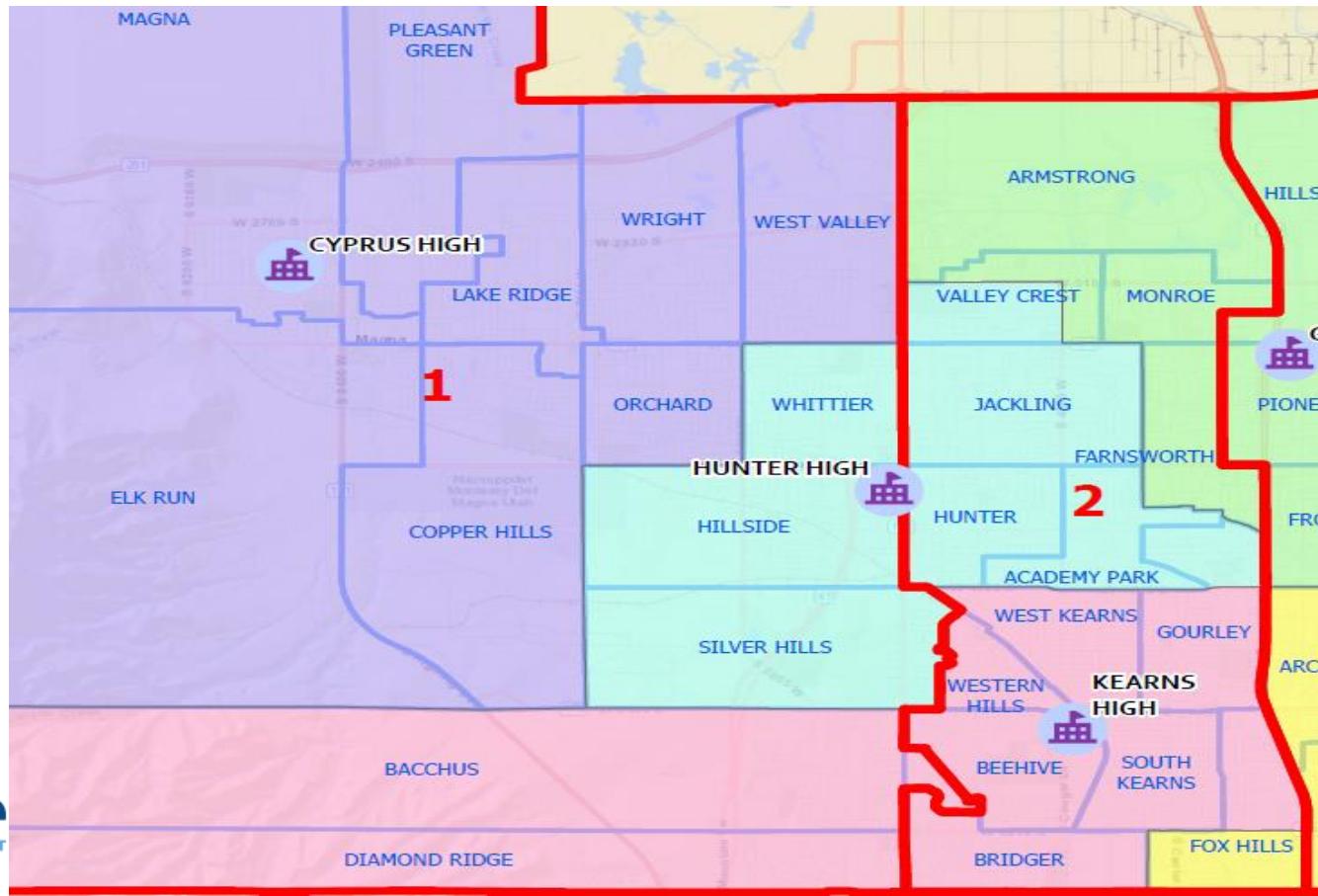
Benefits of Consolidation

- The economy of scale provides for more funds for extra staffing and program supports
- Easier to maintain larger and more effective SCC's. PTA's and other parent volunteer efforts because there are simply more parents to draw from
- Teacher workload and burnout is decreased – more teachers and staff to fulfill committee assignments required for all schools
- One effective classroom has less impact on school wide or grade level data
- More efficient use of administrator-to-student-and-teacher ratios(e.g. one principal for a school of 275 students or one principal for a school of 600 students?)
- More fiscally responsible use of building and district resources
- Schools are appropriately sized to host programs like Dual-Language-Immersion
- More inclusion opportunities for SPED students

Approved Studies

- **Closure/Boundary Study - Areas 1 & 2**
- **Potential re-opening of Brockbank Jr.**
(in conjunction with grade reconfiguration)

Areas 1 & 2



Areas 1 & 2 Closure/Boundary Study

**Board approved continuation of the following
on July 11, 2023**

Narrow the focus of Area 1/Area 2 study to only one
school closure:

Western Hills Elementary

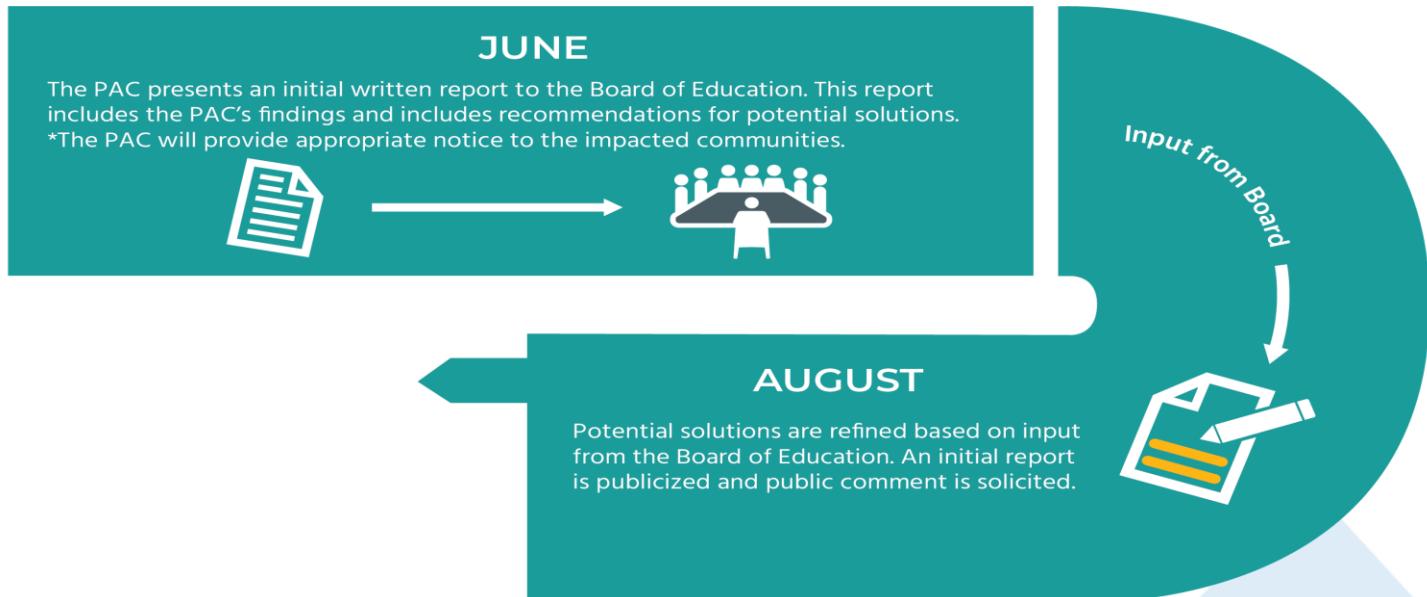
Rationale:

Continued Residential Development in other sections
of Areas 1 & 2

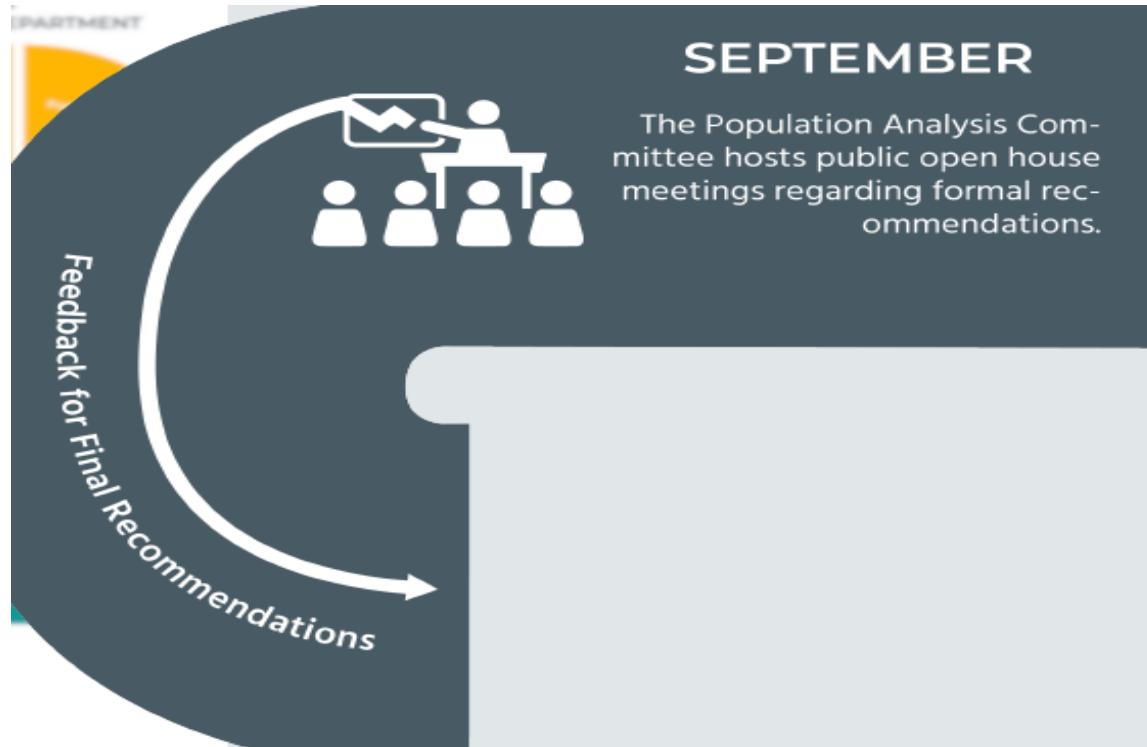
Little Valley, Mahogany Ridge, Hamlett Homes, Gablers Grove and other smaller
projects



The Process



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OCTOBER - DECEMBER

Based on board guidance and community feedback, the PAC refines solutions and gives final recommendations to the Board of Education in two public hearings during Board of Education meetings.



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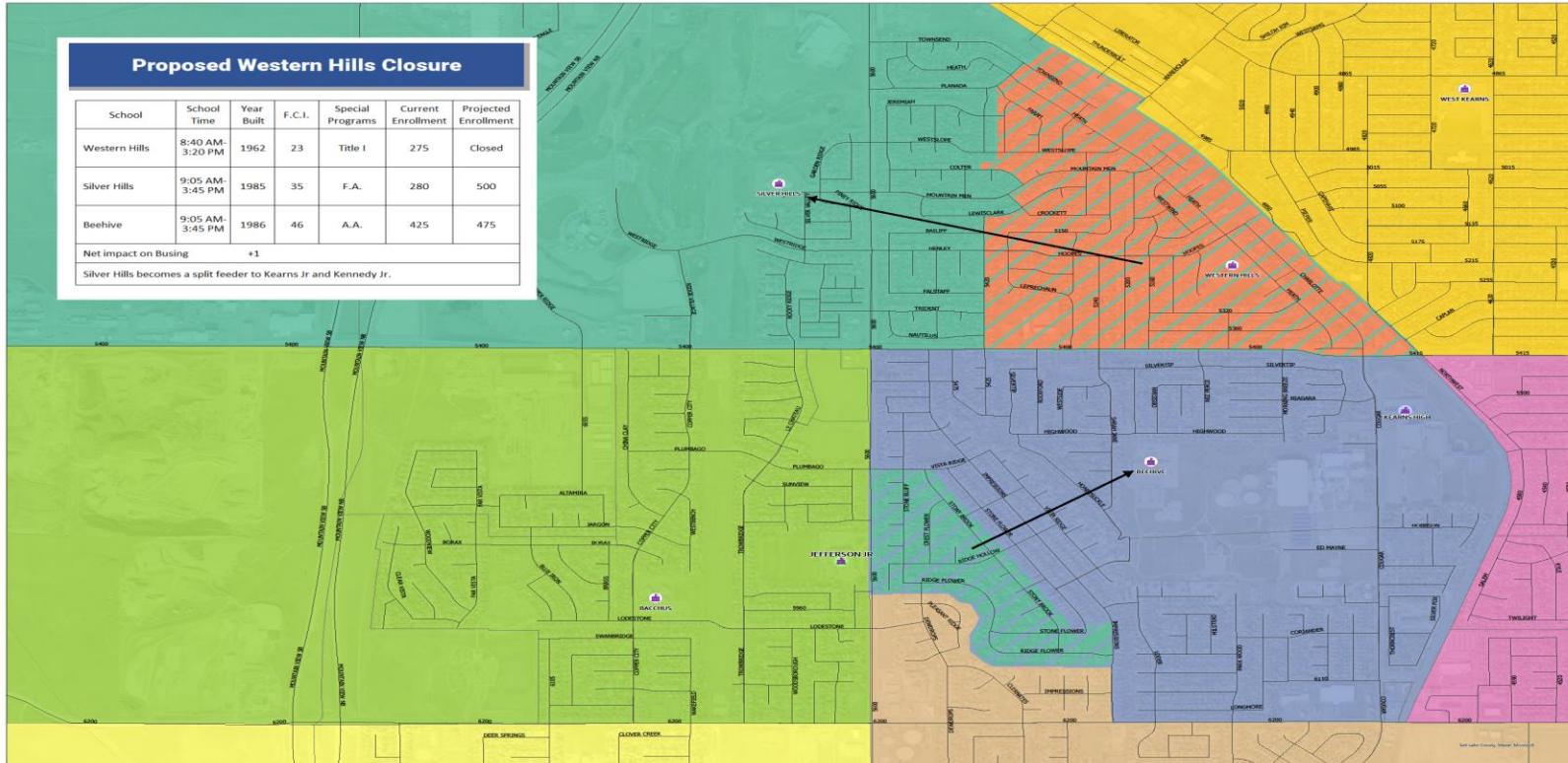
Community Outreach So Far

- **GSD Board approval for PAC Study – Feb 7**
- **Network School Community Council Meetings**
Kearns - March 8, Hunter - March 8, Cyprus - March 16
- **Network Community Meetings**
Cyprus – April 5, Kearns – April 10, Hunter – April 17
- ***Email notifications and information on studies on GSD website***
- ***Postcard Mailer to all households in area's 1 & 2 – March 20***
- ***Letter to elected Officials – March 20***
- ***Hunter Network Community Night - May 11***
- ***Kearns Community Night Out – May 19***
- ***GSD Board approval to continue Western Hills for Closure and Brockbank re-opening Study- July 11***

Community Outreach - Continued

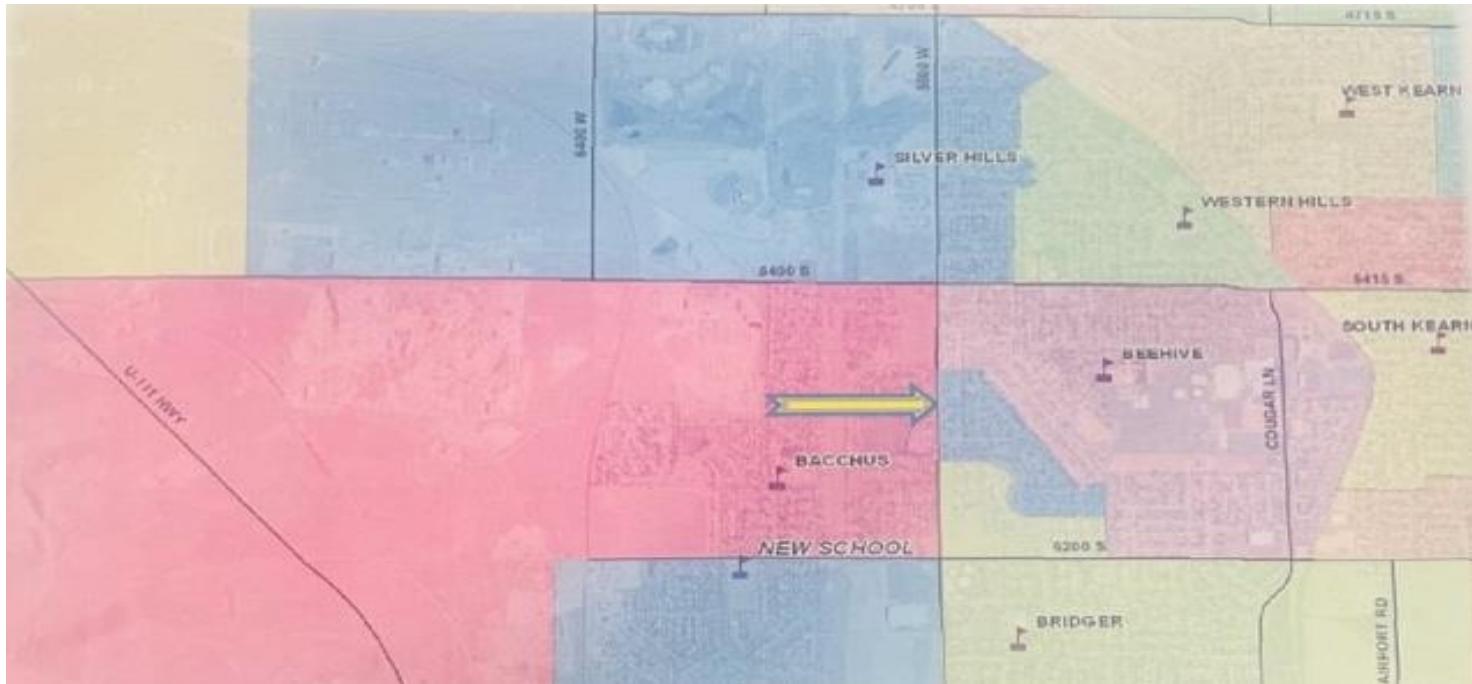
- **Community meetings at Western Hills & Matheson – Sept 13**
- **Follow-up email with updated FAQ's with opportunity to provide feedback sent to Western Hills, Silver Hills and Beehive Communities – Sept 26**
- **Follow-up email to the “ReopenBrockbank”communities with updated maps showing boundary and feeder changes – Sept 26**
- ***Community meeting scheduled for Matheson Jr – Oct 18***
- ***Many small group and SCC meetings over the next month***

Proposed Closure of Western Hills



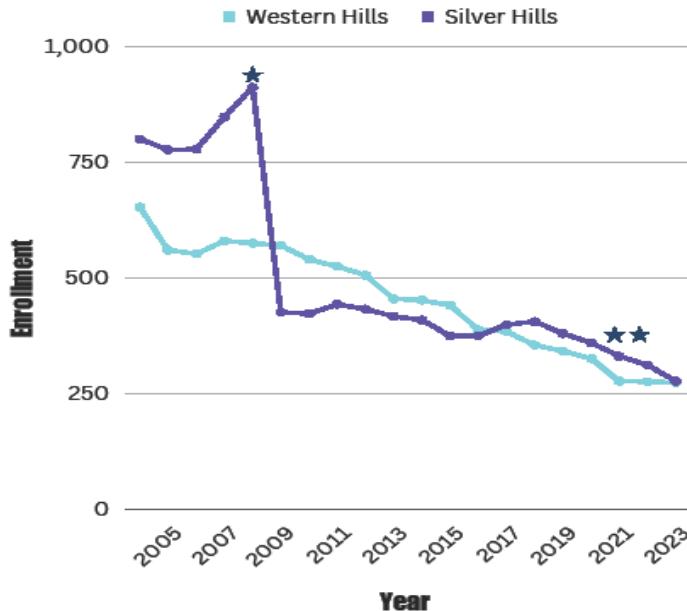
Proposed Western Hills Closure

Historic Silver Hills Boundary



Historic Silver Hills Boundary

Western Hills & Silver Hills Enrollment History



- ★ Diamond Ridge opened in 2009, taking significant portion of Silver Hills boundary
- ★★ Grade reconfiguration occurred at the start of the 2021/2022 school year, sending 6th graders to jr. high.



	Western Hills	Silver Hills
70s Average	658	N/A - Built in '85
80s Average	887	640
90s Average	617	642
2004	653	800
2005	560	777
2006	552	778
2007	580	848
2008	575	912
2009 ★	570	426
2010	540	423
2011	525	443
2012	506	433
2013	455	417
2014	452	409
2015	441	375
2016	388	375
2017	384	399
2018	355	406
2019	342	380
2020	326	360
2021 ★★	277	331
2022	276	312
2023	274	277

Pedestrian Bridge Over 5600 West + Crosswalk



Safe-walking Questions

- **Pedestrian Bridge over 5600 West**
 - PAC Observations and Crossing Guard Feedback
 - Vast majority of walking route of neighborhood/residential streets
 - Significant sidewalk availability
 - Average student walking time would be apprx 10-15 minutes
 - Historic and recent observations indicate proactive student use of the pedestrian bridge over at least the past 5 + years
 - 50 + elementary students currently use the bridge daily
- **Additional Context**
 - All 57 elementary schools have a 1.5 mile walking area
 - GSD currently has 19 schools that are all walking area
 - GSD community has 11 pedestrian bridges, which serve 27 schools
 - 90% of all GSD elementary students live in a designated walking area. Only 10% are eligible for busing according to state requirements

Western Hills Media Center



Silver Hills Media Center



Key Facility Characteristics

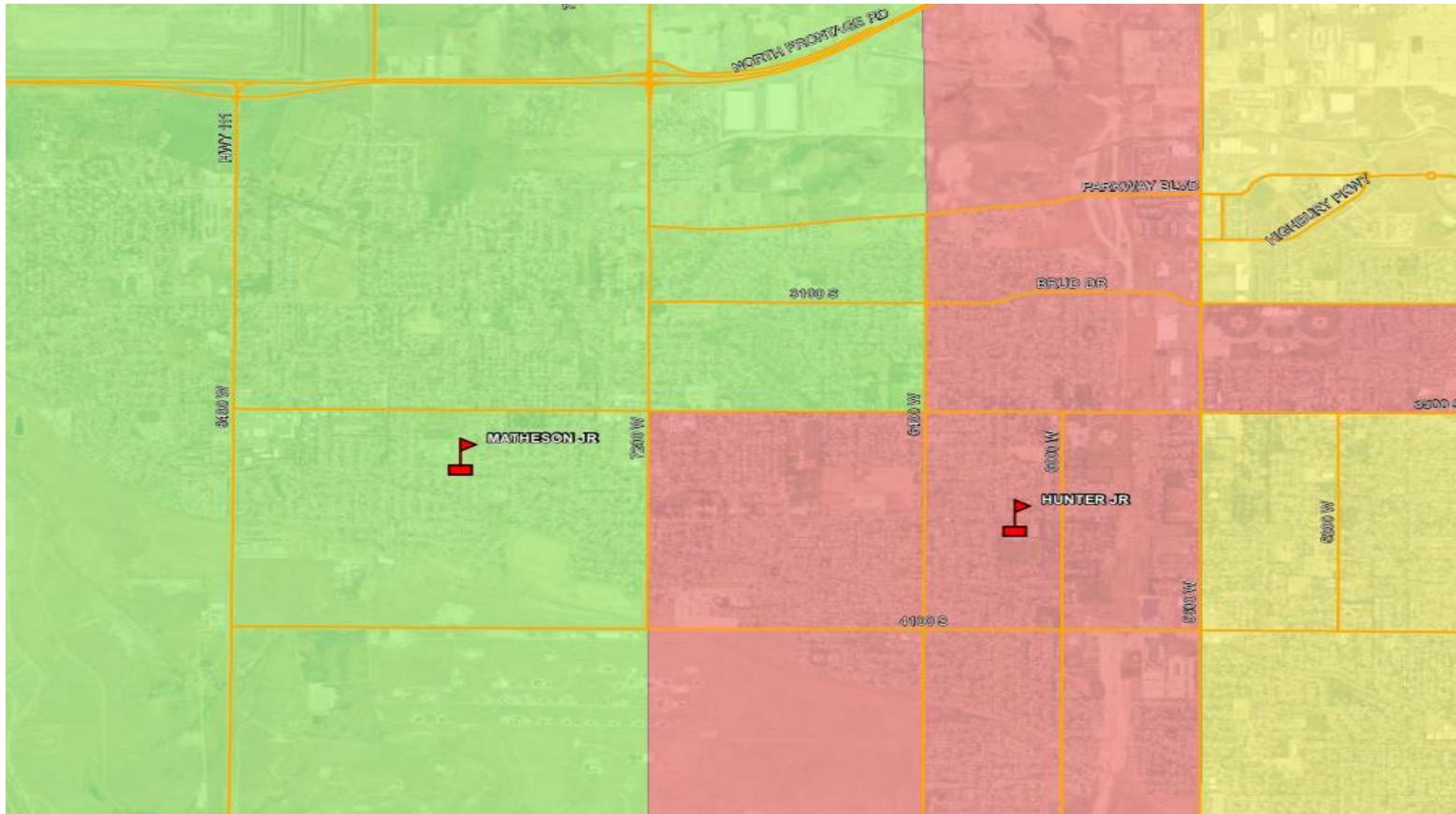
Air quality - Significantly better indoor air quality at Silver Hills based upon newer and more efficient HVAC system.

Seismic – Higher probability of structural failure at Western Hills in the event of a major seismic event

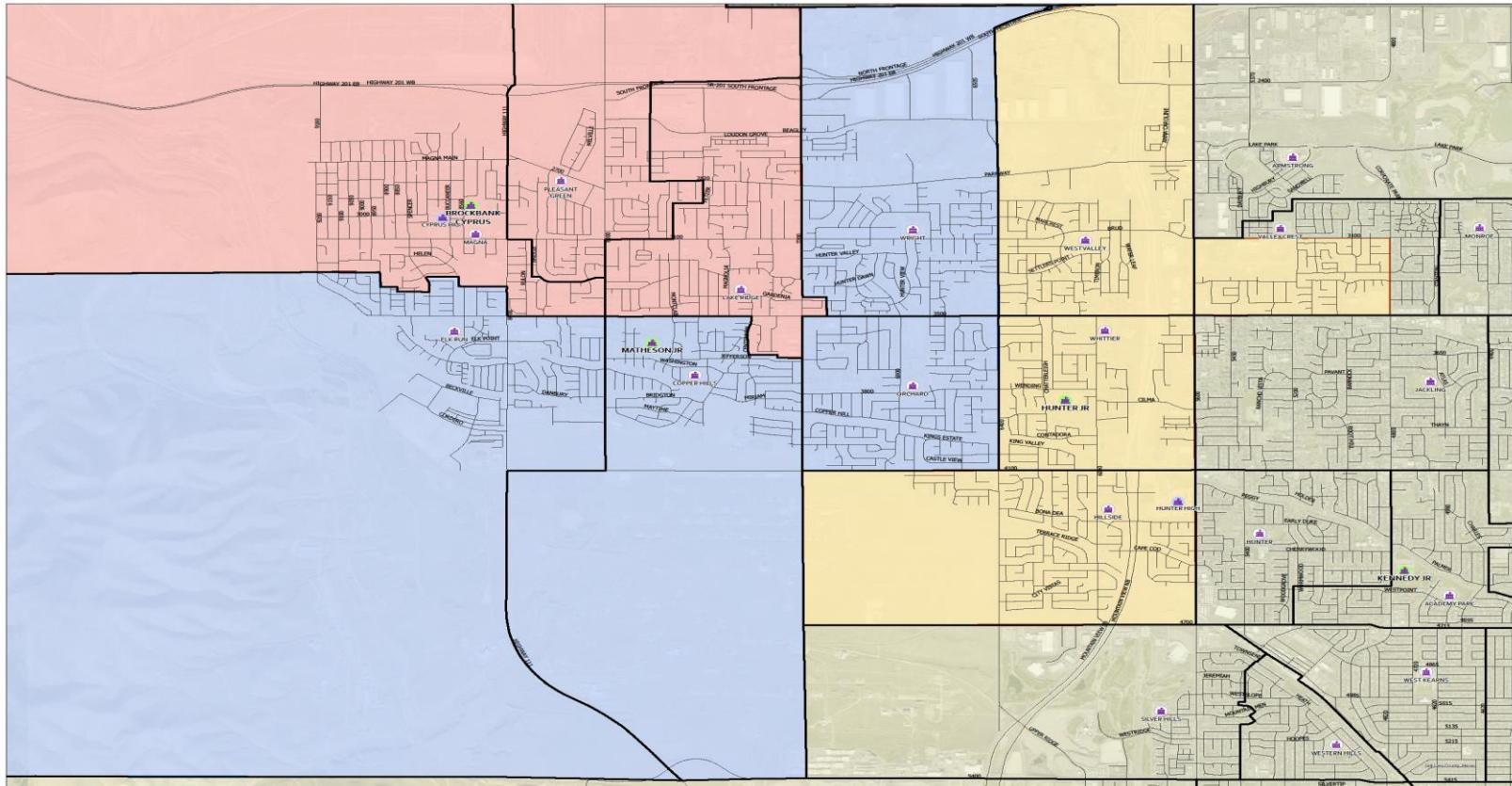


Re-open Brockbank and Reconfiguration

Current Jr High Boundaries Matheson/Hunter Jr

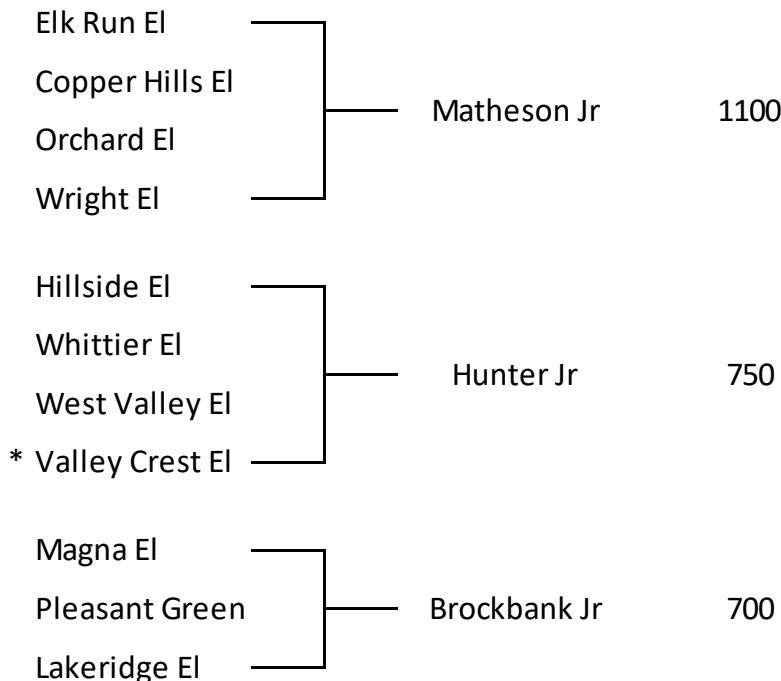


Proposed Base 2025 Jr High Boundaries

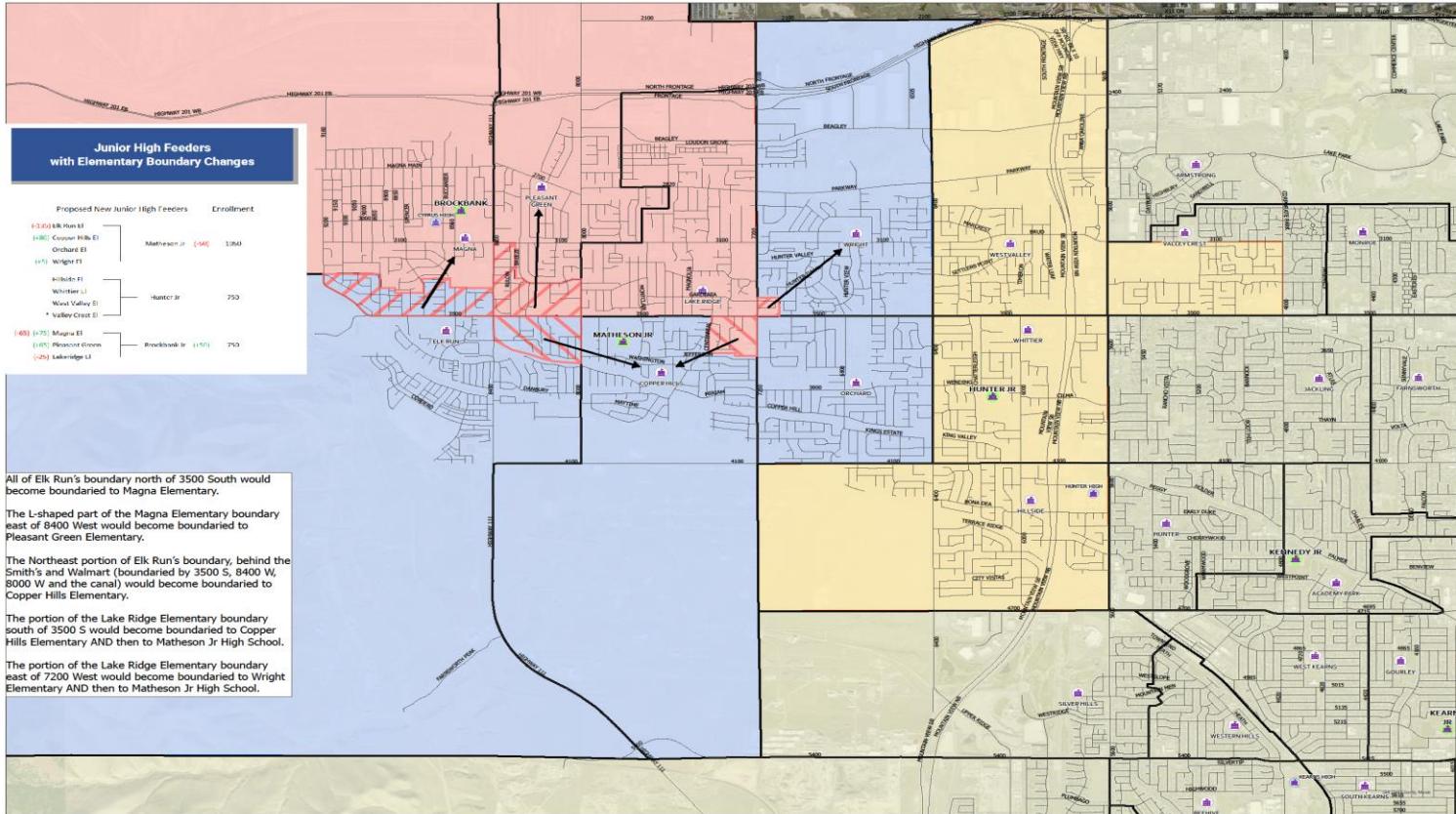


New Junior High Feeders

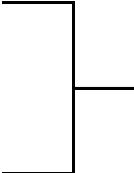
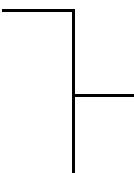
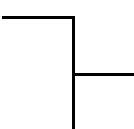
Proposed New Junior High Feeders Enrollment



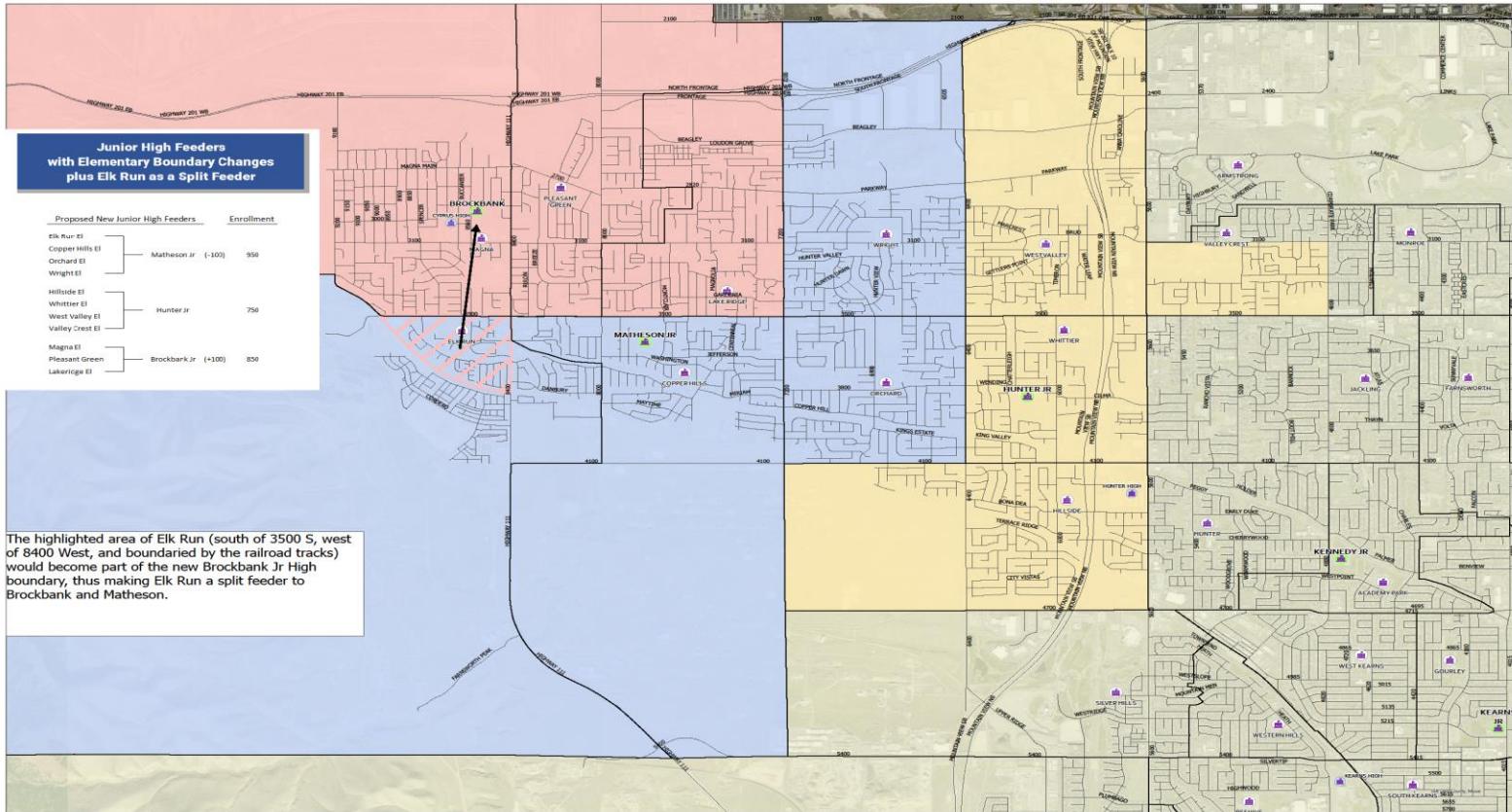
2025 Jr High Feeders PLUS Boundary Changes – **Updated 9/26/2023**



Junior High Feeders with Elementary Boundary Changes

	<u>Proposed New Junior High Feeders</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
(-75) Elk Run El (+20) Copper Hills El Orchard El (+5) Wright El		Matheson Jr (-50) 1050
Hillside El Whittier El West Valley El * Valley Crest El		Hunter Jr 750
(-65) (+75) Magna El (+65) Pleasant Green (-25) Lakeridge El		Brockbank Jr (+50) 750

Elk Run as a Split Feeder - 2025



Junior High Feeders with Elementary Boundary Changes PLUS Elk Run as a Split Feeder

<u>Proposed New Junior High Feeders</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
Elk Run El	
Copper Hills El	
Orchard El	
Wright El	
Hillside El	
Whittier El	
West Valley El	
Valley Crest El	
Magna El	
Pleasant Green	
Lakeridge El	
Matheson Jr (-100)	950
Hunter Jr	750
Brockbank Jr (+100)	850

Walking and Busing

