



Pasco County Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As superintendent, my job is to ensure that every student in Pasco County Schools receives a quality education in a safe learning environment. When student enrollment exceeds a school's capacity there is a considerable burden placed on the entire school community. We are finding ourselves in this situation as the enrollment of several district schools exceeds their capacity, and now that new home construction is on the upswing, we will be seeing more strain on our schools.

In August 2016, we will be opening a new school in Wiregrass. The opening of the new school will relieve the crowding at Seven Oaks, Sand Pine, and Double Branch elementary schools. That means that we need to make some adjustments to those schools' boundaries. A committee of district staff, school staff and parents has been meeting to look at current boundaries and projected areas of growth due to new construction. Based on these meetings, we have come up with a recommendation for redrawing the boundaries of these three schools. We have scheduled a parent meeting to share information about the boundary proposal, as follows:

6 p.m. Thursday, November 19, 2015
Denham Oaks Elementary School Cafeteria
1422 Oak Grove Blvd.
Lutz, FL 33559

The proposed boundary changes are on the back of this letter, and more details can be found at <http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/planning/rezoning/>. During the meeting, staff will review the boundary process and discuss the factors that contributed to these recommended boundary changes. We also will accept parent feedback at that time. I will consider your feedback before making a recommendation to the School Board to approve new boundaries.

The board-approved boundaries will take effect with the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year.

It is always difficult to change school boundaries. We realize that families move into neighborhoods with the belief that their schools come with their homes. Unfortunately, with the growth Pasco County is experiencing, we no longer can promise that school boundaries won't change. What we can promise is that it is our mission to provide a world-class education at every Pasco County school.

Sincerely,

Kurt S. Browning
Superintendent of Schools

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