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To the families of students at Idylwild, Wiles, Chiles, Archer, Newberry, Hidden Oak, Terwilliger and Meadowbrook Elementary schools:

Back in March, I wrote to you about our plans for the new elementary school being built on SW 122nd Street (Parker Road) and its potential effect on your current school's attendance boundaries. Before this new school can open, the School Board will need to amend the school attendance zones to determine which neighborhoods will be zoned to the new school and any other changes to the existing school zones that will need to be made.

That first letter included an invitation to three community forums we had planned in order to solicit input. COVID-19 obviously changed those plans. However, the work must continue as we prepare for the new school to open in the fall 2021, and I want to make sure that your questions are answered and opinions are heard.

After multiple meetings and consulting with our District Advisory Committee, the district has gathered data and information that will be used during the rezoning process. No plans have been drawn or decisions made, but it is anticipated that rezoning could have an effect on the current zones for Idylwild, Wiles, Chiles, Archer, Newberry, Hidden Oak, Terwilliger and Meadowbrook.

You can see the data on the new Elementary I Rezoning section we have created on our 'Facilities Update' page. The direct link is <https://fl02219191.schoolwires.net/Page/26740>. The Facilities Update page also includes links to the progress we have made on facilities projects at schools throughout the district.

We also ask that you submit questions and/or input to the special email address we have set up, which is rezoning@gm.sbac.edu.

We will be looking for a plan or plans that create a diverse student population representing the overall population of the county at the new school and the other affected schools, allow the district to eliminate portable classrooms at as many schools as possible, but disrupt no more students than necessary to achieve these goals.

As soon as we have a plan or plans that we believe will accomplish those goals, we will begin sharing them publicly and, consistent with state and local COVID-19 restrictions, rescheduling the forums we had to cancel in the spring. The School Board will not make any final decisions without providing additional opportunities for input. In the meantime, please visit our website, review the information, ask questions and provide suggestions.

We look forward to receiving your input as we work through this process.

Sincerely;
Karen Clarke, Superintendent