



Springfield Public Schools



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McBride and Wanda Gray Families:

On Tuesday, November 18, 2008, the Springfield Board of Education approved boundaries for the new southwest elementary school, slated to open in August 2009. The established boundaries for the new school were designed to relieve overcrowding at McBride Elementary School and Wanda Gray Elementary School. This document will provide families in those attendance areas (and in the new southwest school's attendance area) with the following information:

- A. Boundary Descriptions and Maps**
- B. Grandfathering Guidelines and Related Forms**
- C. Transfer Guidelines**
- D. Contact Information**

A. The following are detailed descriptions of the 2009-2010 attendance areas for McBride, Gray, and the new southwest school. (A physical map of the following boundary descriptions is included as Attachment A):

- **New Southwest Elementary:** Beginning at the intersection of Republic Road and a line just east of Hemlock extended; south on the line just east of Hemlock and Winsor to the intersection of Blakey and Ridgecrest, continuing south on Ridgecrest to FR 178; east on FR 178 to FR 137 (Scenic); north on Scenic to Allen St.; east on Allen St. to FR 141 (Cox Road); north on Cox to Republic Road; west on Republic Road to the line just east of Hemlock extended.
- **New McBride Elementary:** Current southern and western boundaries remain the same; beginning at the intersection of Farm Road (FR) 115 and Highway M (Republic Road) east on Republic Road to a point just east of Hemlock extended, south on a line just east of Hemlock and Winsor to the intersection of Blakey and Ridgecrest, continuing south on Ridgecrest to FR 178; east on FR 178 to FR 137 (Scenic); south on Scenic to current southern boundary.
- **New Gray Elementary:** Current southern and eastern boundaries remain the same; beginning at the intersection of Republic Road and FR 141 (Cox Road) south on Cox Road to Allen St.; west on Allen St. to FR 137 (Scenic) south on Scenic to current southern boundary.

B. When boundary changes occur within the district, families may take advantage of a Grandfathering Clause in order to remain in their present school if space is available. Grandfathering will not be approved if it requires the hiring of an additional staff member for the student's current school. Grandfathering requests are granted on a first come, first served basis. The guidelines for this process are outlined below. (*The Grandfathering Application Form is included as Attachment B*):

- Students currently enrolled in a school will have the option to remain at that school through the highest grade level.
- Siblings of grandfathered students who would simultaneously attend the same school will have the option to do so as long as enrollment will occur within the next year (2009-2010).
- Families who choose the grandfathering option will be responsible for providing their own transportation to school.
- Families who do not qualify for the grandfathering option may still apply for a regular transfer, subject to district transfer guidelines.

C. Current enrollment projections indicate the new southwest elementary school will be open to transfer students. McBride and Wanda Gray families wishing to attend, but living outside of the new southwest school attendance area may apply for a transfer in accordance with the guidelines specified below. (*A Transfer Request Form can be obtained in your respective school office*):

1. If a building is over 90% capacity or 105% of projected enrollment, it is closed to all new transfers:
 - For grade levels 3rd through 5th, the level or class is closed at 25 students.
 - For 1st and 2nd grades, the level or class is closed at 22 students.
 - For Kindergarten, the level or class is closed at 21 students.
2. In consultation with the Administrative Services Liaison, current transfers may be revoked when:
 - Class size requires an additional staff member (i.e. teacher aide, additional teacher).
 - Results in a combination class.
 - A transfer's attendance and/or behavior is poor. (Poor attendance will be determined with the Principal's discretion; however, 95% attendance is the District's target for SP5, Goal 2.)
 - District and/or school rules are not met (i.e. punctuality, arrival and pick-up times).
3. A student does NOT have to reapply for a transfer each school year.
 - A student in the highest grade level of their current school must reapply if he/she plans to attend a different middle/high school than his/her home school.

4. A sibling of a current transfer student is NOT ensured a transfer. A sibling will be considered for transfer in the same manner as any other transfer request.
5. Springfield Public Schools reserves the right to close a school to new transfers at any time due to extenuating circumstances.

D. All application forms should be turned into your current school office.

McBride Elementary

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Tracy Effland – Secretary

Pauletta Susie McSwain – Secretary

(417) 523-4500

Wanda Gray Elementary

Chris Mendel – Principal

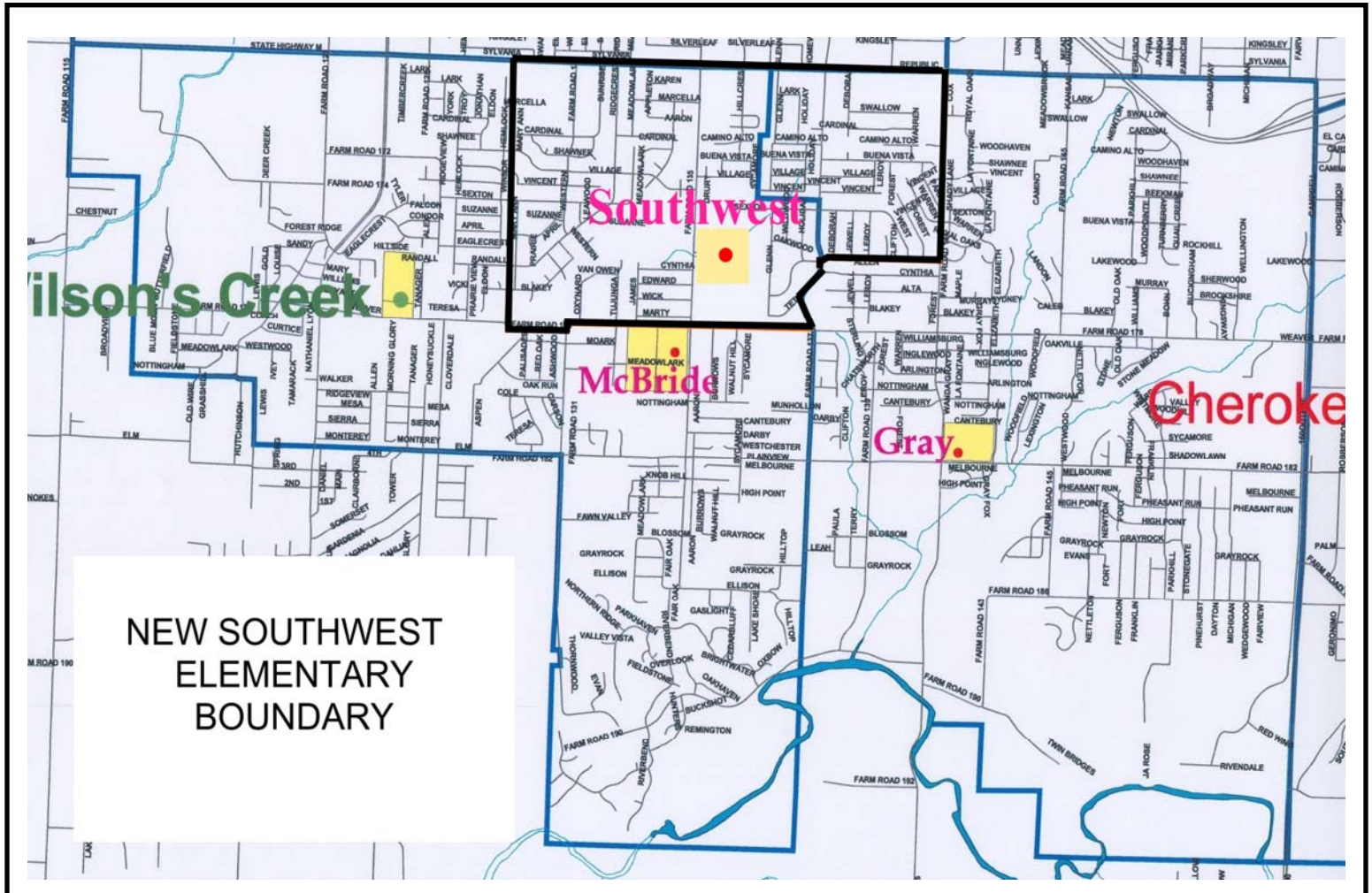
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- ✓ *Please direct District Grandfathering and Transfer guideline questions to Pam Bodine in the records office at 523-0011.*

Southwest Elementary School Attendance Area
2009-2010



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Please Note: School attendance areas will be evaluated annually and adjusted as necessary in accordance with current enrollment trends.

Grandfathering Clause McBride/Gray Elementary Schools

Grandfathering Clause Guidelines:

When boundary changes occur within the district, parents will be provided the following option if it does not require the hiring of an additional staff member for the student's current school or the feeder school to which they will be promoted (Grandfathering requests are granted on a first come, first serve basis):

1. Students currently enrolled in a school will have the option to remain at that school through the highest grade level.
2. Siblings of grandfathered students who would simultaneously attend the same school will have the option to do so as long as enrollment will occur within the next year (2009-2010).
3. Families who choose the grandfathering option will be responsible for providing their own transportation.
4. Families who do not qualify for the grandfathering option may still apply for a regular transfer, subject to district transfer guidelines.

Examples of the Grandfathering Option

- A 3rd grade student at a K-4 elementary whose attendance area changes would have the option of remaining at that school through 4th grade.
- If a student enrolls in kindergarten in 2009-2010 and has a sibling at the same elementary school that has been grandfathered into that school, the kindergarten student is also grandfathered. Any student beginning kindergarten in subsequent years would not be grandfathered.
- All students in Springfield Public Schools are eligible for a transfer to a school open to transfers, subject to district transfer guidelines. All schools are open unless they are over 90% capacity or have particular grade levels with class sizes that are too large.

Request for the Grandfathering Clause:

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Student Address: _____

Current School: _____

Grade Level Next School Year (2009-2010): _____

Sibling Name: _____

Sibling's Grade Next School Year (2009-2010): _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Principal Signature: _____ Date: _____