

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Good afternoon,

While the start of the 2024-2025 school year seems like it is a long way away, plans are already being made. The start of the 2024-2025 school year will bring the opening of our new elementary school - Edgerton Trails.

With the opening of Edgerton Trails, the current elementary attendance area boundaries need to be revised.

We have been hard at work developing a plan. This draft plan will be presented to the Board of Education on Monday, December 11, at the regular meeting of the Board.

The presentation of the draft plan will do the following:

- Identify the proposed boundaries for each elementary school
- Identify the criteria used to determine the new boundaries
- Present the key actions and the timeline leading up to a final Board decision in February 2024

The elementary attendance boundary report will be available on the district website starting December 12. Also available will be the following:

- · An address tool that can be used to find the elementary school a Rockford address is assigned to attend
- · A link to ask questions

We are excited about the opening of Edgerton Trails for the 2024-2025 school year. But we also know that opening Edgerton Trails will have ripple effects throughout the system. That is why there will also be individual building presentations throughout the months of December and January at each elementary building.

After the new boundaries are finalized in February, current in-district and out-of-district school of choice families will have the opportunity to participate in a special school of choice window requesting an elementary placement for 2024-2025.

This is an exciting time for our district. I wanted to make sure that you were aware of the process and the timeline for decision making by the Board. I know there will be some questions. You will be able to ask all of your questions either through our online process beginning December 12 or at building meetings in December and January.

Look for more information on our website starting December 12.

Steve

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