



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

December 12, 2023

Good afternoon,

A week ago, I alerted you that on Monday, December 11, the Rockford Public Schools Board of Education would hear a report on the proposed new elementary boundaries. That presentation happened last night. You can access the presentation and find other information about the proposed elementary boundaries on our district website or through this link: [Elementary Attendance Boundary Updates – Rockford Public Schools \(rockfordschools.org\)](https://rockfordschools.org/elementary-attendance-boundary-updates)

The presentation identified the proposed new boundaries, identified the criteria used to determine the new boundaries, and presented the key actions and timelines leading up to the final decision by the Board in February.

In addition to the presentation, on the website you can find the following:

- An address tool that can be used to find the elementary school a Rockford address is assigned to attend
- A link for community feedback
- Timeline for decision-making

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 current 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.

We look forward to our conversations over the next two months. We will update the Board at their meeting on January 15. We will make a final recommendation and ask the Board to vote at their meeting on February 12.

There will be changes ahead, but we are looking forward to finalizing these recommendations so that we can finish our planning for the 2024-2025 school year.

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