



## **District-Wide Feeder Patterns and Boundary Planning Frequently Asked Questions October 24, 2014**

### ***Q1: Where will Middle School 15 be built, and when will it open?***

**Answer:** Construction of FBISD Middle School 15 is an important component of the proposed feeder pattern plan. Funding for FBISD Middle School 15 was approved in the 2007 bond. Since the rate of enrollment declined from 2008 to 2012, the school was not built when originally planned. At this time, the bond funds are still available, and we expect to open the school in 2017. There are two existing sites in the southern region of the district on which the school could be built – one near Heritage Rose Elementary School on FM 521, and a newly contracted site in Sienna Plantation. We expect to close on the Sienna site in December. The feeder pattern proposal shared this week assumes Middle School 15 would be built in Sienna to relieve overcrowding at Baines Middle School. As we consider community feedback, it is possible this plan could change and that Middle School 15 could be built on a different site – one the district currently owns, or a site not yet owned by FBISD. Once the feeder pattern plan is approved by the Board, we will be able to affirm the site and timeline for construction of this new school.

### ***Q2: How is the District addressing Career Pathways and Academic Programs?***

**Answer:** At the November 10 Board of Trustees' meeting we plan to discuss our plan to address career pathways and graduation endorsements in light of *House Bill 5*. At that time, we will also publicly share the ways in which our current high school academy programs will be related to or impacted by this new plan. Following that Board meeting, we will host two Community Dialogue meetings to share the plan and obtain community feedback about the proposal. Information regarding the Community Dialogue meetings may be found at [www.fortbendisd.com](http://www.fortbendisd.com). Please note that we are still developing the proposal, so I encourage you to be cautious about listening to speculative remarks about high school academies and our current academic programs. Following the Community Dialogue meetings, we will study feedback received and finalize the proposal for possible Board action in December.

### ***Q3: Why is Fort Bend ISD proposing plans for feeder patterns, school boundaries and academic programs at the same time? What is the Big Picture?***

**Answer:** As we work on feeder patterns, school boundaries, and academic programs simultaneously, it is important to note that we remain committed to ensuring the success of *all* students, and that we are dedicated to providing academic programs designed to inspire and equip *all* students to pursue futures beyond what they can imagine. That being said, we are also bound to using existing district facilities in an effective and efficient manner. That is why the feeder pattern plan and school boundary study are so important. Where we place academies and other academic programs is directly related to how

efficiently we use our buildings. Per Board Policy, academies and other academic program will be placed at campuses at which available space remains once we have appropriately balanced student enrollment, including consideration of future enrollment growth. You can see that these are three large puzzle pieces that must all fit together for the puzzle to be complete. Therefore, it is important to note that there will be many moving parts of the various plans until they are all finalized.

***\*FAQs will continue to be updated. Please continue to check the website for more information.***