The Administration is seeking Board approval of the attendance boundaries associated with balancing high school enrollment in the southeastern region of the District. The following recommendation is proposed for implementation beginning in the fall of 2019, pursuant to Policy FC (Local), whereby students entering 9th grade in the 2019-20 school year would begin a four-year phase-in of the new boundaries. Students entering grades 10, 11, and 12 in the 2019-20 school year would be eligible to remain at their current high school on an intra-district transfer without district-provided transportation.

Summary of Recommended Changes:

- The current Schiff ES zone will feed through Baines MS into Hightower HS instead of Ridge Point HS.
- The portion of Heritage Rose ES that currently feeds to Baines MS (areas off or north of TX-6) will feed through Baines MS into Hightower HS instead of Ridge Point HS.
- Parks ES will continue to feed through Lake Olympia MS and then into Willowridge HS instead of Hightower HS.
- The area currently zoned to Palmer ES north of Lake Olympia Parkway and east of Community Park will be zoned through McAuliffe MS to Willowridge HS instead of Hightower HS. This area is currently being developed.

Please note: This recommendation addresses only building utilization calculated per Policy FC (Local), which does not account for the placement of academic programs or portable buildings. The placement of academic programs and the use of portable buildings will be addressed through the Annual Enrollment Review, which will be completed after boundaries are approved.

Rationale for Recommendation

The recommendation is based on the following rationale:

- The recommendation aligns with Option 2 that received the highest degree of support as measured by the community survey.
- The recommendation provides relief to Ridge Point HS while minimizing the impact in other areas of the District. Ridge Point HS enrollment and utilization will remain at or near current levels through the opening of HS 12 in the 2024-25 school year.
- The recommendation primarily balances enrollment between Hightower HS and Ridge Point HS as set forth in the 2018 Facilities Master Plan, and lays the groundwork for drawing boundaries for the opening of HS 12 in 2024-25 as promised in the 2018 Bond.
- The recommendation increases utilization at Willowridge HS through new enrollment. Utilization will be further increased through the addition of new programs as set forth in the 2018 Facilities Master Plan. Willowridge HS utilization is projected to decline to 45% over the next ten years without the addition of new areas to the boundaries.
- The recommendation lays the groundwork for increased utilization at Marshall HS through the addition of new programs as set forth in the 2018 Facilities Master Plan. Utilization at Marshall HS is projected to remain stable during the next ten years.

Community Feedback

This recommendation is most similar to Option 2 which received the most support in the community survey. Components of Option 3 were also incorporated into this option (Parks ES moving into Willowridge HS).

The vast majority of responses were affiliated with the Quail Valley and Sienna communities. The prevalent themes from the survey response are summarized below:

- Quail Valley and Lake Olympia communities expressed a strong desire to remain at Elkins HS.
- Sienna community expressed the desire that the Sienna community should remain at Ridge Point HS to the fullest extent possible.
- Hightower HS community expressed a strong desire to keep the Medical Academy at Hightower, if possible.
- Schiff ES community expressed a desire to attend Elkins HS over Hightower HS.
- Parks ES community expressed a desire to remain at Hightower HS.
- There was an overall theme on the importance of keeping communities together.
- Sienna responders suggested moving people new to the community to Hightower HS while HS 12 is constructed.
- Utilize portable buildings at Ridge Point HS while HS 12 is constructed.
- Overall, the responses indicated a desire to select the plan that resulted in the least disruption. Stakeholders indicated HS 12 was promised in the bond and there were many suggestions to expedite building the campus.