

**FISD finalizes zoning changes for 2012-2013 as Comstock Elementary opens**

At the regular meeting of the FISD Board of Trustees on Monday, January 9, the Administration approved the attendance zone for Joyce Kelly Comstock Elementary, scheduled to open in the 2012-13 school year to relieve Elliott and Ogle Elementary.

In October each year, FISD receives the updated fall projections and those numbers are used to draw the preliminary zones for review at the November board meeting. Those proposals are communicated and input is taken from parents. As input is gathered and considered by the demographic team, modifications to the draft zones sometimes take place. An opportunity for further citizen input is extended at the December regular board meeting as the Board moved toward making a final decision on the new boundaries at the January board meeting.

As staff develops the proposed plans, they take into consideration issues of effective utilization of space and programming, student stability, proximity to the school, diversity of the student body and unity in the community. No one factor is more important than another in this process of formulating zones, although in these economic times effective utilization of space is a priority consideration. When making boundary decisions, the

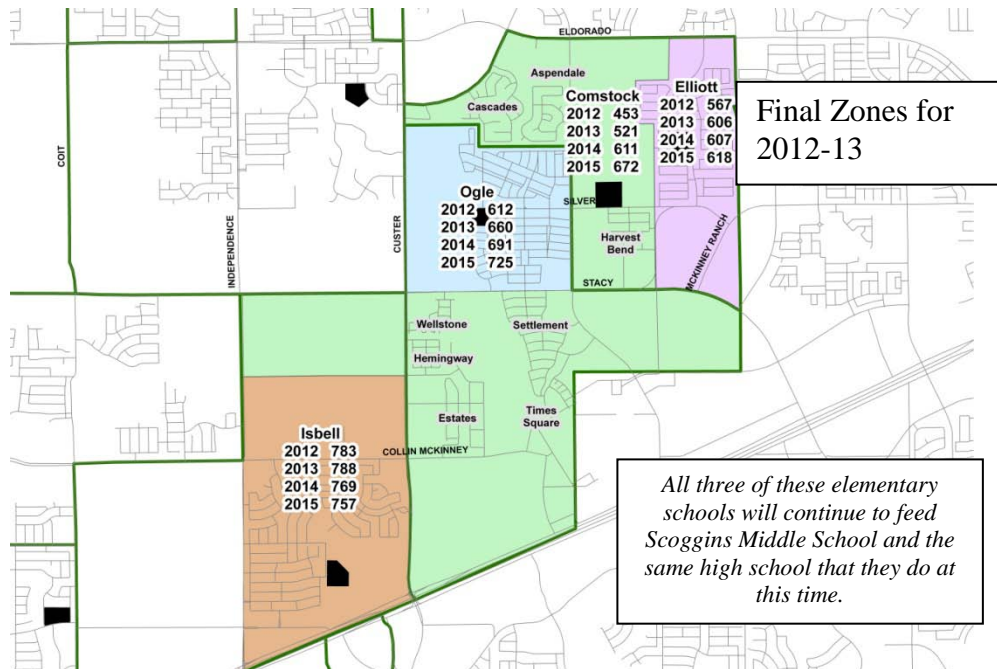
district looks at what zones will hold for the longest period of time.

**Joyce Kelly Comstock Elementary** is located at 7152 Silverado Trail, McKinney, Texas 75070. The neighborhoods that will attend Comstock Elementary are:

- Aspendale
- Cascades at Stonebridge Ranch
- Harvest Bend
- Villas at Willow Grove
- The area below FM 3537/Stacy Road

The original presentation split the northeast portion of Craig Ranch North from Ogle and moved it to Comstock. As the demographic team continued to review this proposal, it became apparent that there is a very real possibility that that area would someday need to move back to Ogle as is reflected by the updated map below. This Ogle zone with all of Craig Ranch north under current projections will hold for many years. The final zone moves Craig Ranch South to Comstock from Ogle. While the projected numbers are not as balanced in the first year under this scenario, they do even out over time. Another consideration is that in the future when Comstock becomes too large, the area of Craig Ranch below FM3537/Stacy Road will go to another elementary school in that area.

*Note: Elementary school capacity is 760. FISD caps enrollment at about 860 while a new elementary school is being built to relieve the over capacity school. Transfer applications are accepted if a school is under 90 percent capacity, which is 684 at an elementary school. Transfers requests must be made annually.*



*All three of these elementary schools will continue to feed Scoggins Middle School and the same high school that they do at this time.*