

## FISD finalizes 2012-2013 zones as Phillips Elementary opens

At the regular meeting of the FISD Board of Trustees on Monday, January 9, the Administration approved an attendance zone for Billy Gene Phillips Elementary, scheduled to open in the 2012-2013 school year to relieve Robertson, Boals, Pink and some of Carroll 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 moves 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.

**Phillips Elementary** is located at 2285 Little River Drive, Frisco, Texas 75034. The neighborhoods that will attend Phillips Elementary are:

- Cobb Farm
- Grayhawk 2
- Northwest corner of Grayhawk 1 (not including students on either side of Grayhawk Boulevard)
- Knolls of Frisco
- Rural areas as noted in green
- Traditions of Frisco

This modified recommendation leaves Newman Village in Pink Elementary and does not split students living on Grayhawk Boulevard. The original presentation moved Newman Village from Pink to Phillips. The projected numbers hold well for Pink in this updated proposal and even slightly reduce the projection for Phillips, which could possibly help to delay building another school in that area.

*Phillips Elementary will feed Stafford Middle School and Lone Star High School. (Note: The entire area of the district north of Eldorado Parkway is zoned for Stafford and Lone Star High.)*

*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. Transfer requests must be made annually.*

