



Jacksonville School District #117

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Charge from the Board of Education

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Jacksonville School District Mission Statement

Jacksonville School District #117 will provide an education environment that promotes excellence and values every student.

Equitable Obligation in Accomplishing Our Mission

In fulfilling the obligation of maintaining an equitable school district, the Jacksonville Board of Education acknowledges that all Jacksonville School District #117 students, families, and taxpayers merit a defined elementary boundary.

Fiduciary Duty in Accomplishing Our Mission

The Jacksonville Board of Education recognizes that this mission cannot be fully achieved without a comprehensive plan for improving the operational efficiencies of the District, and that the Board has a fiduciary duty to the taxpayers of JSD117 to increase operational efficiencies.

Board Charge

Therefore, in order to:

- Increase operational efficiencies by optimizing the student/teacher ratio across elementary schools, and
- Develop elementary boundaries for all students following the closure of Franklin Elementary

Jacksonville School District #117 will initiate an entire District Wide Boundary Process with the final plan to be passed by the Board of Education no later than the December 2017 regular meeting with an implementation date of August 2018.

Process and Final Plan Objectives

The following core objectives will guide the process in developing a final plan. The process will:

- Be designed with equitable consideration of student and community needs;
- Develop a final plan that optimizes taxpayer resources; and
- Be highly transparent, by including regular communication with the community and methods for community feedback.

School Boundary Committee

The Board of Education will hereby serve as the primary committee members in the District Wide Boundary Process. The committee will also include the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Financial Officer, Curriculum Director, and will include a team of Jacksonville School District #117 teachers and building administrators. Committee meetings will be held as Board of Education special meetings and will include a community engagement process.

Communication Linkages:

All proceedings of this process will adhere to the Open Meetings Act and school code.

- Approved minutes of meetings will be distributed to all members and posted on the District's web page.
- Reports, research, and other data used by the committee will be made available on the District web page or upon request.
- A report about the process will be made at each regular Board of Education meeting.
- Meetings will be open to the public.