

# Clear Creek Amana Community Schools

Boundary Analysis

Board of Education Update

October 18, 2023

# 2023/24 Elementary Boundary Process

## Boundary Goals:

- Balance elementary students between elementary schools
- Establish enrollment for the new elementary school (open in 2024/25)
- Consider grade configuration options and discuss with admin

## Process Overview:

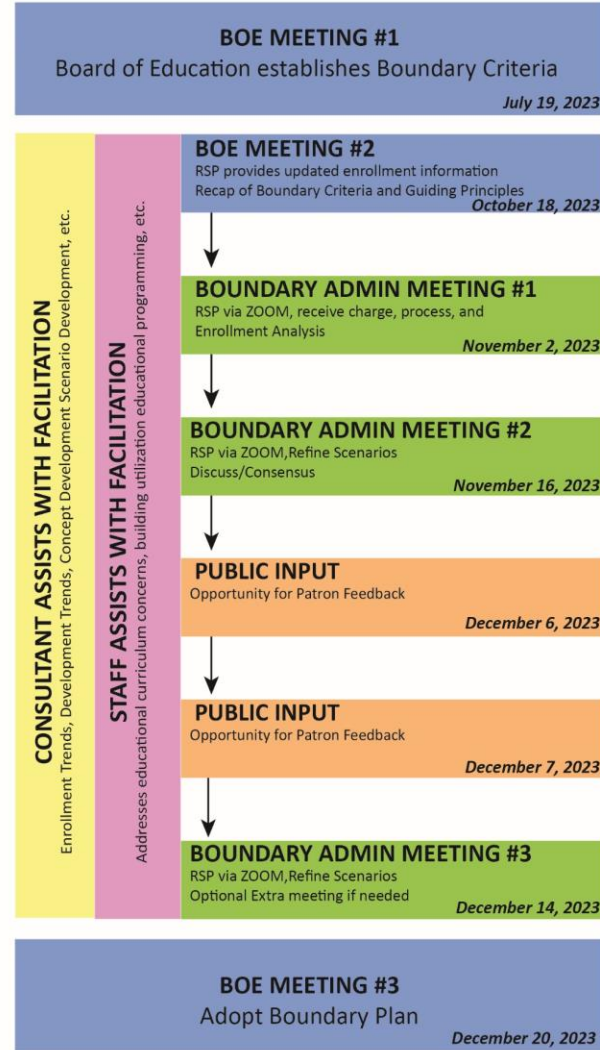
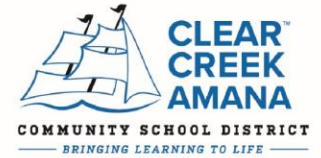
- **3 Boundary Administration meetings**
- **2 Public Input opportunities**
- **3 Board of Education meetings**

🕒 *Begins: July 2023*



🕒 *Completed: December 2023*

## 2023/24 COMPREHENSIVE BOUNDARY PROCESS



# Academics, Culture, Economics (ACE)

## Graphic Meaning:

- ❑ Relationship between all three pillars and the impact they have on each other
- ❑ It is a framework that starts the larger boundary discussion
- ❑ Not focused on a physical building or space
- ❑ Provides balance and prevents tunnel vision
- ❑ Keeps everyone focused on what is important: (Students, Staff, Families, and Community)



## Academics

21st Century Learning  
College & Career Ready  
Relevant & Rigorous  
Class Size  
Enrollment/Capacity

## Culture

Athletics & Activities  
Clubs & Organizations  
Student Engagement  
Parent Involvement  
Traditions/Pride  
Safety



## Economics

Repurpose of Schools  
Remodeling/ Additions  
New Construction  
Bond Referendums  
Community Support  
Ability/Desire to Afford

# BOE Approved Guiding Principles

## The following are guiding principles for the Boundary Process:

- The School Board considers this boundary work as part of how to plan for other aspects of its district plan.
- The boundary should provide better educational opportunities at each school to ensure an equitable student experience at each school
- The district recognizes the power of an attendance area to create a community  
*Accessibility for families is essential (volunteering and attending school function are easier when the school is near)*
- Future boundaries can anticipate future growth of the neighborhood  
*Walkability may not be possible currently – some schools may start with small enrollment in anticipation of growth*
- The boundary proposed should utilize all the available District resources
- Consider attendance area lines that follow natural/manmade boundaries
- Goal to implement attendance area changes will begin in the 2024/25 school year
- The plan will result in one additional elementary school (Total of 6) with the following grade configuration over the next 2-4 years:
  - Amana PK-4
  - Clear Creek PK-4
  - North Bend PK-3
  - Oak Hill 4-5
  - Tiffin PK-3
  - New School K-4
- Grandfathering/Transfers/Student Options are determined/recommended by District Administration

# Prioritized Boundary Criteria

**Boundary Criteria Decision Matrix Table**

| Boundary Criteria (Alphabetical)             | Ranking  |          |          | Ranking Calculation |           |          |                  |            |
|--|----------|----------|----------|---------------------|-----------|----------|------------------|------------|
|  | 1st      | 2nd      | 3rd      | 3 Points            | 2 Points  | 1 Points | Weighted Average | Rank Order |
| 1. Contiguous Attendance Areas               | 1        | 0        | 0        | 3                   | 0         | 0        | 1.50             | 5          |
| 2. Demographic Considerations                | 1        | 0        | 0        | 3                   | 0         | 0        | 1.50             | 5          |
| 3. Duration of Boundaries                    | 1        | 0        | 0        | 3                   | 0         | 0        | 1.50             | 5          |
| 4. Fiscal Consideration - Capital            | 1        | 0        | 1        | 3                   | 0         | 1        | 1.67             | 3          |
| 5. Fiscal Consideration - Operational        | 0        | 4        | 0        | 0                   | 8         | 0        | 2.67             | 1          |
| 6. Neighborhoods Intact                      | 1        | 0        | 2        | 3                   | 0         | 2        | 1.83             | 2          |
| 7. Projected Enrollment/Building Utilization | 1        | 0        | 1        | 3                   | 0         | 1        | 1.67             | 3          |
| 8. Students Impacted by Boundary             | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0                   | 0         | 0        | 0.00             | 9          |
| 9. Transportation Considerations             | 0        | 1        | 2        | 0                   | 2         | 2        | 1.00             | 8          |
| 10. EXTRA                                    | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0                   | 0         | 0        | 0.00             | 9          |
| <b>Total Responses</b>                       | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>18</b>           | <b>10</b> | <b>6</b> |                  |            |

Source: RSP

## Top three Boundary Criteria

1. Fiscal Consideration – Operational
2. Neighborhoods intact
3. Projected Enrollment/Building Utilization

# Boundary Plan – *a work in progress*

- Option 1:

- Amana Elementary: K-4
- Clear Creek Elementary: K-4
- New Elementary: 4-5
- North Bend Elementary: K-3
- Oak Hill Elementary: 2-3
- Tiffin Elementary: K-1

- Option 2:

- Amana Elementary: K-4
- Clear Creek Elementary: K-4
- New Elementary: K-4
- Oak Hill Elementary: 4-5
- North Bend: K-3
- Tiffin Elementary: K-3



<https://www.press-citizen.com/story/news/education/2023/06/08/new-clear-creek-amana-elementary-school-in-coralville-is-underway/70276654007/>

- Utilize updated building capacity to reflect changes to class size ratios and increased instructional capacity (Shive-Hattery report)

# Project Status Update

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- ❑ RSP to begin updating new enrollment analysis when 2023/24 student data is verified
  - *RSP has met with local city officials for Coralville, North Liberty, and Tiffin to include updated building outlook in projected enrollment*
  - *RSP has completed a district-wide tour*
- ❑ District to send 2023/24 student data by end of week (October 20, 2023)
- ❑ Boundary Admin Meeting #1 – RSP & Associates to facilitate (November 2, 2023)
- ❑ Meeting #1 Goals and Objectives:
  - *Review updated enrollment analysis*
  - *Receive Board of Education direction, guiding principles, and prioritized boundary criteria*
  - *Discuss preliminary boundary/grade configuration options*
  - *Provide feedback and revisions for Meeting #2*