



LYNDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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2021-2022 Elementary Attendance Boundary Review

Dear Parents and Families,

To address overcrowding at Bernice Vossbeck Elementary School and Isom Elementary School, the Lynden School District Board of Directors have approved adjusting elementary school boundaries for the 2021-22 school year.

The City of Lynden and surrounding areas continue to experience growth, particularly attracting families with elementary-aged children. Although growth is occurring across the entire district, it is particularly concentrated in the eastern part of Lynden impacting Bernice Vossbeck Elementary School most significantly. Growth is also anticipated in the area north of Isom Elementary School over the next few years as new developments begin to take shape. Although this growth is exciting and reflective of strong community schools, it also contributes to capacity and program challenges across District facilities. The following graph is a 10-year look at elementary enrollment for each of our elementary schools.

School Year	BVES	Fisher	Isom
2009-10	410	393	360
2010-11	405	384	380
2011-12	445	373	409
2012-13	449	361	406
2013-14	472	346	402
2014-15*	432	376	438
2015-16	448	412	495
2016-17	471	449	530
2017-18	465	441	533
2018-19	506	465	522
2019-20	542	463	532

* Previous realignment

Both Bernice Vossbeck Elementary school and Isom Elementary school have a practical capacity of 425 students. Both schools currently utilize several portables as classrooms and are utilizing areas in each school facility for learning space that was not designed for this purpose. Fisher Elementary School currently has a few classrooms that are not being used for everyday classroom instruction and it makes sense to adjust boundaries to balance student populations and utilize classroom space at Fisher.

The Lynden School District completed a comprehensive review of its elementary school attendance boundaries in the spring of 2014. Twelve potential boundary adjustments surfaced from the work of the community group from which a recommendation was provided to the Board of Directors. Changes were implemented prior to the start of the 2014-15 school year and are reflected in the table above.

The Lynden School District has completed a review of the recommendations from the 2014 community group as well revisiting the future development patterns that will impact attendance and enrollment at each of our three elementary schools.

To balance enrollment at our three elementary schools the School Board has approved the following:

- Changing enrollment boundaries to balance current school enrollment and accommodate expected growth in the Bernice Vossbeck Elementary School attendance area.
- Re-assigning out of district transfer students to a school that has available space after the enrollment adjustments for in-district students have been made.
- Provide an option for student entering grades 4 and 5 to stay at their current school by following the intra-district transfer policy.

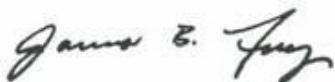
Enrollment boundary adjustments to implement at the start of the 2021-22 school year are summarized below:

- **Area #1** – (Ridgeway) Current BVES attendance area generally north of Grover, south of Cascade, west of Bender, east of Vinup TO Fisher. Total estimated number of students in grades 1-5 = 34
- **Area #2** (Vine) – Current Isom attendance area generally north of Drayton/Grover, south of Vine, west of Vine Way, east of 2ndSt/Bender TO Fisher. Total estimated number of students in grades 1-5 = 16
- **Area #3** (Pine) – Current Isom attendance area generally north of Main, south of Badger, west of DBL Ditch, east of Guide Meridian TO Fisher. Total estimated number of students in grades 1-5 = 20
- **Area #4** (Aaron) – Current BVES attendance area generally along Aaron Dr, west of and including Bender Park Blvd TO Fisher. Total estimated number of students in grades 1-5 = 10
- **Area #5** (Heartland) – Current Isom attendance area known as Heartland TO Fisher. Total estimated number of students in grades 1-5 = 7

Area #1, #2, #3, #4, To Fisher and Area #5 TO ISOM with option for 4th and 5th grade students to remain if transportation provided by families.

Please contact your child's Principal or the District office to talk with David Vander Yacht, Assistant Superintendent, if you would like to talk about these changes or clarify any questions you have about the enrollment boundary adjustments.

Sincerely,



Jim Frey
Superintendent

