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### **District 36 School Board Announces Approval of Redistricting 2020 Plan**

**Winnetka, Ill.**--After three years of evaluating redistricting scenarios, The Winnetka Public Schools Board approved new attendance boundaries to form a long-term solution to address the enrollment imbalance in the District. Feedback from the Winnetka community as well as input from the Village and Winnetka Police Department was reviewed throughout the Redistricting 2020 process and helped inform the Board's decision at its October 22, 2019 meeting. The revised boundaries shift 314 households from the Crow Island School zone to the Greeley School zone with Linden Ave. as the new border. These new boundaries are effective immediately for students newly registering.

The Board and Administration will continue to collaborate with the Village and Police to plan for optimal capacity and utilization at Crow Island, Greeley and Hubbard Woods; efficiently manage District resources while upholding the District's commitment to equitable education; and execute a plan to return Kindergarten to Crow Island in 2020.

On October 22, the School Board also approved a plan to "phase-in" students. Phasing-in allows a subset of students to remain at their current school after new boundary lines go into effect.

The Board approved phasing-in the following students who reside in the redistricted zone (representing 2020-2021 grade levels):

- All 4th graders
- 2nd and 3rd graders who attended D36 Kindergarten
- 2nd and 3rd graders who did not attend D36 Kindergarten
- 1st graders who attended D36 Kindergarten with an older sibling who attends Crow Island

Students who will not be given phase-in consideration are as follows:

- Any newly enrolled students (even those with siblings already attending Crow Island)
- 1st graders who attended D36 Kindergarten with no older sibling at Crow Island

“I would like to acknowledge our community for your patience, feedback, and dedication to problem-solving. Thank you to our Village and Police leadership, Administrative team, PTO leaders, realtors, and all of those who have generously shared their time throughout the Redistricting 2020 process,” says Dr. Trisha Kocanda, Superintendent. “On behalf of the District, I also extend sincere gratitude to the Crow Island-area Kindergarten families who were impacted due to the short-term solution that was imposed. We appreciate your candor, feedback, and patience as we determined a long-term solution to the enrollment imbalance in our community.”

#### *About Redistricting 2020*

An imbalance in elementary school enrollment among the three elementary schools necessitated a review of school attendance areas in 2016. At that time, the community experienced the widest disparity in elementary school student enrollments in over 50 years. Due to this disparity in elementary enrollment, anticipated future enrollment levels at each elementary school, and a commitment to equitable educational programming and services, a shift in school attendance boundaries is required. Further details on Redistricting 2020 are available on the District website at <https://www.winnetka36.org/redistricting2020>.

#### *About The Winnetka Public Schools District 36*

The Winnetka Public Schools is a community that honors the whole child, fosters creativity, inspires lifelong learning, and develops civic responsibility. District 36 is comprised of three elementary schools (Crow Island School, Greeley School, and Hubbard Woods School), The Skokie School (grades 5 and 6) and Carleton Washburne School (grades 7 and 8), where there is a progressive, experiential approach to developing learners who are compassionate citizens, who contribute to their community, and are well prepared for a dynamic future. For more information, visit [www.winnetka36.org](http://www.winnetka36.org).

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