



AUSTIN ELEMENTARY REDISTRICTING

ROUND 2 PUBLIC MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2019 7:00PM
DUNWOODY HS

AGENDA

Why Redistricting?

Redistricting Process

Redistricting Criteria

Enrollment Forecast & Round 1 Comments

Redistricting Options

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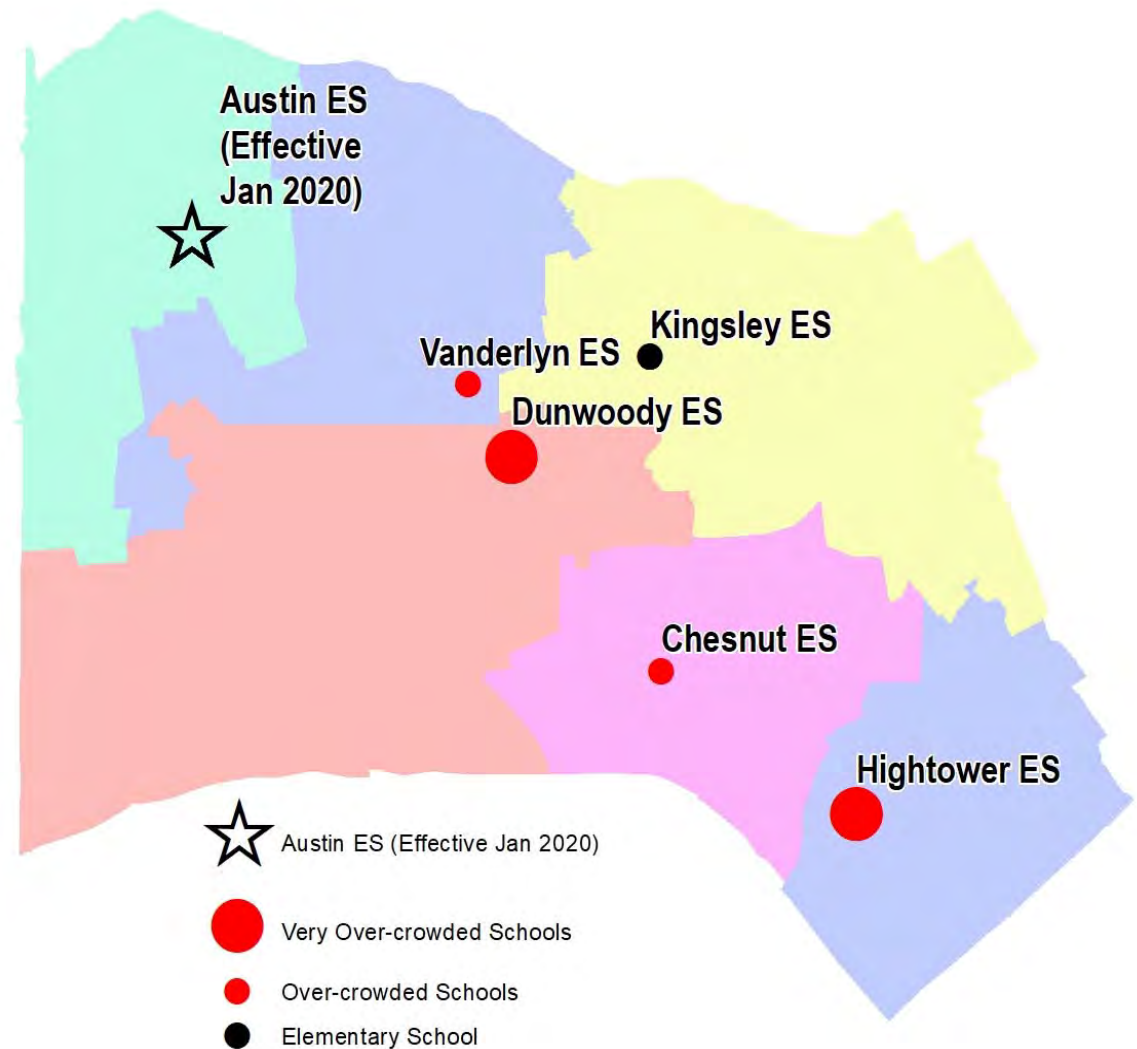
WHY REDISTRICTING?



- Replacement 950-seat Austin Elementary School
 - Opening January 2020
 - About 450 seats of additional capacity

WHY REDISTRICTING?

- Overcrowding at Dunwoody Cluster Schools
- Long-term, additional capacity will be needed to relieve overcrowding. Using the old Austin ES site is not feasible.



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REDISTRICTING PROCESS



- Community meeting process
 - Everyone participates equally
 - Meetings starts with large group presentation
 - Divide into small-group break-out sessions
 - Small-groups facilitated by trained staff
 - Equity in the process
 - Focused discussion on the criteria

REDISTRICTING PROCESS



Rounds 1-3 will include public meetings and online comment
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REDISTRICTING PROCESS



- First Round – Dunwoody HS – September 26, 2019
 - Objective: Collect community input within the board approved criteria
- Second Round – Dunwoody HS– October 23, 2019
 - Objective: Collect community input on presented redistricting options based on board approved criteria
- Third Round – Dunwoody HS– November 20, 2019
 - Objective: Collect community input on Staff Recommended Plan based on board approved criteria

REDISTRICTING PROCESS



- All options presented would go into effect in August 2020
- Students rising into 5th grade will have the option to continue in their former school, with no transportation provided
- The Superintendent's Recommendation is based on feedback from all three rounds of public engagement and may look nothing like the options presented tonight (round two)

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REDISTRICTING CRITERIA

- Board Policy AD: Alteration of School Attendance Areas defines primary and secondary criteria
- Primary Criteria, based on logistics
 - Geographic proximity
 - Instructional capacity
 - Projected enrollment

Note: Students may not always be assigned to their closest school, since other criteria must also be considered.

REDISTRICTING CRITERIA



- Secondary Criteria, when the primary criteria indicate more than one option for action
 - Safety and traffic patterns
 - Previous redistricting
 - Balancing of special programs, (i.e., ESOL, school choice, etc.)
 - School feeder alignment
 - Intact neighborhoods
 - Efficient and economical operations

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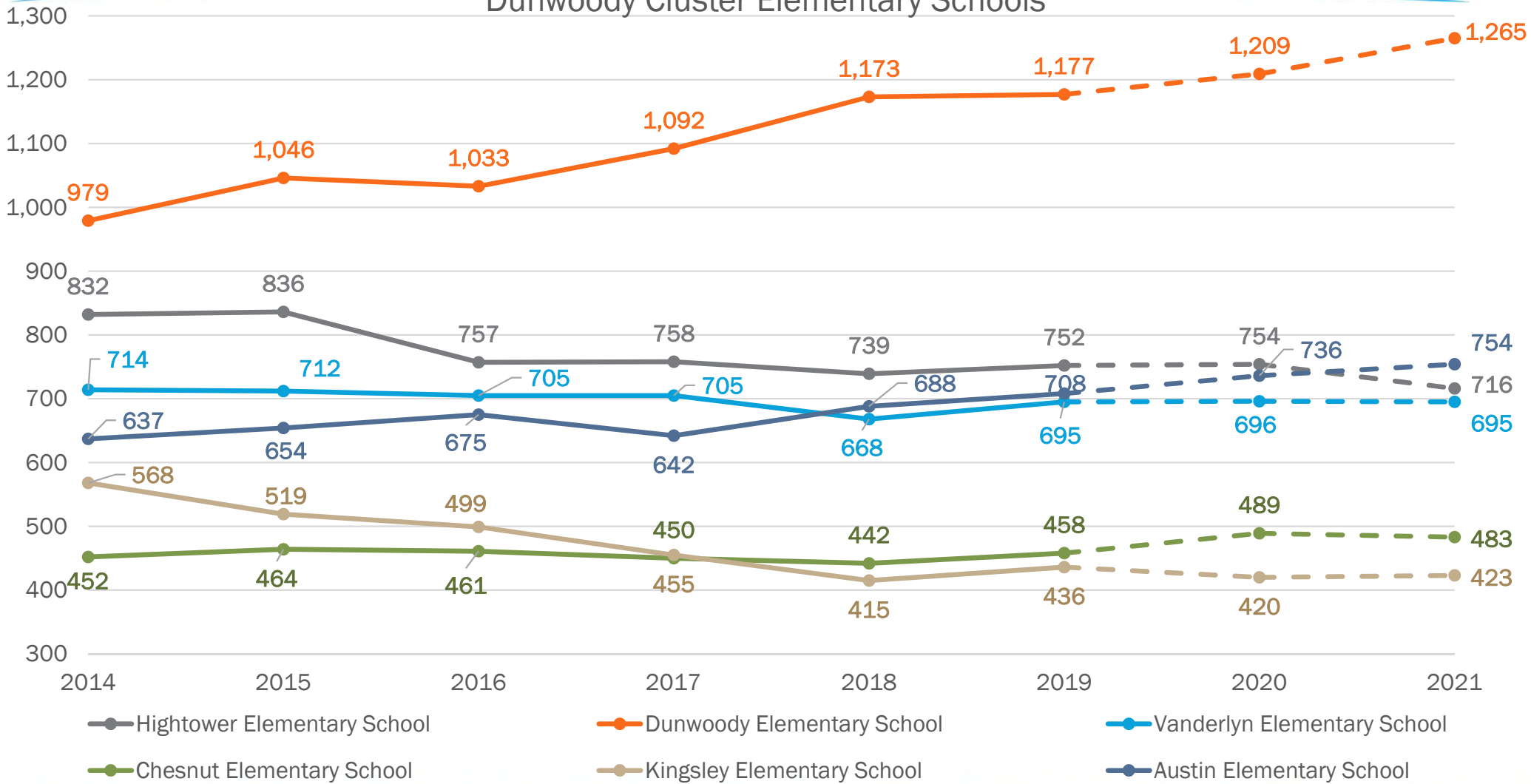
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ENROLLMENT FORECAST

Dunwoody Cluster Elementary Schools



COMMENTS FROM ROUND 1



- Relieve Dunwoody ES
- Concern about traffic, particularly on Roberts Drive, Mount Vernon Road, and neighborhood cut-through routes.
- Although not ideal, adding portable classrooms at Kingsley ES and the new Austin ES may be more equitable.

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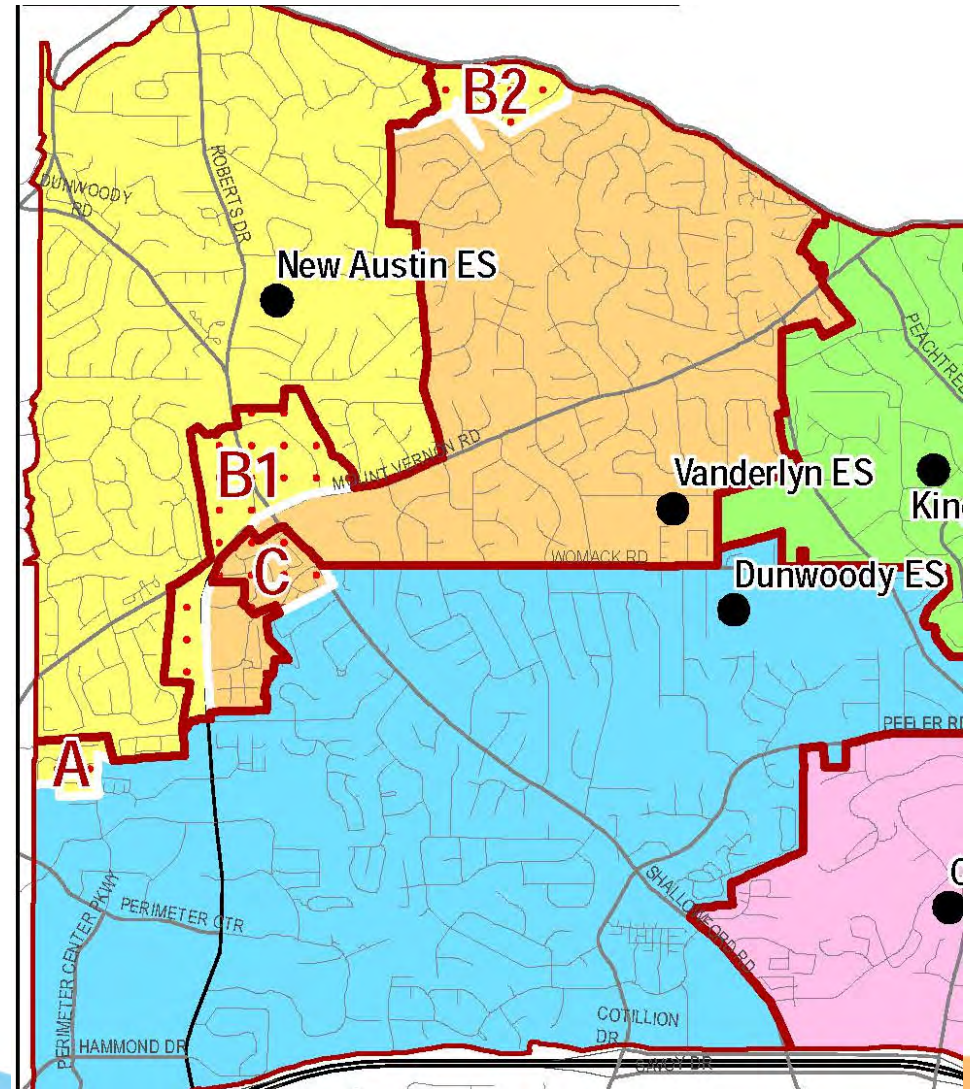
THREE REDISTRICTING OPTIONS



- Option 1: Balance Enrollment
- Option 2: Balance Enrollment, No Portables at Austin ES
- Option 3: Hightower ES Relief by Doraville United ES

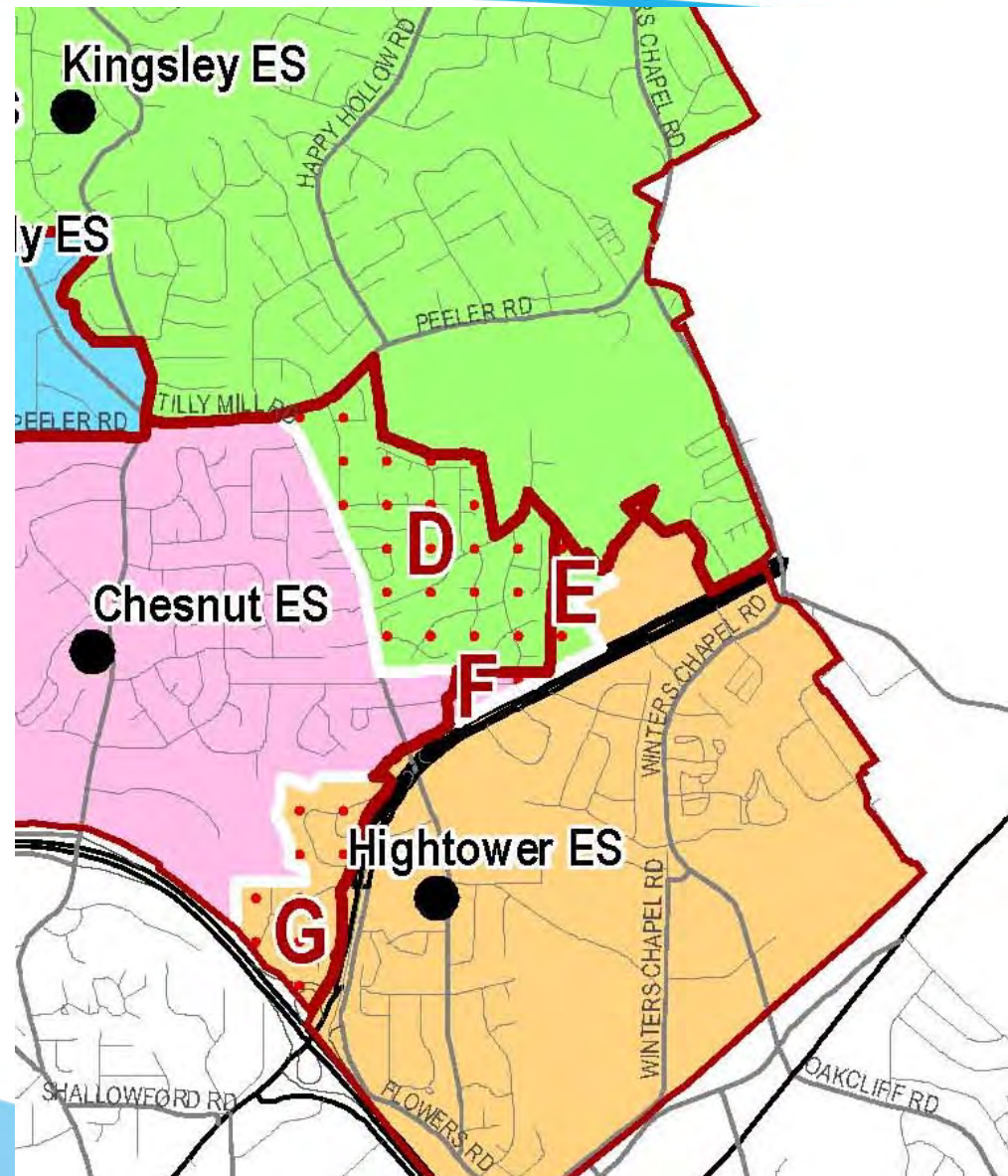
Option 1: Balance Enrollment

- A. 179 Dunwoody ES students to Austin ES
- B. 22 Vanderlyn ES Students to Austin ES
- C. 22 Dunwoody ES Students to Vanderlyn ES



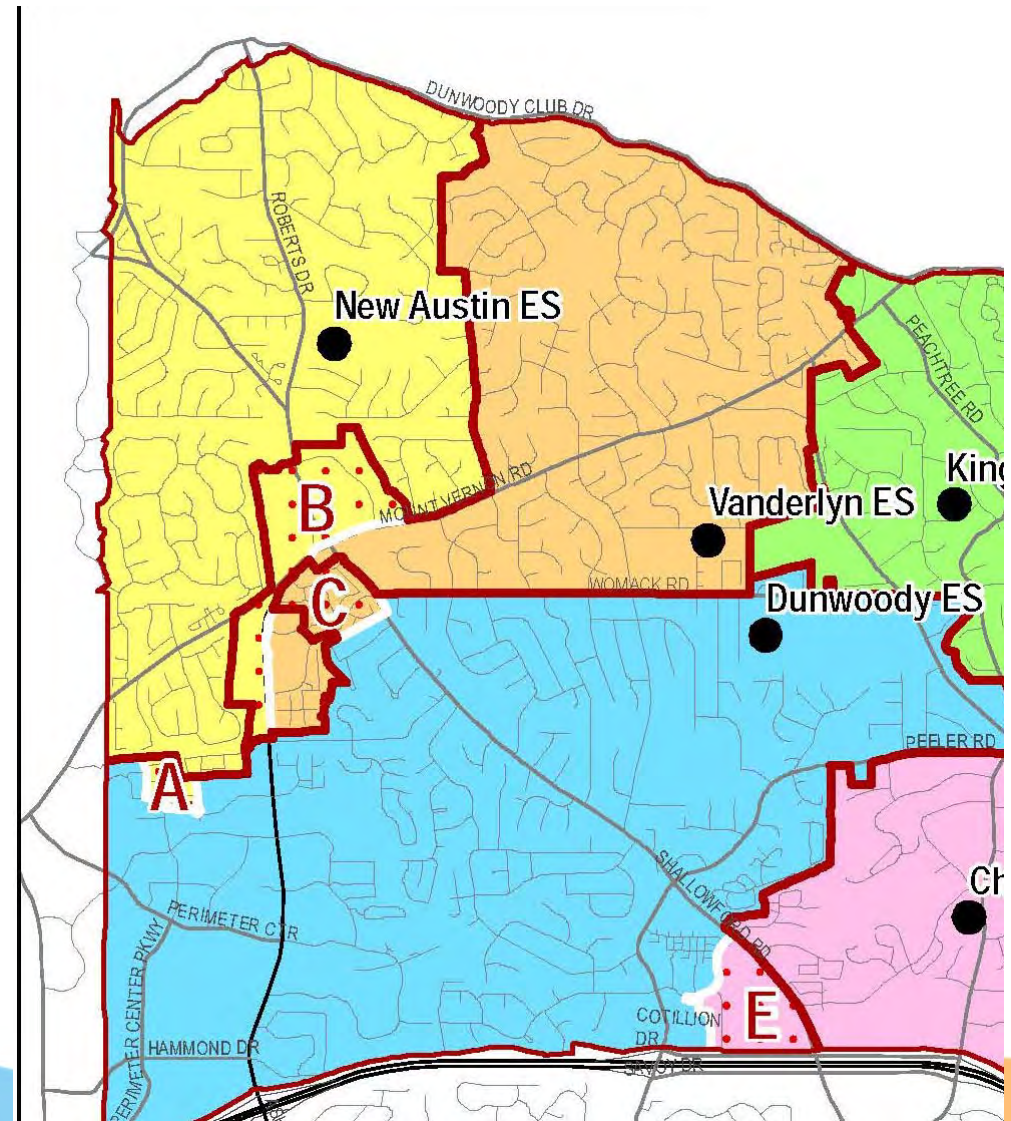
Option 1: Balance Enrollment

- D. 43 Chesnut ES students to Kingsley ES
- E. 65 Hightower ES Students to Kingsley ES
- F. 4 Hightower ES Students to Chesnut ES
- G. 15 Chesnut ES Students to Hightower ES



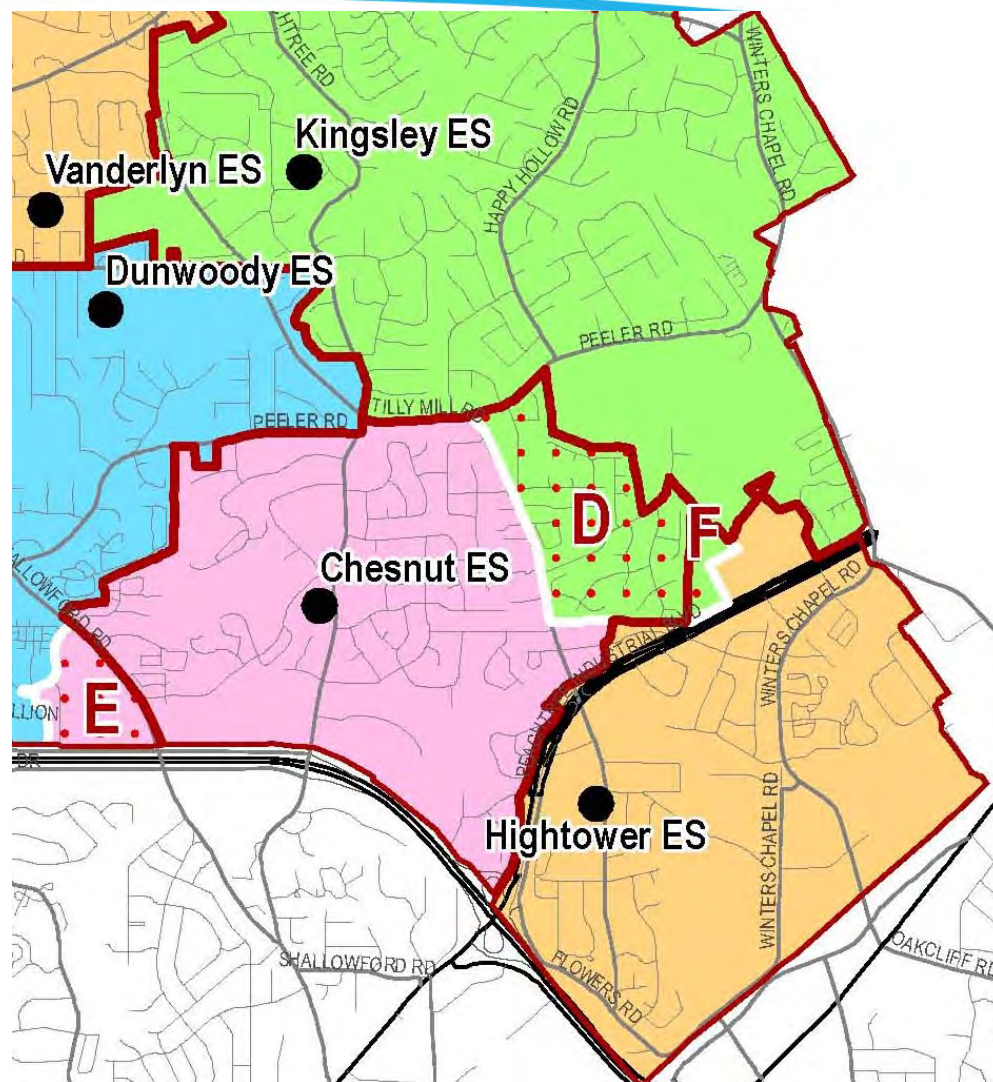
Option 2: Balance Enrollment, No Portables at Austin ES

- A. 85 Dunwoody ES students to Austin ES
- B. 1 Vanderlyn ES student to Austin ES
- C. 22 Dunwoody ES students to Vanderlyn ES



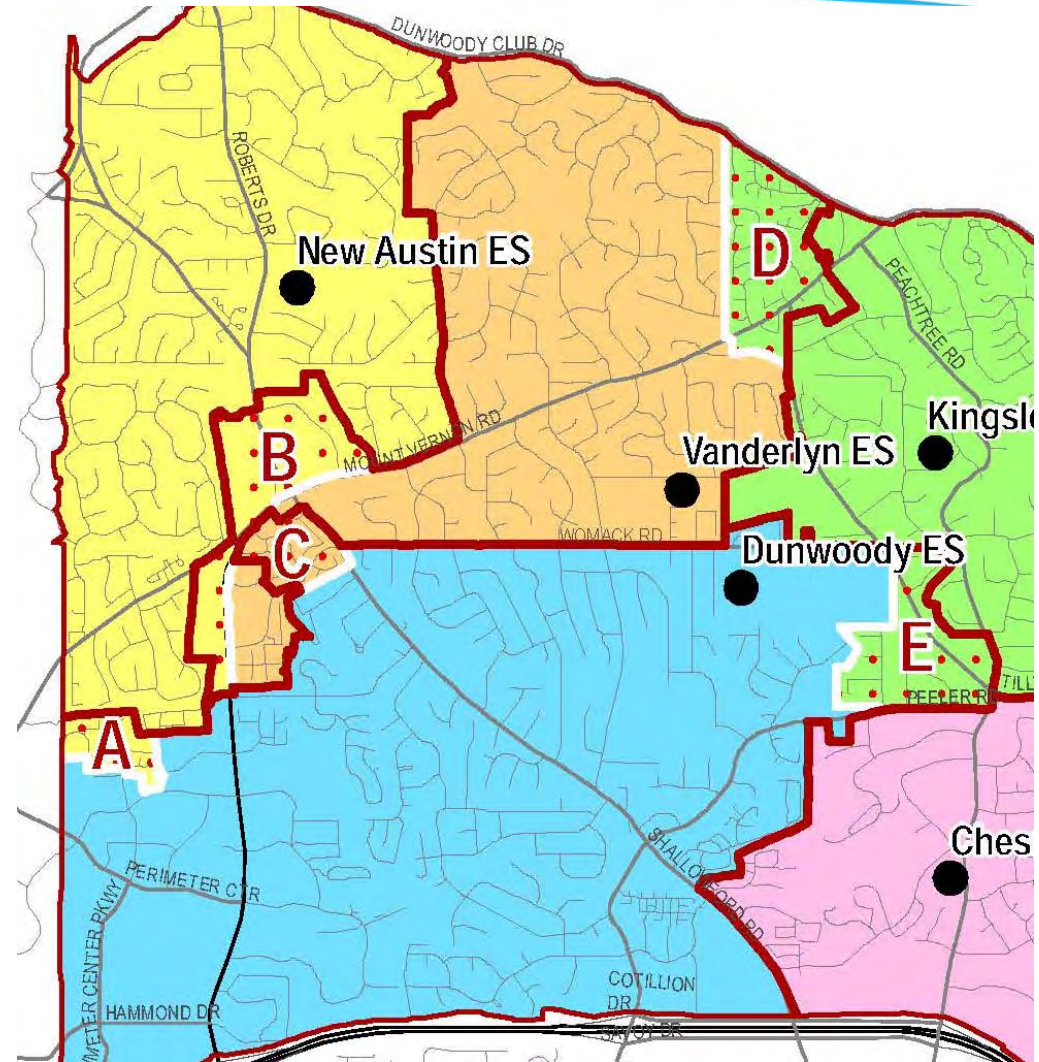
Option 2: Balance Enrollment, No Portables at Austin ES

- D. 43 Chesnut ES students to Kingsley ES
- E. 25 Dunwoody ES students to Chesnut ES
- F. 65 Hightower ES students to Kingsley ES



Option 3: Hightower ES Relief by Doraville United ES

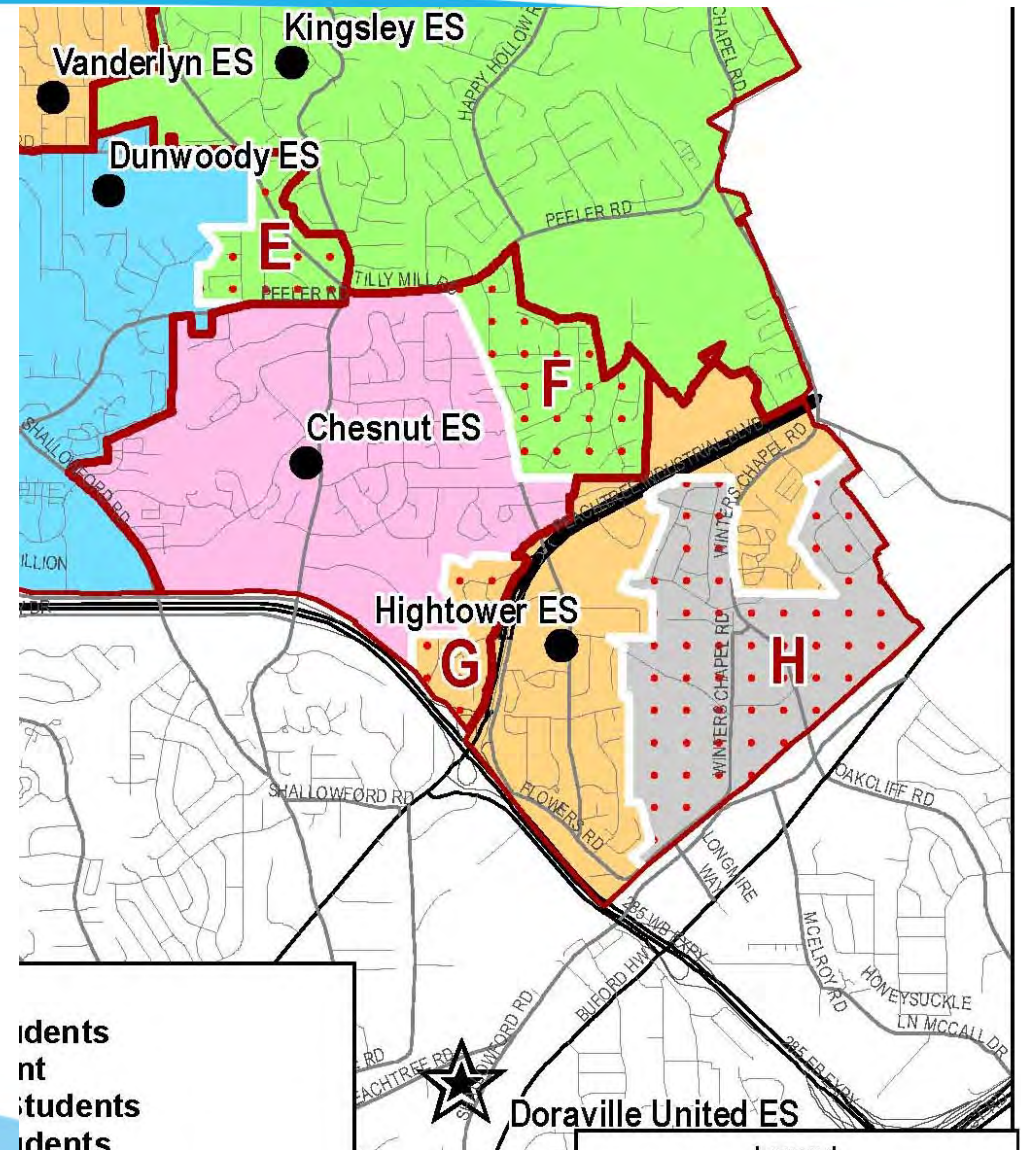
- A. 199 Dunwoody ES students to Austin ES
- B. 1 Vanderlyn ES Students to Austin ES
- C. 22 Dunwoody ES Students to Vanderlyn ES
- D. 35 Vanderlyn ES Students to Kingsley ES
- E. 18 Dunwoody ES Students to Kingsley ES



Option 3: Hightower ES Relief by Doraville United ES

- F. 43 Chesnut ES students to Kingsley ES
- G. 15 Chesnut ES Students to Hightower ES
- H. 106 Hightower ES Students to Doraville United ES

**Area H will continue to feed into Peachtree MS/Dunwoody HS*



THREE REDISTRICTING OPTIONS

Option	Description	Student Moves	Portable Reduction
1	<u>Option 1</u> : Balance Enrollment	350	-9
2	<u>Option 2</u> : Balance Enrollment, No Portables at Austin ES	241	-10
3	<u>Option 3</u> : Hightower ES Relief by Doraville United ES	439	-13

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ROUND 2 SMALL-GROUP FEEDBACK OBJECTIVE



Collect input based on Board approved criteria

Series of questions for discussion

ROUND 2 SMALL-GROUP FEEDBACK QUESTIONS



1. Which option/focus do you feel best serves students in the Dunwoody Cluster?
2. What are the pros and cons of each option?
 - Option 1: Balance Enrollment
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 - Option 3: Hightower ES Relief by Doraville United ES

ROUND 2 SMALL-GROUP FEEDBACK

GROUND RULES

- Facilitators are objective participants
- Can only consider input related to the criteria
- DCSD commits to receiving and considering all appropriate input
- Staff must balance multiple perspectives and logistical limitations in developing plans, thus not all input can be accommodated
- Respect each others' opinions
- Please write questions on note cards
- Questions will be addressed on the website at www.dekalbschoolsga.org/redistricting

THANK YOU FOR COMING!

NEXT MEETING:

ROUND 3 PUBLIC MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2019 7:00PM
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