

# ABSS REDISTRICTING PLAN

FEBRUARY, 2017



Approved by the  
Alamance-Burlington Board of Education 2.27.2017

# TIMELINE RECAP

## Phase I: 2014-2015

- Developed Joint Facilities Task Force to review facility needs
- Developed plan to dissolve first set of satellite attendance zones mandated by federal government in 1970s for former Burlington City Schools
- Developed plan to reduce overcrowding at Newlin Elementary
- Began discussions on high school overcrowding and need for new high school

## Phase II: 2015-2016

- Implemented attendance zone changes to dissolve first set of satellite zones
- Developed plan to dissolve final set of satellite attendance zones mandated by federal government in 1970s for former Burlington City Schools
- Implemented attendance zone changes to reduce overcrowding at Newlin Elementary
- Discussed capacity issues for Mebane area schools related to announced residential growth
- Held discussions and public forums to gather feedback regarding:
  - a. proposals to address high school overcrowding,
  - b. updating high school attendance boundaries to reflect one school district,
  - c. the need for a new high school in the Eastern/Southern area of county to accommodate current and future student enrollment, and
  - d. plans to convert Graham and Cummings into choice specialty schools to offer expanded opportunities district-wide

# TIMELINE RECAP (CONT.)

## Phase III: Fall of 2016-2017

- Continued discussions and public forums to gather feedback regarding:
  - a. proposals to address high school overcrowding
  - b. updating high school attendance boundaries to reflect one school district
  - c. the need for a new high school in the Eastern/Southern area of county to accommodate current and future student enrollment
  - d. plans to convert Graham and Cummings into choice specialty schools to offer expanded opportunities district-wide
  - e. Opened first phase of Municipal Services Academy at Graham High with Fire Safety program
- Implemented plan to expand capacity at South Mebane to accommodate enrollment increases due to continued residential growth

# TIMELINE RECAP (CONT.)

## **Phase IV: Spring of 2017**

- Presented high school plan recommendation to Board of Education that includes 5 comprehensive high schools (Eastern, Southern, Western, Williams and a new high school to be built between Eastern and Southern with defined attendance boundaries) and conversion of Graham and Cummings high school campuses to provide skilled trades programs at Graham and a School of the Arts at Cummings to be modeled after the Durham School of the Arts—these 2 schools would not have defined attendance boundaries. The plan includes additions and upgrades to core facilities at the existing high school campuses to accommodate student enrollment and to meet academic program needs

### ***Plan approved January 2017***

- Presented high school plan to the Board of Education to proceed with attendance boundary changes (not dependent on construction of a new high school) for the 2017-2018 school year and grandfather students one time in grade span if parents provide transportation

### ***Final Plan approved February 27, 2017***

- Board of Education approved attendance boundary changes (not dependent on construction of a new high school) for the 2017-2018 school year (including approval of an added area near Kirkpatrick Road and Pond Road off Huffman Mill Road) and approved grandfathering options for rising 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to stay at current middle school and for rising 10, 11 and 12<sup>th</sup> graders to stay at current high school if parents provide transportation
- Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders will go to Turrentine Middle; rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders will go to Williams High.

# ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY CHANGES APPROVED FOR 2017-2018

**Large-scale maps outlining the new attendance boundaries are available for review in the lobby at the ABSS Administrative Office at 1712 Vaughn Road, Burlington.**

**Large-scale maps are available for review in the office at each high school.**

# STUDENT ASSIGNMENT EFFECTIVE FOR 2017-2018

From School	To School	Total
Highland 5th grade	TMS	38
Highland 5th grade	TMS	9
WAMS 6 & 7th grade	TMS	74
SAMS 6 & 7th grade	TMS	12
WAMS 8th grade	WWHS	40
WAHS	WWHS	113
SAMS 8th grade	WWHS	9
SHS	WWHS	24
<b>Total</b>		<b>319</b>

# PROJECTED CHANGES TO ENROLLMENT AND CAPACITY 2017-2108

School	Month 4 Enrollment 2016-2017	Projected Enrollment 2017-2018	Current Capacity 2016-2017	Projected Capacity 2017-2018
WWHS	1148	1343	97.29%	113.81%
TMS	750	874	70.6%	81.99%
WAHS	1277	1119	117.70%	103.13%
WAMS	902	790	86.73%	75.96%
SAHS	1521	1484	138.27%	134.91%
SAMS	746	734	89.66%	88.22%

# STUDENT OPTIONS

- Rising 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders may remain at current high school if they provide transportation.
- Rising 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders may stay at current school if parents provide transportation. When students reach 9<sup>th</sup> grade, then they will attend Williams High School.
- Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders will go to Turrentine Middle School.
- Rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders will go to Williams High School.

**March 31 will be the deadline for families to request grandfather option; forms will be available online and at home schools, beginning March 1.**



# PLANS TO WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

- Information about events will be shared with families in new attendance boundary areas by ConnectED and letter
- **March 9:** Turrentine Middle and Williams High will host a welcome event at Western Middle for families in the new attendance boundaries at 5:30 pm
- **March 13:** Turrentine Middle and Williams High will host welcome events for families at their respective schools
  - TMS 5:30-6:15 pm
  - WWHS 6:45-7:30 pm