

Spring 2023
NSD Outreach re Redistricting

This month Dr. Andrade has held a meeting with the Mount Pleasant Elementary School community and held community forums regarding redistricting. He held them to hear community member comments, leading up to an anticipated decision with the Nashua Board of Education approving a plan in June to reset school attendance boundary lines in the Nashua School District.

In addition, Adriana Castrillon Reyes, NSD ELL Communications Coordinator, hosted and organized a meeting with the NSD family engagement coordinators, with the support of Chas Miller, Principal at Ledge Street and the ELL teachers at Ledge Street, on April 20 at Ledge Street Elementary School for Ledge Street families. Dr. Andrade served as guest speaker. More than 75 family members attended with the focus of the agenda devoted to school district topics as well as bringing news of redistricting school attendance boundary lines. Dr. Andrade answered their questions, which focused primarily on the timeline and which middle school their children would be attending. Adriana is also working with Daniel Boutin, NSD ELL teacher, to organize a future meeting between Dr. Andrade and NSD family members who speak Swahili to bring them up to date with redistricting plans.

Noted below is a summary of feedback from the recent meetings and forums held in May 2023:

6-7:30 pm, Tuesday, May 9 at Mount Pleasant Elementary School gymnasium, specifically for Mount Pleasant staff and families, hosted by Amanda Cirrone, Mount Pleasant principal

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Community Forum held at Nashua HS South, attended by about 25 school staff, family, and community members from across the school district.

Comments that afternoon focused primarily on several topics:

Asking for clarification of reasons for redistricting

- Rationale for FRL as criteria
- Consider grandfathering families

Asking about timeline for redistricting, and effective date

Asking about attendance variances

- Process and criteria for acquiring a variance to attend different school from neighborhood school
- Available for families looking to grandfather siblings

Identifying hotspots to consider among suggested elementary and middle school redistricting scenarios

- Birch Hill and Broad Street: Majestic Avenue and streets bordering Broad Street
- Bicentennial: East Dunstable Road
- Fairgrounds Middle: Request for added upgrades to bring parity across all three middle schools as part of the middle school renovation and construction project
- Mount Pleasant Elementary: reexamine class sizes among adjacent schools that students would be redesignated to if Mount Pleasant Elementary closed

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