

Potential Boundary Changes FMHS / GJHS / Fruita 8-9 – Mesa 51 School District



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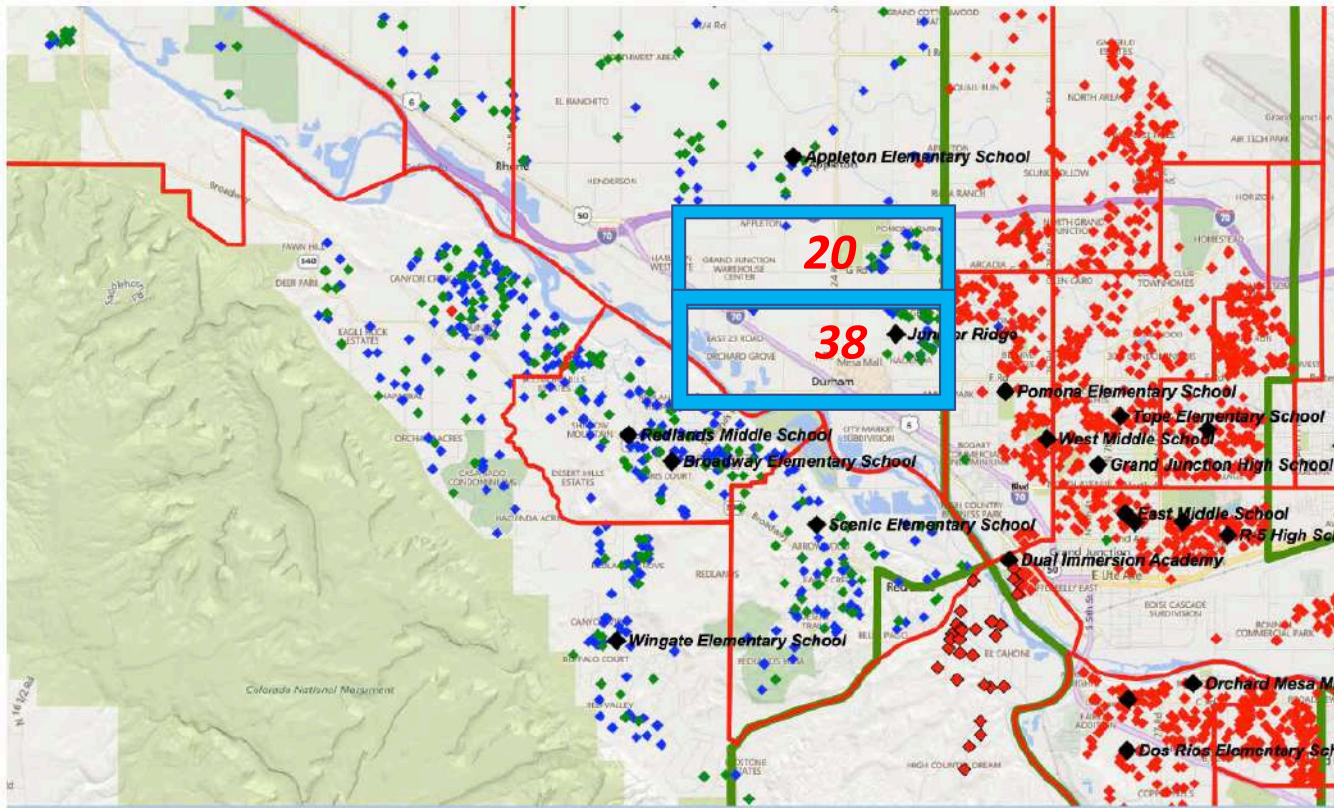
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The Proposal

- The district has proposed a boundary change that would reassign portions of the Appleton Elementary attendance area to Pomona in order to balance enrollment and growth.
- The district has proposed the inclusion of the high school students in the Pomona boundary change area in the move. This would transfer an additional 38 to 58 students to GJHS. Moving the southern portion of this area would clean up the feeder system and increase enrollment at Grand Junction HS.
- Middle school assignment in the area is currently Fruita Middle for grades 6 & 7 and Fruita 8/9 for 8th grade. The potential to transfer approximately 50 students in the proposed boundary change area to West Middle School may also be proposed.

- GJHS Students – Shown in Red
- FMHS Students Shown in Blue
- Fruita 8/9 School Students Shown in Green



Proposed High School Change - Transfer the 38 high school students south of G road and potentially the 20 students north of G road – to GJHS from FMHS including 9th graders at Fruita 8/9

- Pros:**
1. Makes Feeder Consistent Given Pomona Boundary Change
 2. Additional Enrollment at GJHS
- Cons:**
1. Additional Change
 2. Potential Transportation Costs

Details / Rationale

- Rationale - Relative school sizes among the three Mesa 51 full-sized high school buildings differs significantly and GJHS has a aging housing stock that produces fewer students
 - Enrollment at GJHS this fall was lower
 - (1402 total, average grade size 350)
 - Central HS (1610 total, average grade size 403)
 - FMHS (1378 total, average grade size 460)
 - Palisade High was constructed smaller and has a different operating model as it includes the IB curriculum
- This change would further improve enrollment balance at GJHS and allow students to attend closer to home and reduce future growth pressure on FMHS
- The additional boundary change to GJHS may add 1 high school bus at a cost of \$47,000 per year
- A final transportation analysis will be provided by STA Transportation on January 18th

Process

- The Board of Education has requested that stakeholders consider this option
- The Change would be phased and would not affect students currently attending FMHS or 9th grade students at the 8/9 school
- No decisions have been made
- Virtual parent meetings and a **survey** will help guide Board decision
- School Board will consider stakeholder input and make a decision in January

Questions / Discussion / Survey

