

**Motion**  
**Agenda Item IV. C. 13. e (Proposals 13 - 15 & 42- 43)**  
**Superintendent's Recommendation**

**Change Attendance Boundaries for  
Whitewater and Ranson Middle Schools;  
Establish Partial Magnet Program at Whitewater Middle**

May 24, 2017

I move approval of the Superintendent's proposal, effective with the 2018-2019 school year, to:

- modify the home school boundary for Ranson Middle School to include the entire Allenbrook Elementary attendance area, which is currently assigned to Whitewater Middle; and
- establish a partial magnet school at Whitewater middle with a theme to be determined with principal, faculty and community input; and
- assign a portion of the Allenbrook Elementary attendance area south of Freedom Drive to Westerly Hills Academy with continuation to Wilson Middle and Harding University High; and
- assign Westerly Hills Academy and Reid Park Academy grades 6-8 to Wilson Middle School, thereby converting these schools to grade levels K-5; and
- establish a partial magnet school at Wilson Middle with a school-wide Computer Science and Coding theme.

**Details of the Proposed Changes**

A. Home School Boundary Change for Ranson Middle and Whitewater Middle schools

1. Projected Effective Date  
Beginning of the 2018 - 2019 school year
2. Affected Areas  
Students living in the Allenbrook Elementary home school area will feed to Ranson Middle instead of Whitewater Middle
3. Default Assignment for rising 5<sup>th</sup> grades students at Allenbrook  
See Motion IV. C. 1
4. Default Assignment for all rising 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Whitewater and sibling rules  
See Motion IV. C. 1
5. High School Assignment  
Students in the Allenbrook home school area attending Ranson will continue to West Charlotte for high school. (This is not a change for these students.)

B. Partial Magnet School at Whitewater Middle

1. Projected Effective Date  
Beginning of the 2018 - 2019 school year
2. Magnet Theme  
The theme will be determined based on principal, faculty and community engagement.
3. Grade Levels  
Students in grades 6 & 7 for the 2018-2019 school year, expanding to grades 6 – 8 in the 2019-2020 school year.
4. Transportation Zone  
Transportation and priority for admission will be given to students from the Violet Transportation Zone and the portion of the West Mecklenburg high school attendance area in the Blue Transportation Zone, according to the lottery priorities in Exhibit JCA-E.
5. Continuation Guarantee  
Will be established by the Board prior to the 2020-2021 school year.

C. Home School Boundary Change for Allenbrook Elementary

1. Projected Effective Date  
Beginning of the 2018 - 2019 school year
2. Affected Areas  
Students living in the Allenbrook Elementary home school area south of Tuckaseegee Road will be assigned to Westerly Hills Academy.
3. Default Assignment for all rising grades 6 - 8 students and sibling rules  
See Motion IV. C. 1
4. Middle and High School Assignments  
Students in the affected area will move from Whitewater Middle and West Charlotte High to Wilson Middle and Harding University High.

D. Grade Configuration Change for Westerly Hills Academy and Reid Park Academy and Open Wilson Middle School

1. Projected Effective Date  
Beginning of the 2018 - 2019 school year
2. Affected Areas
  - a. Assign Westerly Hills Academy and Reid Park Academy grades 6-8 to

Wilson Middle School. Students in this area already attending Harding University High will continue to attend Harding University High.

- b. Assign the upper northeast portion of the 2017-2018 Renaissance West STEAM Academy attendance area to Westerly Hills for grades K-5 and to Wilson Middle for grades 6-8. No high school change for this area (remain with West Mecklenburg High).
  - c. Assign the portion of the Tuckaseegee Elementary/Whitewater Middle attendance area surrounding Wilson Middle to Wilson Middle for grades 6-8. Students in this attendance area will continue to attend Tuckaseegee Elementary and West Mecklenburg High.
  - d. Assign the eastern edge of the Westerly Hills Elementary attendance area from West Charlotte High to Harding University High.
3. Default Assignment for all rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Tuckaseegee and rising 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Whitewater and sibling rules  
See Motion IV. C. 1
  4. High School Assignment  
There is no change in the high school assignment for students in the Allenbrook home school area attending Ranson. They will continue to West Charlotte for high school.

E. Partial Magnet School at Wilson Middle

1. Projected Effective Date  
Beginning of the 2018 - 2019 school year
2. Magnet Theme  
Computer Science and Coding
3. Grade Levels  
Students in grades 6 & 7 for the 2018-2019 school year, expanding to grades 6 – 8 in the 2019-2020 school year.
4. Transportation Zone  
Transportation and priority for admission will be given to students from the Blue Transportation Zone and the portion of the West Mecklenburg high school attendance area in the Violet Transportation Zone, according to the lottery priorities in JCA-E.
5. Continuation Guarantee  
Students will continue to the Harding University High School Institute of Technology.

