

High School Boundary Options

Online Survey Feedback

as of 4/24/19

OPTION 1

- 1) What is difficult to discern from this picture is whether the area south of W. Maple Road represents Buffett's middle school area. It seems strange, then, that some students would go to Buffett, but then not go to the new 156 and Ida high school.
- 2) Do not like the Picotte assignment.
- 3) Picotte kids are not in the new high school. We pay high taxes in this area, I would love for my 5th grader to go the new high school that was promised to us.
- 4) No school is above 90% capacity.
- 5) Need Picotte to go to new high school.
- 6) Friendships in middle school are important. Starting a high school with no middle school friend put the Picotte kids at a disadvantage. It's a small class currently. The likelihood they would see or have classes with Picotte kids is minimal.
- 7) Lewis and Clark has the Baccalaureate Program. These kids must go to Central to continue the program. Please keep the Central boundary the same as it is, so my children that go to Lewis and Clark can continue to go to Central.
- 8) I like option 1 because it keeps utilization spread around. No school is above 87% utilization, so each school is at a comfortable level of "breathing space" with room for growth.
- 9) Picotte should be included with the 156th and Ida high school, so middle school kids can continue on to high school with their friends. If the plan is to continue school choice, why do we need to eliminate shared boundary options.
- 10) Picotte will not be in the new high school zone. This will mean they will not continue to high school with friends from middle school. I would like my kids to continue through school with the same friends.
- 11) Appreciate Fullerton Elementary being included at the new high school.
- 12) As an advocate for the students and families that Picotte serves, I feel this option does not consider the social/emotional effect on Picotte home attendance area students. In this option, Picotte students will have attended Alice Buffett with other schools for four years. They will have formed friendship and built relationships.
- 13) My current high school student chose to go to Central High School because Central provide bus service and is a great school. For my middle school child, even if transportation is not available, the new school is closer to our home than to Burke and considering transportation a much better alternative.
- 14) Currently, my child is attending Picotte and will then attend Buffett, By the time for high school, a majority of her classmates will be split between Burke and the new school. What is the point of creating friendships throughout school, only to be split? NOT in favor of this scenario at all. Picotte and Buffett should automatically feed to the new high school.
- 15) Still not filling up Benson High Magnet.

- 16) This has the areas of OPS who campaigned for the new high school included in the boundary lines, as was discussed at previous meetings.
- 17) Fullerton being party of the new high school. Hillsborough neighborhood is too far away from Burke.
- 18) Students would attend a high school that is not the closest to our home.
- 19) Picotte should go to the new high school.
- 20) Picotte Elementary not going to the new high school on Ida.
- 21) Need to include Picotte at new high school not Burke, there is a reason people in west Omaha opt out of Omaha high schools. This option will continue that trend.
- 22) I like that Hillsborough is part of the new high school.
- 23) I think Picotte should be part of the new school zone, especially with them going to Buffett Middle School.
- 24) I want to go to the closest school. I voted for a closer school and want to go to the closest school.
- 25) Burke is farther than 156th & Ida location from our house.
- 26) Sunny Slope is our home area, none of the middle school zone options are also in our home high school Burke area.
- 27) I want more local kids to be part of the school. Keeping kids together creates a better social bond.
- 28) Keep the high school shared option.
- 29) I'm hoping that Hillsborough will be included in the boundaries to go to the new school.
- 30) Only one elementary school has to split high schools.
- 31) Middle school of Lewis and Clark not in same boundary as high school where most kids would filter.
- 32) I prefer this option because it spreads the proposed capacity of all school more evenly, which provides for future growth.
- 33) Option 1 should include Picotte school district as well.
- 34) I like how the majority of kids will be able to stay in school together from elementary through high school, just one school will be divided.
- 35) The Hillsborough subdivision should 100% be in the new high school and absolutely not districted to Burke.
- 36) Being that my two children now attend Picotte, this option does not include us for the new high school on Ida. The new high school would be more convenient for us, since we live on 156th street.
- 37) Right now, Picotte Elementary feeds into Buffett Middle School. We would like Picotte to continue to feed into Buffett, and in turn, feed into the new high school at 156th and Ida.
- 38) Like the live-in utilization rate; however, does not include Picotte school attendance area.
- 39) Picotte are is not included in new high school and is closer to the new school than over-populated Burke High.
- 40) I cannot see this map. It is too small on my device and I am unable to zoom in. That being said, I live at 155th and Binney Streets. My children attend Picotte Elementary. The school being built at 156th and Ida should include Picotte.
- 41) The area in west side between Maple and Blondo not going to new school does not make sense.

- 42) Picotte needs to go to the new high school. Since Picotte feeds into Buffett, then Buffett should feed all into the new high school.
- 43) Picotte is our home elementary and we will be opting into Millard if the new high school boundary is not favorable.
- 44) I dislike that Picotte is not part of the plan for the new high school.
- 45) I do not like that the new high school will have Standing Bear, Saddlebrook, Fullerton (more of the better school) and then Burke is left with leftovers, not as high performing schools.
- 46) We live on the south side of Maple and my kids attend Standing Bear – I want them to attend the same high school as the Standing Bear kids.
- 47) It doesn't look evenly distributed.
- 48) Current enrollment in some the high schools is over the max. I would like to see the new high school on Ida be completed prior to 2022. It has been in the works for years and is not finally starting to have work done, but still very slow.
- 49) Unsure whether my area of the Old Market remains in the Central area.
- 50) This option causes too much disruption and not enough benefit.
- 51) We live in the area for the new high school, so I want to make sure my kids are able to attend that school.
- 52) As the parent of students who will be affected, I support this. My kids would now be going to a school much closer to our home (new school vs. Central) and it looks like most kids would be assigned to a close school.
- 53) It seems that including the majority of the Burke High section south of Maple St. from 168th to 132nd (or at least the western half or so) would make more sense to move to the new high school.
- 54) My particular interest is for Washington Elementary to stay with Central. Many neighborhood activities, such as little league, group Washington student with friends at Dundee and I'd like to see them continue together.
- 55) I like that the elementary population stays together going to high school.

OPTION 2

- 1) We are mostly interested in the new high school boundaries. This makes the most sense to us as a family, and hopefully will stop the far northwest Omaha families from seeking out Elkhorn or Millard.
- 2) Option supports west Omaha best, to minimize more families opting out of OPS for areas such as Elkhorn and Millard school districts.
- 3) Would love for my 5th grader to attend the high school that was promised to us west Omaha people!
- 4) Breaks up Central a lot.
- 5) Brand new high school is over 90% live-in capacity.
- 6) Picotte staying with their middle school classmates. Live-in utilization is higher, but not necessarily will those kids all pick their home school.
- 7) Lewis & Clark is a Baccalaureate school, the children in the program will need to go to Central to be a part of the program. Please ensure kids from Lewis & Clark have the opportunity to still go to Central.
- 8) It takes a lot away from Burke's home attendance area.

- 9) I don't support this option because the new high school at Ida will be at utilization capacity of 92%. That area of northwest Omaha will continue to grow, and the new high school will be overcrowded very soon.
- 10) High schools are closest to the homes of the areas.
- 11) Like that Picotte is going to same high school as middle school friends if staying in home attendance area.
- 12) This would put Picotte in the zone for the new high school and will ensure they stay with their friends from middle school. I also feel many families from my neighborhood will stay with OPS instead of moving to surrounding districts.
- 13) Appreciate Fullerton Elementary at new high school, not Burke or Northwest.
- 14) This option keeps ALL students from Buffett Middle School together as they transition to high school
- 15) The location of the new high school is closer to our home and better suited for future transportation needs that my child will need to get to school.
- 16) Looking at the elementary and middle schools that would feed into the new high school on Ida, this should be the ONLY option being considered, for many reasons. From a mapping standpoint alone, option 2 is the only one that makes sense.
- 17) All of Hillsborough should be able to attend the new high school. Our neighborhood was told repeatedly for years, we would get one. We were told would be open next year. These MAPS and PRESENTATION of the MAPS are ridiculous!!! I cannot see a stinking thing.
- 18) I like the fact that Picotte stays within the new high school. This way all of the kids who attend Buffett have the option of staying with the classmates K-12. I am from a smaller town and I think having a group of kids sticking together is very beneficial.
- 19) This is by far the most logical option. It is a better zone disbursement with most homes attending the high school closest to them.
- 20) Picotte is at the new high school.
- 21) Both Picotte and Buffett go to the new high school.
- 22) Picotte at new high school is the best option for west O.
- 23) I like that Picotte Elementary and Buffett Middle school go to the new high school.
- 24) 156th and Ida location is closer to our house than Burke and way closer than Northwest. Also, our children will likely have many of the same classmates throughout their education since Picotte, Buffett Magnet and 156th and Ida share pretty much the same households.
- 25) Ditto to #1.
- 26) More local kids stay together. Fullerton area desperately needs a new high school that includes transportation. We couldn't send our oldest to his home school because he couldn't get transportation.
- 27) Better live-in utilization rates. Lees need for kids to travel long distances.
- 28) I don't lie this plan because the new high school is almost at capacity the day it opens, and there is still a lot of room for more housing to be built around that school, which means it will quickly be over capacity.
- 29) I like how the utilization us highest in this map and there is still only 2 schools being divided between elementary and high school.

- 30) Being that my two children now attend Picotte, this option includes us for the new high school. The new high school would be more convenient for us since we live on 156th Street. My children are 3.5 years apart so it would also be more convenient for us if we were at the new school.
- 31) We like that Picotte is include in the Buffett/new high school area.
- 32) I like that the new high school attendance area has been extended to Picotte.
- 33) Like that it includes Picotte attendance area.
- 34) This includes the Picotte area which is closer to the new school than to Burke – I support only this option.
- 35) See option 1 response.
- 36) This option makes the most sense.
- 37) Prefer Picotte Elementary to feed into the new high school rather than Burke.
- 38) This one makes most sense. Picotte attendance area is closer to the new high school at 156/Ida so they should go there. This also helps keep friends from elementary (Picotte), middle school (Buffet) together at new high school.
- 39) The addition of Picotte Elementary School makes sense for the new high school area at 156th and Ida. Burke is actually a further distance away than the new school.
- 40) This plan still keeps my kids at Burke but the new high school won't be open in time. Still have to opt into Millard for high school due to poor high school choices for 2020.
- 41) I like that the new high school has bigger boundaries that end at Blondo. This will help home values at Huntington Park and other neighborhoods south of Maple by going to the new high school instead of Burke or Northwest.
- 42) I live on the south side of Maple and my kids attend Standing Bear – I want to make sure that they will attend the same high school as Standing Bear kids.
- 43) It seems just like option 1 with few changes.
- 44) Unsure whether my area of the Old Market remains in the Central area.
- 45) This option has too large of a catchment area for the new south high school.
- 46) The attendance areas for option2 make much more logistical sense, in my opinion.
- 47) See previous comment re. Washington staying in Central's zone. Also, I will have a Central High School student through 2023 and would like to see our neighborhood stay in that zone.
- 48) I like that the elementary population stays together going to high school.

OPTION 3

- 1) Same option as the first one – it looks like some of Buffett's attendance will get split going into 9th grade which seems strange.
- 2) Again not a fan of keep Picotte at Burke, they are much closer to the new high school. Still do not understand why Burke does not have busing for student who live a mile away when all other high schools do, even our shared neighborhood high schools do.
- 3) Picotte kids are not included in this plan.
- 4) Close to schools.
- 5) Not all schools are under 90 live-in capacity. Seems more shuffling than option 1.
- 6) Same as option 1. As much as we love Picotte, I would not recommend buying a home in that attendance area based on proposed options 1 and 3. They are at a disadvantage compared to the other elementary school in the area that will stay with middle school in that area. Happy

the bond passed. Worked hard to promote but disappointed with the proposals impact on Picotte families.

- 7) This option makes the most sense and keeps the future Central boundaries to what they are now. Thanks.
- 8) The distance from the new schools is closer to neighboring grade schools and middle schools. This boundary map makes sense.
- 9) Too many elementary schools are split among high school boundaries, which is irritating.
- 10) Too far.
- 11) Would like to see Picotte in same high school area as middle school friends. Like to see Lewis and Clark still feeding Central.
- 12) This does not put Picotte in the new high school zone.
- 13) Appreciate Fullerton Elementary at new high school.
- 14) I live in Aksarben. The other two options are confusing and completely divide our neighborhood. I went to Central and want my daughter too as well.
- 15) As an advocate for the students and families that Picotte serves, I feel this option is does not consider the social/emotional effect on Picotte home attendance area students. In this scenario, Picotte students will have attended Alice Bufet. Please consider the impact of removing a group of students from their peers as they transition into high school. I completely understand the district's desire to make sure the school is diverse social economically and racially BUT is also disheartening because life is tough for young kids why make it tougher.
- 16) I cannot make it any more clear - Looking at the elementary and middle schools that would feed into the new Omaha Northwest High School, this should be the ONLY option being considered, for so many reasons. From a mapping standpoint alone, Option 2 is the only option that makes sense. Picotte and Buffett should automatically feed into the new Omaha Northwest High School. Period. Please seriously consider Option 2 as the only true option. Thank you.
- 17) Please provide this information in a format that can actually be seen. The slides should have the text on one slide and the map or table on separate slides. Should be able to zoom in on the maps and tables.
- 18) Picotte should go to the new high school.
- 19) Thank you for all of the planning you do! I'm excited to offer new schools to our students. It is great for OPS and great for OPS area property values.
- 20) Please put kids in the schools closest to their homes.
- 21) Option 2 is the only option presented that was favorable to anyone west of 144th and north of Blondo in terms of proximity and ease of getting to. It also appears from the map and statistics in Option 2 that North can take additional live-in utilization from either Northwest or Benson, thus allowing those high schools to shift their western boundaries further westward, alleviating the higher live-in utilization of 156th & Ida. Burke could then take anything east of 144th and south of Maple and/or Fort, further evening out live-in utilization.
- 22) It is nice to have a choice of high school to attend.
- 23) Avoiding schools being over capacity is extremely important. Also important is making sure all of the schools have the same level of opportunity in all class area's so that kids don't feel like they need to go to a school outside of their home area to learn what they want to learn.
- 24) We love our neighborhood elementary, Picotte. Prior to knowing about a potential new HS being built in NW Omaha, we were planning on moving because Burke was not a convenient option for us for when our two children are older. We also have had some less than fantastic

experiences in our extended family and friends with children that attended Burke. It doesn't make sense to add more students to Burke when there are already improvements that need to be made. We were thrilled when we heard about the new HS assuming since we are so close to the new location that we would be able to attend. It's unfortunate that this may not be the case. I hope it doesn't come down for us to move so we can attend the new HS. We are very happy with our current neighborhood and have made great friends here.

- 25) My children currently attend Picotte elementary. They will move on to the buffet middle school. With the new high school being built on 156th/Ida, it would be presumed they should attend there for high school. My children will never be bussed to school. I drove my oldest child to school all 13 years and plan to do the same with my 2 younger children. With the option of a school 5 minutes from my home vs 120th/Burke, it only makes sense for neighborhood schools to attend the neighborhood high school.
- 26) Only option that makes sense for Picotte students is option 2!
- 27) I think that the new high school should've been up and running like the original plan. Now, after being told it would be up and running by the time my kids would go to school, I found out that it's years behind so really I voted yes when I should've voted no. I have to opt in to Millard for a decent high school choice. No thanks to ops not being able to complete anything on time.
- 28) Please include the Huntington Park neighborhood in the boundary for the new high school at 156th and Ida.
- 29) I do think school choice is important since the district thinks it's important to offer different things at different schools. If all the schools offered the same programs and learning opportunities I am sure people might not care what school their child went to, but most of us as parents are trying to do what is best for our children and some schools in this district just do not offer the best. And so we do not want our children to attend certain schools even if they are in our neighborhood.
- 30) I need to see a better map with all street names on it. For those of us close to the borders, it is difficult to tell which area our house now falls in.
- 31) South High school is horribly overcrowded in the way that students are being taught in old closets. Anything that can be done to better serve the area, for the sake of the current students and staff, as well as the future students of South Omaha, will be incredibly helpful. The new high school at 60th and L is long overdue and re-drawing the district lines to reflect the new high school will take the heat off of South specifically and hopefully distribute students more equally among South, Central, Bryan, and the new high school.
- 32) When do you propose this take effect? How will that work for the 2020-2021 school year? My son will be going to high school that year. No to option 1 or 2! Yes to option 3!
- 33) As we live in the area of the new northwest high school I want to make sure that my kids are able to attend that school. I am ok with allowing kids from other areas to attend but want to make sure that neighborhood kids get first choice.
- 34) Please take distance into consideration when making these assignments. Students shouldn't have to pass other schools to get to their assigned location.
- 35) Thank you for collecting parent feedback!

High School Boundary Options Online Survey Feedback from 4/25/19 to 5/7/19

OPTION 1

- 1) You have reassigned the Fairacres neighborhood to Benson from Central. Before going to Benson, it is likely these families will either choose parochial schools or option enroll into district 66. I do like that Washington Elementary stays at Central, but do not like the Belle Ryan and Beals areas moving to the new high school.
- 2) Would like Dundee to continue at Central High.
- 3) Wish to retain Central High as boundary school.
- 4) While efficiency is admirable, it depends years of community involvement. What are we if not community?
- 5) We want to stay in our current high school. This would be a change.
- 6) We want our children to go to Central High School. If that changes, we will move or switch to Catholic Schools.
- 7) We purchased house based on high school and paid extra to be in Central's area. If you change then we would be Benson. Why not stop taking students from 150th and Maple, Elkhorn, etc. that are outside of the areas?
- 8) We moved to this street so that we could send our children to Central.
- 9) We moved to this area to have Central as our home school.
- 10) We moved to our house in part to be in the Central High School district as did many in our area.
- 11) We moved to our current neighborhood and pay very high property taxes knowing that Central High School would be our option.
- 12) We live in Dundee. Part of the reason my friends and family want to live here is that we know our children will go to Central, period.
- 13) We live at 506 N. Elmwood Road (Fairacres) and are currently in Central High School district. We moved to Fairacres in part so that our children could attend Central High School. My husband and I both attended Lincoln High School, which is the large, downtown high school in Lincoln. We loved attending LHS, and want the same kind of high school experience for our 2 sons.
- 14) We are committed to Central.
- 15) Want to stay in Central.
- 16) Want to continue to have Central High in our district.
- 17) Very disruptive of current boundaries.
- 18) Unfair to parents/children who moved to a certain district to not be able to go the high school of choice. Decrease transfers if schools beyond capacity.
- 19) Too far from our neighborhood.
- 20) Three generations of Central High graduates, and I do not want my great-grandchildren to be deprived of the same opportunities that the old Columbian Grade School at 38 Ave and Jones St. and Central High School provided me. I live at the junction of Underwood Avenue and JE George Blvd., and my daughter lives at 61st and Chicago Streets. I strongly believe that the Happy Hollow Addition as well as Dillon's Fairacres, Fairacres Terrace, and Fairacres addition should remain within the Central High School boundaries.
- 21) This option removes traditionally Central neighborhoods from being able to attend Central High School.
- 22) There is no need to take Central away from being the main option for children in this area.
- 23) The open enrollment of for OPS students is a complete waste of taxpayer dollars. OPS spends tens, of millions of dollars each year to transport students across the entire city of Omaha. The current budget crisis in OPS could all but be solved with the removal of open enrollment.

Secondly, OPS administrators have longed used open enrollment as a tool to aid certain schools (Burke and Central) while keeping higher populations of poverty ridden families, and all of the challenges that come with them, in other schools (Benson, Northwest, North). While the TAC building will claim that open enrollment reduces the possibility of racially segregated schools, the district administration, in fact, uses open enrollment to control populations and boost their favorite institutions. The new, northwest high school will be made up of predominantly west Omaha, white, suburban families. The district will put on a facade of open enrollment, while behind closed doors they will recruit certain students and close the building to families who live in other areas. This has been a practice for decades which has led to the decline of several schools in population, behavior, and racial integration.

- 24) The map for option 1 appears to place Lewis and Clark Middle School within the Benson High School boundary. What is the middle school feeder school for Central High School? In option 1, will Lewis and Clark split at high school and feed students to both Benson and Central (as it does under the current HS boundaries?) The map is not clear about this. Will all the middle school boundaries change, or just the boundaries accommodating the new middle school? Under option 1 how many other middle schools split at high school besides Lewis and Clark? I do not see the value of promoting elementary schools feeding 100% to a high school, which option 1 presumes to do with the exception of Druid Hill, when that feeding is disrupted at the middle school level. Under current boundaries, Western Hills Magnet School splits at middle school and high school. As a magnet school it is designed to draw students from across the district, making its boundaries softer and less defined by definition. Western Hills should maintain this split at the middle school and high school levels. The southern portion of the Western Hills attendance area (south of Western Ave.) should NOT be reassigned to Benson High. The current Western Hills/Lewis and Clark neighborhood south of Western Ave. should remain within the Central High boundary.
- 25) The boundary area/lines are confusing and difficult to explain.
- 26) The boundaries should remain linear along Dodge including Dundee Elementary, Lewis and Clark Middle, and Central High School. It does not make sense to divide Central into such a small area downtown excluding many Dundee residents. Many families have moved to Dundee for the sole purpose of having their children attend Central High School. Many parents and grandparents in the neighborhood have attended Central and would be extremely upset if their kids and grandkids are excluded from attending the high school they have a longstanding association with. This is a poor option.
- 27) That it does not include Picotte Elementary. The new high school on 156th & Ida is much closer to our home than Burke. Also, I really hate to see kids that attended Elementary and Middle School together be separated at high school. Those relationships are so very important! It can be such a hard transition into high school as it is and this would only make it that much more difficult. Peer relationships from childhood should remain intact if we can help it.
- 28) Students in my residential area have been attending Central High School for decades and it is a family tradition and history. We should be allowed to continue to attend Central.
- 29) Strongly dislike splitting off southern Western Hills enrollment neighborhood from Central High School and reassigning this neighborhood to Benson High School.
- 30) Removes our students from Central High into Benson
- 31) Removes areas that have always gone to Central. People move into these neighborhoods because they want to go to Central.
- 32) Please keep Dundee a Central High home neighborhood.
- 33) Picotte students would go to Buffett, then split and go to Burke.

- 34) Our neighborhood on JE George has extremely strong ties to Omaha Central thru both existing students and alumni who moved here so kids could go to Central.
- 35) Our neighborhood between Western Avenue and Dodge Street and between 69th Street and east will no longer be at Central. Our oldest child is graduating from Central and we would like our youngest to graduate from the same school.
- 36) Our immediate neighborhood is no longer in the Central High attendance area.
- 37) Option 1 would move my home school to Benson.
- 38) Not having Central as our assigned high school would dramatically lower property values in our neighborhood!
- 39) Not a fan of Lewis and Clark leaving the Dundee area.
- 40) My child's high school would change.
- 41) Movement of the Central High area.
- 42) Lewis and Clark should not be split - please keep the south Western Hills area as Central.
- 43) Leaving the Beals neighborhood out of feeding into Central High School is not ideal. Many families move into that specific neighborhood so their children will eventually go to Central.
- 44) It would change our kids high school from Central to Benson and we strongly prefer to send our children to Central.
- 45) It moves more kids to Benson High School which is in danger of declining enrollments. Central High School has too many students, and in my opinion receives preferential treatment.
- 46) It leaves me out of the Dundee and Central areas.
- 47) It is not clear why the Fairacres - Central area would be transferred to Benson.
- 48) Including Dillion Fairacres and not the super wealth Fairacres neighborhood in Benson is a joke. Why because it would include a certain household. Criminal.
- 49) I would not be in Omaha Central zone.
- 50) I want my zone to remain Central.
- 51) I think we should remain in Central High School district.
- 52) I think the boundary in the Memorial Park area should remain the same.
- 53) I strongly dislike the Morton Meadows neighborhood being divided between 2 high schools. Children living a few houses apart will be designated to different high schools. Also, please do not minimize the impact on property values, many families bought homes in this neighborhood because Central is the home school.
- 54) I plan on sending my middle school child to Central next year, my elem. child would go to a different school. I have a bus route near my home that goes directly to Central.
- 55) I moved into my home to be in Central's district. My daughter went to Central, and I am a strong supporter of Central High.
- 56) I moved here considering Central as the high school for my kids and not Benson. I do not want that changed.
- 57) I like that the utilization is below 90% for all high school attendance areas.
- 58) I have kids ranging from 7 to 17 with the oldest attending Central. I want my kids to attend the same school as a matter of principle and tradition. I live in my neighborhood because of the schools. It would be sad that I would have to up and move from our house after 20 years to keep my kids in the boundary we chose.
- 59) I do not wish to lose Central High School as our neighborhood high school.
- 60) High school option changed to Benson is unacceptable. We moved to this neighborhood for Central High School.
- 61) Going to Benson.
- 62) Generations of families have gone thru CHS and want to keep Central as their high school.

- 63) Dundee should be kept in the Central High School area as it traditionally has been.
- 64) Dundee area out of Central High boundary. Strongly dislike.
- 65) Don't understand why changing boundaries helps. Penalizes families currently living in district. Why not decrease transfers if schools above capacity?
- 66) Dislike changing our local high school (Fairacres Road) to Benson High School from Central High School.
- 67) Current Central families would be shifted to Benson. That would be awful.
- 68) Central loses traditional neighborhoods.
- 69) Boundaries seem to arbitrary. Better to have dividing lines at major streets
- 70) Bought our house for Central and now it would not be.

OPTION 2

- 1) Washington attendance area should stay with Central High School. Moving Washington to the new high school and moving the Fairacres neighborhood to Benson will cause families to either enroll in parochial schools or option enroll into district 66.
- 2) Wish to retain Central High as boundary school.
- 3) While efficiency is admirable, it upends years of community involvement. What are we if not community?
- 4) We want our children to go to Central High School. If that changes, we will move or switch to Catholic Schools.
- 5) Whoever drew these boundaries should be removed from their position. Seriously. Why not make Western the boundary for Benson. Straight lines make it easier.
- 6) We want our children to go to Central.
- 7) We moved to Bemis Park to have Central as our home school.
- 8) We moved to our house in part to be in the Central High School district as did many in our area.
- 9) We moved to our current neighborhood and pay very high property taxes knowing that Central High School would be our option.
- 10) We live at 506 N. Elmwood Road (Fairacres) and are currently in Central High School district. We moved to Fairacres in part so that our children could attend Central High School. My husband and I both attended Lincoln High School, which is the large, downtown high school in Lincoln. We loved attending LHS, and want the same kind of high school experience for our 2 sons.
- 11) Want to continue to have Central High in our district.
- 12) Too far from our neighborhood.
- 13) Same comments as I made for Option No. 1. The Dundee-Memorial Park area should remain at Central High. I did not chose my house for my children to be forced to go to Benson High.
- 14) This option also redirects students who currently live in neighborhoods that attend Central High School from being able to attend Central High School.
- 15) Keep Central as the main option for children in this area.
- 16) The open enrollment of for OPS students is a complete waste of taxpayer dollars. OPS spends tens, of millions of dollars each year to transport students across the entire city of Omaha. The current budget crisis in OPS could all but be solved with the removal of open enrollment. Secondly, OPS administrators have longed used open enrollment as a tool to aid certain schools (Burke and Central) while keeping higher populations of poverty ridden families, and all of the challenges that come with them, in other schools (Benson, Northwest, North). While the TAC building will claim that open enrollment reduces the possibility of racially segregated schools,

the district administration, in fact, uses open enrollment to control populations and boost their favorite institutions. The new, northwest high school will be made up of predominantly west Omaha, white, suburban families. The district will put on a facade of open enrollment, while behind closed doors they will recruit certain students and close the building to families who live in other areas. This has been a practice for decades which has led to the decline of several schools in population, behavior, and racial integration.

- 17) I dislike option 2 for the same reason I dislike option 1: The map for option 1 appears to place Lewis and Clark MS within the Benson HS boundary. What is the middle school feeder school for Central HS? In option 1, will Lewis and Clark split at HS and feed students to both Benson and Central (as it does under the current HS boundaries?) The map is not clear about this. Will all the middle school boundaries change, or just the boundaries accommodating the new MS? Under option 1 how many other middle schools split at HS besides Lewis and Clark? I do not see the value of promoting elementary schools feeding 100% to a high school, which option 1 presumes to do with the exception of Druid Hill, when that feeding is disrupted at the middle school level. Under current boundaries, Western Hills Magnet school splits at middle school and high school. As a magnet school it is designed to draw students from across the district, making its boundaries softer and less defined by definition. Western Hills should maintain this split at the middle school and high school levels. The southern portion of the Western Hills attendance area (south of Western Ave.) should NOT be reassigned to Benson High. The current Western Hills/Lewis and Clark neighborhood south of Western Ave should remain within the Central High boundary.
- 18) Boundary lines are confusing. No room for expansion and goes away from traditional neighborhood support.
- 19) The boundaries should remain linear along Dodge including Dundee Elementary, Lewis and Clark Middle, and Central High School. It does not make sense to divide Central into such a small area downtown excluding many Dundee residents. Many families have moved to Dundee for the sole purpose of having their children attend Central High School. Many parents and grandparents in the neighborhood have attended Central and would be extremely upset if their kids and grandkids are excluded from attending the high school they have a longstanding association with. This is a poor option.
- 20) In addition to Central High School being our high school of LONG STANDING it is important to consider the parochial and private student population who often attend Central High School instead of a private school for high school. I suspect that if these students were presented with the option of Benson High School rather than Central they would choose not to attend OPS at all. And although I hate to say it I am afraid that many students in my area who had attended public schools for their entire career may choose to attend a private or parochial school after middle school if they are unable to attend Central. Or they may seek to attend Westside or another public HS through the option path.
- 21) Moves our students in Benson from Central.
- 22) Same reasons as Option 1 is bad. Removes areas that have always gone to Central. People are not going to go to Benson or the new school if that is the only option. They will go to private/parochial or opt to another district.
- 23) Please keep Lewis and Clark as the middle school for Central High.
- 24) Please keep Dundee a Central High home neighborhood.
- 25) This would keep Picotte students together through middle and high school.
- 26) The boundary line has extended south and west of current CHS attendance area.
- 27) Option 2 would move my home school away from Central to Benson.

- 28) People buy houses in our neighborhood to attend Central. This change would lower property values!
- 29) My home would not be in the Dundee Elem or Central HS areas.
- 30) High school would change.
- 31) Would feed Lewis and Clark students to Benson High.
- 32) Movement of the Central High area.
- 33) Lewis and Clark should not be split - please keep the south Western Hills area as Central.
- 34) It would change our kids high school from central to Benson and we strongly prefer to send our children to central.
- 35) It moves more students to Benson High School, and decreases students from the already saturated Central High School. Children should go to school in the area that they live in.
- 36) It leaves me out of the Dundee and Central High areas.
- 37) it is not clear why the Fairacres - Central area would be transferred to Benson
- 38) Same as answer in 6. Someone has to explain to me why new schools in west Omaha require a boundary or enrollment change for Dundee? Keep as is in the Dundee area and amend the areas that have the new schools coming within their boundaries. Don't make solution bigger, make it concentrated to the actual growth and change.
- 39) I think we should remain in the Central High school district.
- 40) I moved into my neighborhood to be in the Central High School district. This kicks me out.
- 41) I moved into my home to be in Central High's district. My daughter went to Central High, which is a legacy high school for many generations of my family. I am a strong supporter of Central High.
- 42) I moved here considering Central as the high school for my kids and not Benson. I do not want that changed.
- 43) I do not like that the new high school would already be over 90%.
- 44) I live in my neighborhood because of Central High School. People make life decisions based on where their kids will go to school. This would displace many families I know including my own who live where we do because of school.
- 45) I do not wish to lose Central High School as the designated high school for our neighborhood.
- 46) High school change to Benson is unacceptable. We bought our home for central high school zone.
- 47) Going to Benson.
- 48) Dundee should be kept in the Central High School area as it traditionally has been.
- 49) Don't understand why families happy with their school and location are penalized. If schools above capacity-decrease transfers.
- 50) Dislike changing our local high school (Fairacres Road) to Benson High School from Central High School.
- 51) Central loses only feeder middle school.
- 52) Bought my house to be in Centrals boundaries and this would take it out.
- 53) Location is most convenient and my taxes are paying for it.
- 54) Our daughters received the BEST college prep from Central High we could have hoped for!
- 55) As an alum of Central High School, we purchased our home 15 years ago with the intention that our 3 children would have the option to attend. As a flagship, premiere public high school with the IB program, AP offerings, and a state of the art theater, athletics, forensics and academic decathlon departments....it matters to us that Central is an option. Boundary Option #2 is the only option that puts our 60th and Pacific street home outside of the attendance boundary for Central.

- 56) Strongly dislike moving Washington Elementary to the new high school; it should remain as a feeder for Central High School
- 57) Moving Benson's boundary south to include historically Central High areas.

OPTION 3

- 1) This option keeps the boundaries for Central High School mostly the same, of which I approve.
- 2) Strongly wish to retain Central High as boundary school.
- 3) This is the obvious choice.
- 4) We love Central High School. This would keep our kids in that school area.
- 5) This option allows our children to go to Central High School.
- 6) Seriously. Using main roads as boundaries would make this so much easier to read.
- 7) We moved from New York City and based our home purchase on the fact that our children would go to Central High.
- 8) We moved to Bemis Park to have Central as our home school.
- 9) We moved to our house in part to be in the Central High School district as did many in our area.
- 10) We moved to our current neighborhood and pay very high property taxes knowing that Central High School would be our option.
- 11) We live in Dundee. It supports a certain attitude and lifestyle and we bring that to Central. We don't live in Benson.
- 12) Option 3 appears to allow our sons to attend Central High School, so I think this option is okay for us. We live at 506 N. Elmwood Road (Fairacres) and are currently in Central High School district. We moved to Fairacres in part so that our children could attend Central High School. My husband and I both attended Lincoln High School, which is the large, downtown high school in Lincoln. We loved attending LHS, and want the same kind of high school experience for our 2 sons.
- 13) This fits our neighborhood and why we choose to live here.
- 14) Want to stay in Central.
- 15) Like Option 3.
- 16) Retains most of the current boundaries resulting in less disruption for families and communities.
- 17) We like Central and want to stay there!
- 18) The Dundee-Memorial Park neighborhood as well as Fairacres, Fairacres Terrace, and Dillon's Fairacres include many families with multiple generations of Central High graduates. Eagles do not want to be gerrymandered to produce Bunnies. We chose our central location with a purpose. Central High is part of that purpose.
- 19) Keeps students and future students attending Central High School who have traditionally attended Central High School attending Central High School.
- 20) This works!
- 21) Yes - keep that portion of the Western Hills assignment area that is south of Western Ave. within the Central High boundary as it currently is. The assignment area for Lewis and Clark is still unclear to me here. Under option 3 does Lewis and Clark feed only to Central High or does it continue to split to Central and Benson High? The map overview for option 3 lists 6 elementary schools that split at HS. Shouldn't Western Hills also be included in that list?
- 22) clearly defined boundaries! Established neighborhoods with school featured as the anchor for the area!

- 23) This is by far the best option. I think it is alright if some elementary schools split at high school. It is more important to have linear boundaries that are clearly defined at major streets. This option allows all Dundee residents to attend Central High which is extremely important to me. I do not support the other options that divide neighborhoods with long-standing ties to Central High school into separate districts. The implications of dividing neighborhoods would anger countless people. The reason many residents have moved to my neighborhood is to be in Central's district. This is the option that will cause the least amount of disruption. There is more to consider than a few points difference in live-in percentages. It would be a tremendous mistake not to choose this option.
- 24) Same reasons that I DO NOT like Option #1.
- 25) Strongly support Central High boundary as proposed in option 3. Keep southern portion of Western Hills magnet school within Central High boundary.
- 26) Keeps our high school boundaries the same.
- 27) If not Lewis and Clark, what middle school would kids in the Central High area attend?
- 28) Please keep Dundee a Central High home neighborhood.
- 29) Picotte students would go to Buffett then split off to Burke for high school.
- 30) Our neighborhood (JE George) has long term connections to Central with kids currently attending Central and families having moved here so their children could attend Central.
- 31) Our home school of Central would not change. We are on N. 64th Street south of Western Ave. Oldest son graduated from Central and we would like our youngest to do so also. Our neighborhood is on the city bus line on Dodge so we use the public transportation to get to school. This works well for this neighborhood but if we are moved to Benson we cannot use it.
- 32) This maintains the attendance area for Central in the Dillons Fairacres neighborhood. We do not want to see the boundary for attending Central to change.
- 33) Keep Benson out of Central Omaha!
- 34) Keeps Dundee in the Central High area.
- 35) Lewis and Clark should not be split - please keep the south Western Hills area as Central. Thank you!
- 36) We strongly prefer our kids to attend central.
- 37) Not proportionate enough for Benson High School.
- 38) This makes sense
- 39) Southern Western Hills boundary needs to be kept in the Central attendance zone. We paid a lot of money for our property in the Central area strongly oppose this changing.
- 40) This seems to be equally designated, for the least amount of disruption of neighborhoods.
- 41) See comments in question 7.
- 42) This keeps me in Central High School district...the reason we bought our house in this neighborhood.
- 43) I moved here considering Central as the high school for my kids and not Benson. I do not want that changed.
- 44) I do not like that there is a school over 90% and I'm not a big fan of all of the split elementary schools.
- 45) I live in my neighborhood because of the culture and tradition of Central High School. People make life decisions based on where their kids will go to school. This plan keeps families in place who chose their neighborhood and Central for their family.
- 46) I wish to have Central High School retained as the designated high school for our neighborhood.
- 47) We maintain current high school of Central. Any other option does not work for our family. We bought our home to be in central high school zone.
- 48) Staying at Central.

- 49) KEEP Central High boundaries as they are!
- 50) Dundee should be kept in the Central High School area as it traditionally has been. Also this one makes the most sense based on street layout and size of the areas.
- 51) Best plan.
- 52) Like that this option keeps our high school as Central High School rather than changing it to Benson High School.
- 53) Central maintains historic boundaries.
- 54) Proximity; family tradition; diversity; high quality.
- 55) Belle Ryan stays in at Central High School, along with neighboring areas.
- 56) This keeps my home in the high school district we moved into this neighborhood for our kids to be enrolled in going forward.
- 57) Central High School is the premier school in the Omaha Public School system - one of the reasons we purchased a home in this area. To deprive this neighborhood of its access to all that Central has to offer would be destructive to the very character of the area. Even though our children are grown, we continue to support OPS through exorbitant property taxes. Our home values remain strong because there is a perceived value, i.e. while our taxes are high, our home school, Central, is worth the cost. Changing this neighborhood to another school would only drive its residents to private schools, further destroying the base of OPS. Our family is fourth generation Central alums - I strongly disagree with any kind of redistricting.
- 58) When I had sons at the high school level, although they ultimately attended private school, Central would have been the OPS school they would have attended due to their strong academics, athletics, administration & faculty. We want the same opportunity for our community friends & family with future high school students.
- 59) We bought our home so our kids can attend CENTRAL High School. This is the only option that allows us to remain in boundary. We never imagined the lines would change.
- 60) This option keeps my kids in the same school as their friends in Dundee.
- 61) Option 3 maintains Central High as my family's high school. We look forward to sending our two children, currently in elementary school, to Central High. Thank you.
- 62) Maintains our neighborhood's historic affiliation with Central High School, minimizing disruption for current families and those that made housing decisions on the basis of school zoning.
- 63) The Bemis Park neighborhood students can walk to and from Central High school and should not be moved to Benson!
- 64) It affects the smallest number of students in my area.
- 65) Strongly support keeping Center Street as the southern border to Central High's boundaries and retaining most of the current elementary feeder schools to Central High
- 66) Allows our grandchild to stay in Central where our daughter attended as well as her great grandfather.
- 67) Keep Dundee, Happy Hollow, and Fairacres in Central High School.
- 68) The Western Hills School students that live in the area between J.E. George Blvd. and 69th Street would be able to attend Central High School.
- 69) Keep southern western hills in Central High School.
- 70) Strongly prefer to retain southern western hills boundary in the Central high school attendance area.
- 71) I like that Dundee will feed into Central High School.
- 72) Ensuring that our children have a spot at Central, a premier OPS high school, was a deciding factor in buying our home.

- 73) Dundee and Fair Acres should be kept with Dundee, Lewis & Clark and Central. Please don't split our neighborhood halfway along Cuming.
- 74) L&C feeds Central.
- 75) Central high school needs to remain our home school.
- 76) Want to remain in Central High School.
- 77) Moved midtown (66th & Underwood) in order to send our children to Central High School. This appears to be the only option which leaves us in Central's district.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK

- 1) OPS has a strong and unique high school in Central. It will be very difficult to adjust the CHS boundaries without upsetting a lot of people. Many of us move to our neighborhood specifically because we know our children will attend Central. If you move us to the new high school, without option to stay at Central, we will opt out to Westside or explore sending our daughter to Duchesne.
- 2) Disappointing. Once again I have to wonder who comes up with these plans? Do you prepare for future growth and build accordingly? It doesn't seem like it. Please stop wasting money and start doing things the smart way. Don't ask our community for money to remodel Central then change boundaries.
- 3) We chose our neighborhood based on Central being our home school. I feel that you'll have a lot of issues with relocation for some of us on the east side of Omaha.
- 4) Option 3 yes. Options 1 & 2 NO.
- 5) I live in an area that is being redirected out of the Central boundary. My father, our son and I attended Central High School. We want our neighborhood to remain in the Central boundary for future generations. Thank you.
- 6) I am personally affected by the proposed boundary changes of options 1 and 2 because I live in the Western Hills assignment area south of Western Ave, currently within the Central High boundary but proposed to be reassigned to the Benson High boundary. My husband and I bought our home in this neighborhood intentionally to raise our family within the Central High boundaries. Our 3 children graduated from Central and thrived in college thanks to both the college prep education and the real world diversity of Central. We are Central Eagles through and through. I suspect it is true that many Central High families make home ownership decisions based on sending their kids to Central. The Central High neighborhood is a vast and loyal network that shares lifelong pride in Central High across the city and across generations. Options 1 and 2 appear to give very little regard to the lifelong investment of families who make home ownership decisions and investments based on school assignment to Central. Excising neighborhoods from the Central High attendance area is disruptive to the community support, identity, and loyalty that Central High generates among current, former, and future Central students and families. Can there be any doubt that property values will be affected as well when boundaries are changed and former Central High neighborhoods are reassigned to other schools? We have seen the utilization numbers shuffled as the 3 options for high school boundaries are presented, but the intangible effects of neighborhood high school reassignment must be taken into consideration as well. Option 3 does the best job of recognizing these intangibles and comes the closest to keeping Central's current boundaries intact.

- 7) Keep it simple and easy for all to understand! Option 1 & 2 are confusing and the rational is difficult to follow.
- 8) Option three makes the most sense for aforementioned reasons. Please do not disrupt the neighborhood boundaries as proposed in the other two options.
- 9) I have shared this a bit already; however, I just want to stress that it only makes sense to me that you live and go to school in the same community where your friends/peers are and those relationships, that have already been formed through their elementary and middle school years, are not lost.
- 10) If boundaries change for our high school, we will move our students to Catholic Schools.
- 11) We were told that the bond issue was for relieving overcrowding at South and Bryan. At no point was it ever said by OPS that Central would be negatively impacted. If they had, I certainly would not have voted for the bond issue and I know a great many Central families would not have also. Public input should have happened at the start of this process; not at the end. The informational meetings were not helpful as the consultants appeared very condescending and there was zero feedback allowed from those who took time to attend. The Dundee School meeting with school board members Perlman and Snow was much better as it was a good conversation where parents got to ask questions and share concerns. Any new plan MUST have real school choice. Parents need to be able to have the option to send their kids to Central regardless of where they live. this is what has made Central what it is. Hard boundaries will only lead to segregation.
- 12) Option 3 is the best. I bought my house specifically where I did so my future kids could attend Lewis and Clark Middle and then Central High. I am a Benson High grad, but I don't want my kids to attend there.
- 13) Please keep Dundee a Central High home neighborhood.
- 14) It is important the students from Lewis and Clark that start the International Baccalaureate program in middle school be able to continue with the IB program at Central.
- 15) Central High School is above the saturation point, while schools like Benson struggle for enrollment.
- 16) Bothered by the odd kink in current Benson-Central boundary at 52 & Cuming to Western &? Sunset Trail? It looks "odd."
- 17) I think that if you choose to offer different curriculum at the various high schools, any student should be able to choose any of the high schools that is best for them.
- 18) Moving historically a Central neighborhood into Benson is a horrible decision. It will have a negative effect on property values.
- 19) I am not sure why you are tackling this matter now, it should be shelved for 6-months to a year until the pension problem is addressed/resolved and out of the media. OPS doesn't have the capacity to handle two issues of the magnitude of a pension shortfall and boundaries at the same time. Considering OPS might have to go back to the tax payer yet again to help with the pension short fall.
- 20) Please keep the Fairacres/ Fairacres addition home high school Central. When we moved into our home, I took into consideration the fact that central would be our home high school. I've very much intend to send my children to Central.
- 21) I don't see why you would change a neighborhood from central to Benson. This makes me very angry and I will strongly oppose anyone who votes for this.
- 22) You cannot disrupt the current central high school zone. Many families bought their homes based on being in this school zone.
- 23) Benson should be built up organically - for example the IB program.

- 24) My family has lived in Central for 100 years. Please do not change the boundaries in the Dundee/JE George area.
- 25) I strongly believe that many families move into our area with the hope and understanding that Central High School would be in their boundary area.
- 26) Central is an integral part of the Dundee community, including multiple and historic large donors. It would be a huge disappointment to lose Central as our home high school for this area.
- 27) Any of the proposed changes would be too disruptive to current or future students.
- 28) We specifically bought our house to be at Dundee Elementary and Central High School.
- 29) I'm worried about traffic in our neighborhood as they build more and more apartments and condos.
- 30) Thank you for the quality explanation of the options. I am impressed with the detail and professionalism of the presentation of material.
- 31) We strongly support option #3 and vehemently oppose options #1 and #2.
- 32) We are grateful that new students are being built and greater resources are being provided to all of Omaha's students. As a Central Alum, it matters that our home elementary attendance school, Washington, remains in the Central High school boundary area. We are committed parents and live where we do to see this option for our children.
- 33) It's unclear in this presentation how middle school attendance boundaries is changing; where does Lewis & Clark feed into in option 1?
- 34) We are there a small area North of Underwood and 59th Street that is currently in Benson and not Central? Please consider consolidating that area into the Central boundaries. Thank you!
- 35) I am curious about the ability to "opt in" to a school if we are not in the neighborhood. My older children went to Central and I want my youngest to go there too.
- 36) We live in Washington Elementary neighborhood. Our housing choice was driven partly by our desire to send the kids to Central HS. We support the traditional feeder neighborhoods for Central.
- 37) I strongly believe in School choice inside of a district particularly when my property tax dollars are funding. Dundee/Memorial park pays very high taxes for properties and deserve to choose the school our children can go to. To note, with the economic situation of a majority of folks in this neighborhood we will just take our children to the many award winning private schools who are just as close as OPS. I was firmly against a bond issue that now cumulatively puts the district at over 1 Billion in debt and having read/watched those in charge with no real plan to maintain new assets or payoff. In short, let the parents whose job is to raise our children make these decisions and not this bloated administration. As referenced again, this is an important decision in the life of OPS as it is already behind better districts like 66/Elkhorn/Gretna and Millard. The pension and financial decisions made have only escalated. Those with means WILL move or make changes furthering OPS decline if true changes are not made.
- 38) This survey should be better publicized to those affected.
- 39) Our neighborhood has a long history and much alumni support for Central. This strengthens the school and the neighborhood. Our family has three generations there.