



Agenda

October 31, 2025
School Board of Manatee County
Workshop - 9:00 AM
Walter Miller School Support Center
Board Room

Times Indicated are Approximate

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. AGENDA AMENDMENTS**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comment is not an open forum to discuss matters unrelated to education, to support or oppose candidates for public office, or to engage in commercial speech attempting to sell a service or product to the School Board or public. Also, public comment is not a forum to attack individual school system employees or Board Members. Any such complaints should be submitted in writing to the Superintendent for appropriate handling. Finally, this is not a forum for addressing issues involving individual students. Because of privacy concerns, such issues should be submitted in writing to the Superintendent for appropriate handling. Each speaker is allowed three minutes to address the Board. Speakers must stand at the podium and not approach the dais.

This is a business meeting of the School Board and the public expects that we conduct it in an orderly, efficient, effective and dignified manner. We request that speakers keep this in mind when making your comments. We also request that the audience keep that in mind and not demonstrate approval or disapproval of what a speaker has said by clapping or booing. The Board appreciates the public's input and will listen attentively, consider each comment, and usually will not respond, enter into debate, or answer questions during comments on agenda items or during the public comments section.

PUBLIC INPUT INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Before you begin speaking, please provide any handouts to the Agency Clerk.
2. Please identify yourself only by your full name for the record.
3. You have no more than three minutes to speak. Please stop speaking when the bell rings.
4. Florida Law requires all citizens to conduct themselves in an orderly fashion at public meetings.
5. **WARNING:** Any individual who interferes with the expeditious or orderly process of a School Board meeting, will be subject to removal from the meeting pursuant to Section 1001.372(3) Florida Statutes at the discretion of the Chair. Orderly fashion is deemed as, at a minimum (1) no profanity (2) no vulgar language (3) no discourteous, disrespectful, or disparaging conduct.

4. WORKSHOP

1. [Review of Proposed Redistricting Maps and Timeline](#)
2. [Discussion Regarding the Naming of New School](#)

5. ADJOURNMENT



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Title

Review of Proposed Redistricting Maps and Timeline

Executive Summary

District Employees will provide an overview of the proposed redistricting maps to include a timeline of actions.

Contact

Submitting Department: Superintendent



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Discussion Regarding the Naming of New School

Executive Summary

The Board will hold discussion regarding naming of new schools.

Contact

Initiated by: School Board

Attachments:

[FINAL Presentation Redistricting Maps.-added after workshop](#)



Discussion of Redistricting Maps

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 31ST, 2025



I. POLICY 5120.02 OVERVIEW

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SDMC Board Policies are available online at
<https://go.boarddocs.com/fl/mancofl/Board.nsf/Public>

- Policy 5120.02 is titled Rezoning of Designated Residential Attendance Zones
- The policy was last updated in October 2024.



II. Initiation of Revisions to Residential Attendance Zones

- A. The Board may consider revisions for the following reasons:
1. Construction of a new school and/or the construction of additional capacity at an existing school.
 2. Closing or suspending operations of an existing school.
 3. Significant over-capacity or under-capacity of individual schools that cannot be resolved through other provisions of board policies.
 4. An anticipated student population growth or decline.



II. Initiation of Revisions to Residential Attendance Zones

- B. The Superintendent shall periodically review student enrollment, facility utilization, and projected growth to ascertain the need for revisions to existing attendance zones and/or for the creation of residential attendance zones for new schools.
- C. If the results of the periodic review indicate a need to revise and/or create residential attendance zones, the Superintendent may recommend that the School Board initiate the residential attendance zone revision process. The Superintendent's recommendation shall include a suggested timeline and communication plan consistent with other provisions in this policy.



III. Implementation of revisions to Residential Attendance Zones

- A. Upon the School Board's approval of the Superintendent's recommendation to initiate the residential attendance zone revision/creation process, the Superintendent shall hold an initial public meeting to explain the rezoning process, outline the criteria for establishing residential attendance zones, and to provide an opportunity for public input.
- B. After considering the public's comments, the Superintendent shall prepare a minimum of three (3) rezoning plans to present at the second public meeting. The criteria used to prepare the proposals shall comply with the following criterion to the extent practicable.
- C. At the second public meeting the Superintendent and/or designee shall present a minimum of three (3) rezoning alternatives for review and discussion, including the strengths and weaknesses of each plan. Appropriate time will be provided for questions and answers. At this meeting, the appropriate data relative to elements of subparagraph D shall be provided as part of the discussion of each alternative plan. Additionally, staff will establish a dedicated web presence for the rezoning and will display questions and answers reflective of the concerns of the public.



III. Implementation of revisions to Residential Attendance Zones

- D. AS soon as practical after the second public meeting the Superintendent shall review all comments made by the public and the Board, review all plans considered or submitted at the public meeting and either determine to recommend a plan for adoption by the Board and request permission to advertise the plan or re-submit revised plans for reconsideration and recommendation.
- E. If the Superintendent recommends a rezoning plan to the Board and the Board approves, the Superintendent shall notice a specific plan for adoption pursuant to the requirements of F.S. 120. The Board may schedule a public hearing as permitted by law.
- F. Changes approved to school attendance zones during a current school year shall become effective beginning at the commencement of the following school year unless extenuating circumstances require the Board to implement rezoning changes prior to the following school year unless the Superintendent recommends an alternative effective date.
- G. Exemptions:
 - 1. No rising student in the final year of attendance at the highest grade level offered by the school will be required to change his/her school of attendance as a result of attendance zone revisions. No transportation is provided if a student remains at the current school of attendance based on this exemption.
 - 2. Siblings of a rising rezoned student in the final year of attendance at the highest grade level offered by the school will be allowed to attend the same school to the extent practicable for one (1) year. No transportation is provided for this option unless otherwise provided herein.
 - 3. Unless there are health and safety issues that would preclude compliance, no current elementary student will be required to shift to a different school if the area in which s/he resides has been previously rezoned during his/her attendance at that school. No transportation is provided if a student remains at the current school of attendance based on this exemption.



Helping Families Stay Connected During Rezoning

To support stability and minimize disruption, SDMC is introducing two new continuity provisions:

1. LEGACY Provision

For families who wish to stay at their current school through the highest grade level offered.

- Applies to currently enrolled students and their currently enrolled siblings.
- Students may remain at their current school, even if their zone changes.
- Younger siblings not yet enrolled will follow the new zone (or may apply through School Choice).

Example: Your 3rd and Kindergarten students at Williams Elementary may both remain through 5th grade, even if your new zone changes.

**Choices outside of current zone do not include District provided transportation.*

Pathways for Continuity:



2. FOUNDERS Provision;

Flexibility for Students Transitioning to New High School Zones. Designed to support families affected by new high school boundaries beginning in 2027–2028.

FOUNDERS Provision For students who wish to start early at their newly zoned high school—beginning in the 2026–2027 school year.

- Applies to students who will be rezoned in 2027–2028.
- Allows them to enroll at their new high school one year early to complete all four years at the same school.
- Helps avoid mid-high school transfers and supports continuity.

Example: A student living in Heritage Harbor, currently zoned for Parrish but rezoned to Braden River in 2027–2028, can choose to start at Braden River in 2026–2027.

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Key Dates For The School Redistricting Timeline



- February 2025:** School board workshop and initial public meetings were held to explain the process.
- March–May 2025:** Staff designed and presented rezoning maps for public discussion, with additional public meetings held to present data and gather feedback.
- June 18–August 15, 2025:** Public review, input, and comments were received on draft maps.
- August 15–October 15, 2025:** Superintendent and staff reviewed public comments and drafted a tentative recommendation for board review.
- October 28, 2025:** The Superintendent will recommend an updated timeline to the Board during the School Board Meeting and request permission to advertise it and the updated draft maps for elementary, middle, and high school zones.
- October 31, 2025:** The School Board will review the updated draft maps for elementary, middle, and high school zones during the scheduled School Board Workshop.

Key Dates For The School Redistricting Timeline



- October 31, 2025–November 30, 2025:** Public review, input, and comments will be received on updated draft maps through public meetings and a virtual link for feedback.
- The School Board will discuss the school's name for the elementary school at Artisan Lakes.
- The Superintendent will name future Principals for Rye Ranch Elementary and the not yet named elementary school at Artisan Lakes.
- Scheduled Public Meeting Dates:**
 - Braden River High School - November 17 – 6:30pm-8:00pm
 - Lakewood Ranch High School – November 19 – 6:30pm-8:00pm
 - Parrish Community High School – November 20 – 6:30pm-8:00pm
- First Board Meeting in December 2025-** Recommendation to School Board for Final Approval of Redistricting Maps
- January 2026:** Revised attendance boundaries for elementary and middle schools are scheduled to be advertised in conjunction with the school choice window.

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- **August 2026:** Revised attendance boundaries for elementary and middle schools, including PreK-8 campuses, are scheduled to be implemented.

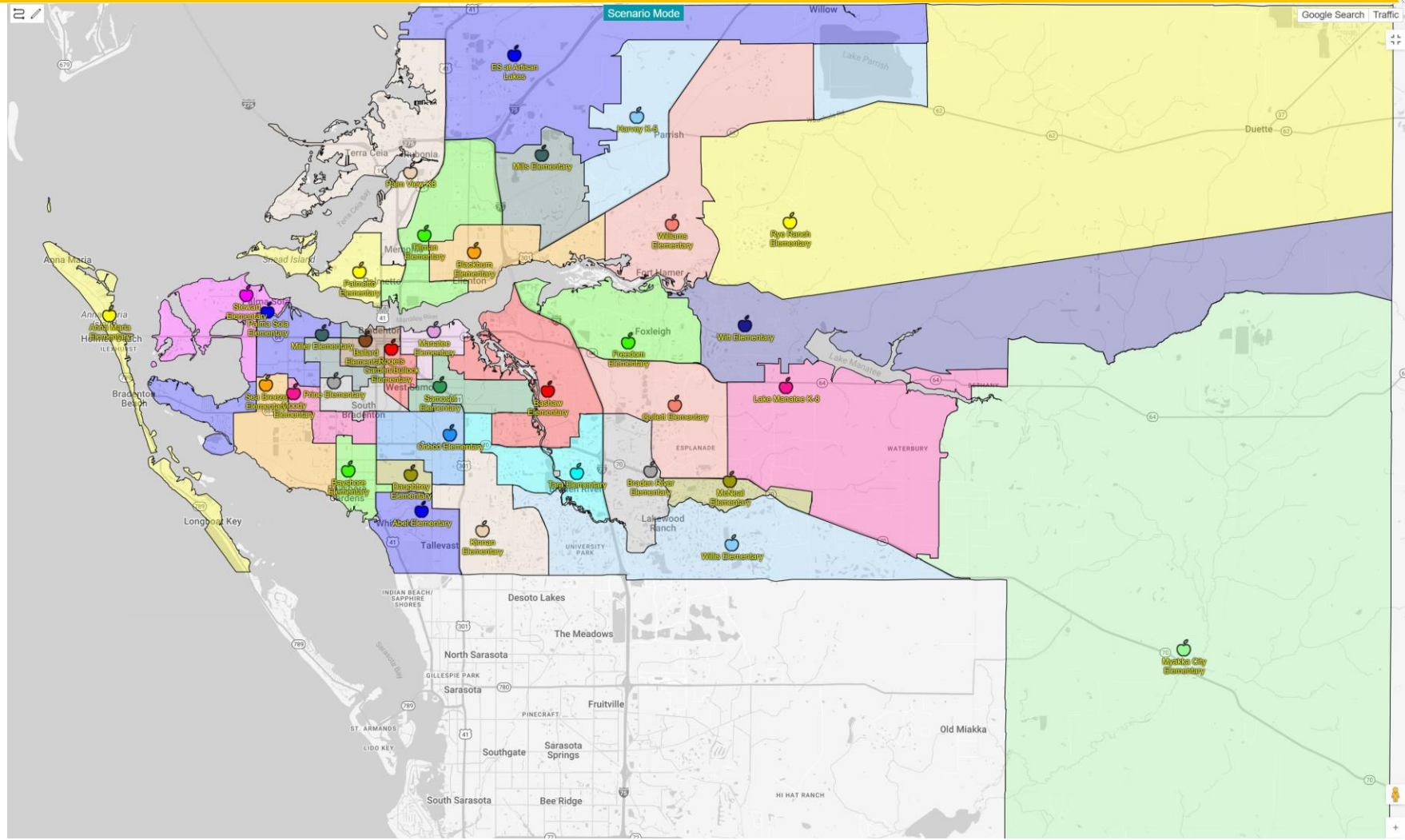
Elementary at Artisan Lakes will be open to grades: K-5
Rye Ranch Elementary will be open to grades: K-5
*Lake Manatee Elementary will be open to grades: K-6
*Harvey Lower Campus will be open to grades: K-3
Harvey Upper Campus will be open to grades: 4-7

**All grade levels will be added each following school year.*

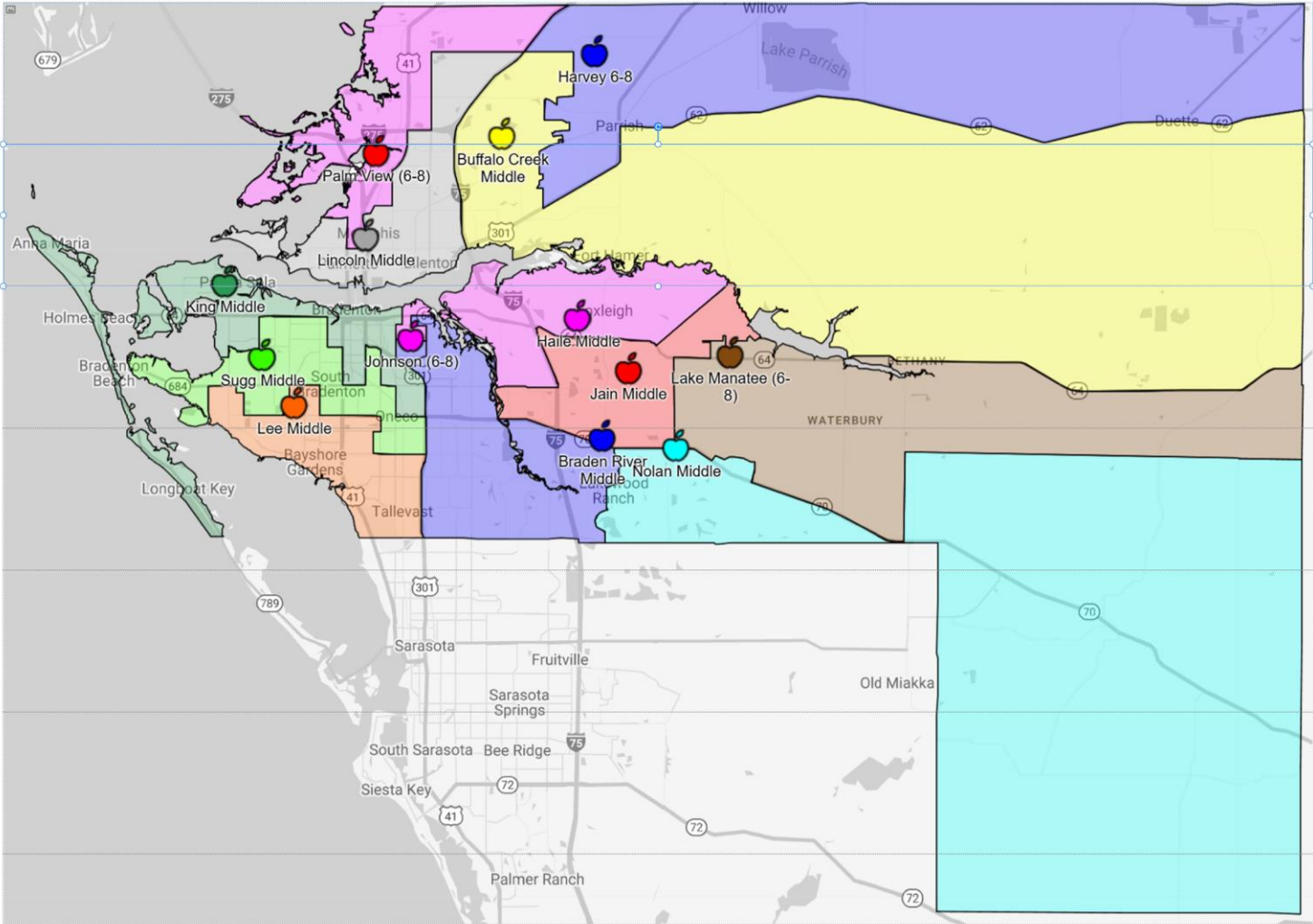
- **August 2027:** Revised attendance boundaries for high schools are scheduled to be implemented, concurrent with the opening of the new high school.

High School AAA will be open to grades 9-10 in 2027-2028.

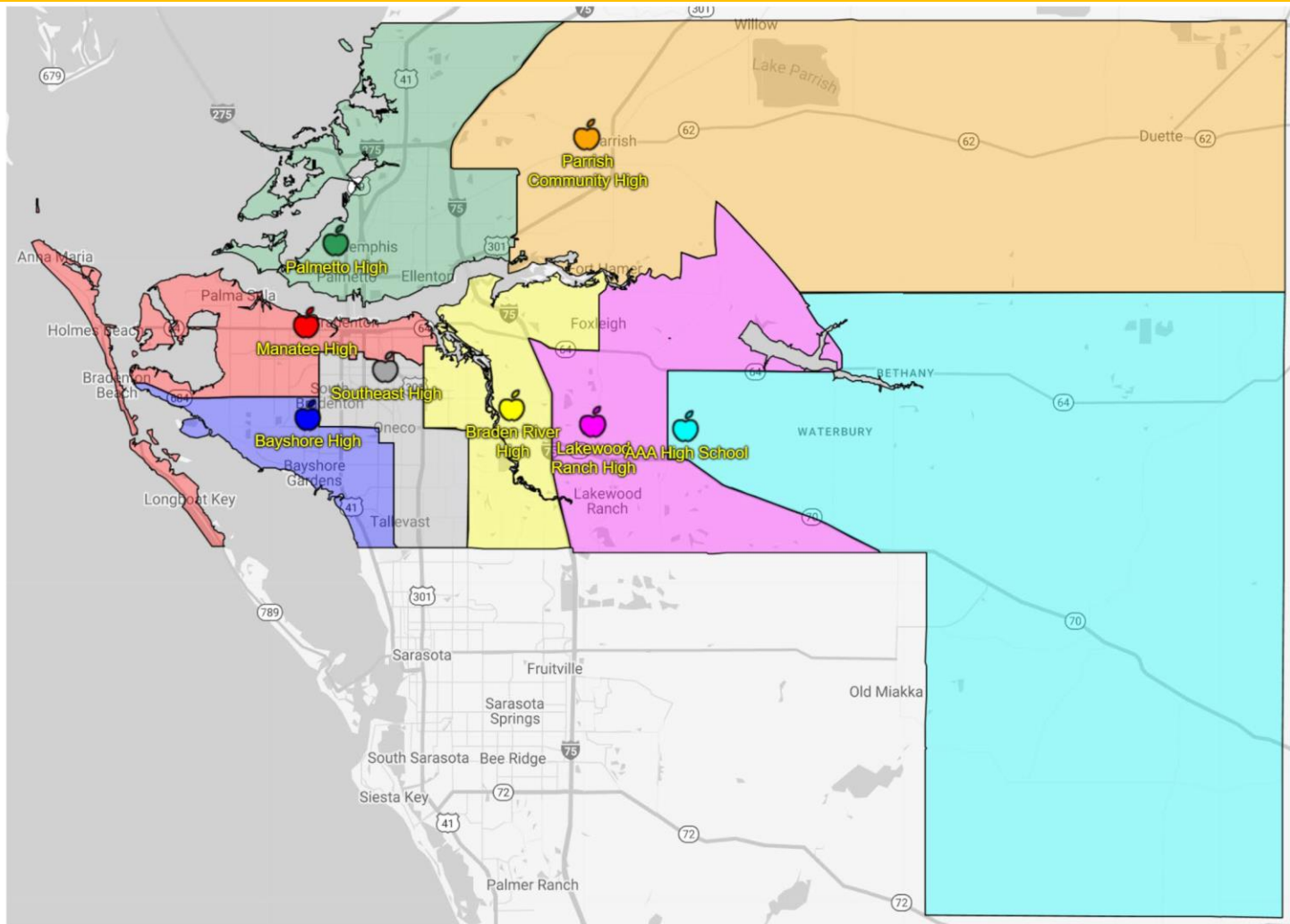
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Proposed Middle School Attendance Boundaries



Proposed High School Attendance Boundaries





Rezoning of Residential Attendance Zones for 2026-2027

Follow the process SDMC is using to accommodate growth and the opening of new schools.



Academic Dashboard



Careers



Enrollment



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Food & Nutrition



Transportation

Let's Talk

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COMMUNITY DISTRICT FAMILIES 

Enrollment Management 

- ▶ 2025-2026 Residential Attendance Zones & School Locator
- ▶ **2026-2027 Residential Attendance Zones**
- ▶ Proposed Maps for 2026-2027 Residential Attendance Zones
- ▶ Printable School Map

Registration **Controlled Open Enrollment** **Out-of-Zone Requests**
Manatee Virtual School / eLearning
Foreign Exchange Student Program
Home Education
K-12 Scholarship Programs



The Public Input form is available to submit comments.
Everyone is invited to share their thoughts and provide feedback regarding the Proposed Maps for 2026-2027 Residential Attendance Zones.

Public Input

Public Meetings - November 17, 2025 through November 20, 2025 

School Board Workshop - October 31, 2025 

School Board Meeting - October 28, 2025 

Public Meetings - June 11, 2025 through June 18, 2025 

School Board Workshop - June 10, 2025 

Public Meetings - March 3, 2025 through March 12, 2025 

School Board Workshop - February 14, 2025 

Contact Us



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THANK YOU!