Dunlap Community Unit School District 323
Board of Education Meeting
October 21, 2026

INFORMATION ITEM

TO: Members of the Board of Education
Dr. Scott Dearman, Superintendent

FROM: Dr. Matt Andrews, Assistant Superintendent

SUBJECT: Updated Elementary & Middle School Boundaries

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
In anticipation of the new Wilder-Waite Grade School, Dunlap School District Administration engaged in examining the current boundaries for elementary and middle schools. At the elementary level, the goal was to produce updated boundaries that would address space constraints due to current enrollment at Banner Elementary and Hickory Grove Elementary Schools and construction projects within Banner Elementary's boundaries.

At the middle school level, Dunlap Middle School is projected to have a four-year period of higher enrollment compared to Dunlap Valley Middle School. Additionally, since Dunlap School District currently operates on a feeder-school basis, where Banner Elementary and Hickory Grove Elementary Schools transition to Dunlap Middle School, and Dunlap Grade, Ridgeview Elementary, and Wilder-Waite Grade Schools transition to Dunlap Valley Middle School, examining how elementary boundary changes would affect middle school enrollment was also necessary.

A Boundary Advisory Committee, comprised of administrator, staff, and parent stakeholders, was convened to share additional considerations about the needs of the district and provide initial feedback on the proposed boundary options.

On August 6, 2026, two draft proposals for elementary and middle-school boundary updates were shared with families to receive feedback. The information was shared via email and posted on the School Boundary Updates page on the district website. A mailer was sent to all households within the district's boundaries, making them aware of the ability to review and provide feedback on the draft boundaries. The feedback window was open from the initial in-person meeting on August 6, 2026, through September 11, 2026. At the close of the feedback survey, there were 112 respondents, 86 of them unique.

After reviewing stakeholder feedback and receiving an updated Residency Development Report from PowerSchool Predictive Enrollment Analytics, an updated boundary proposal was created and will be formally presented for the Board of Education's consideration. Minutes from the September 15, 2026 Boundary Advisory Committee Meeting and a copy of the slide deck with additional comprehensive data can be viewed on the School Boundary Updates page.

A brief presentation reviewing the boundary update process, proposed update to the elementary and middle-school boundaries, and next steps will be presented at the October 21, 2026 Board of Education Meeting. The Board will be asked to approve the proposed boundary updates at the regular November 18, 2026 Board of Education Meeting.

Please contact me with any questions.