

January 24, 2022 School Board Work-Study Meeting

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- While neighborhood populations continually change, our attendance boundaries were last adjusted 10 years ago, in 2012. We currently have imbalanced enrollment between elementary schools and middle schools.
- In the next decade, it is projected that 2,100 single family and 560 condo units will be built in district boundaries.
- Future enrollment growth will primarily be in the north portion of the district (North Star Elementary will open in September, 2022).



# **The Process**

- Design Team has been meeting since May
  - Developed and studied multiple proposals Ο
  - Advanced feasible proposals to stakeholder meetings Ο
- Presented to School Board
  - March 22, 2021 guiding change document Ο
  - November 22, 2021 Work-Study Meeting Presentation Ο
- Parallel stakeholder meetings Dec. 2 and Dec. 15
  - Two groups: North and South Elementaries 0
  - 81 participants, including families and staff members Ο
- Collected input via Survey that opened in December
  - 599 responses Ο
  - Offered ideas for improvement and reflections on strengths Ο
  - Some of the ideas were implemented in proposal Ο



Two Phase Implementation:

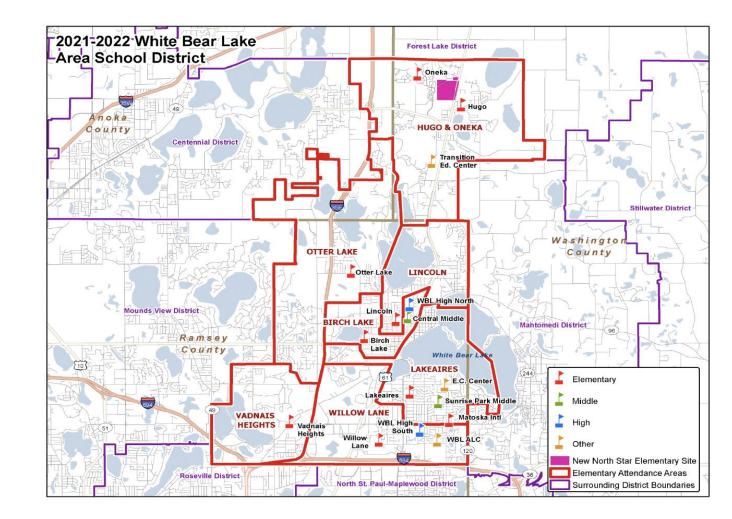
Phase One - 2022-23 school year

- Oneka and North Star Elementary Schools
- Middle Schools

Phase Two - 2023-24 school year

 Remaining Elementary Schools (Birch Lake, Lakeaires, Lincoln, Matoska, Otter Lake, Vadnais Heights, Willow Lane)

# Current Boundaries Map



## Phase 1 Map

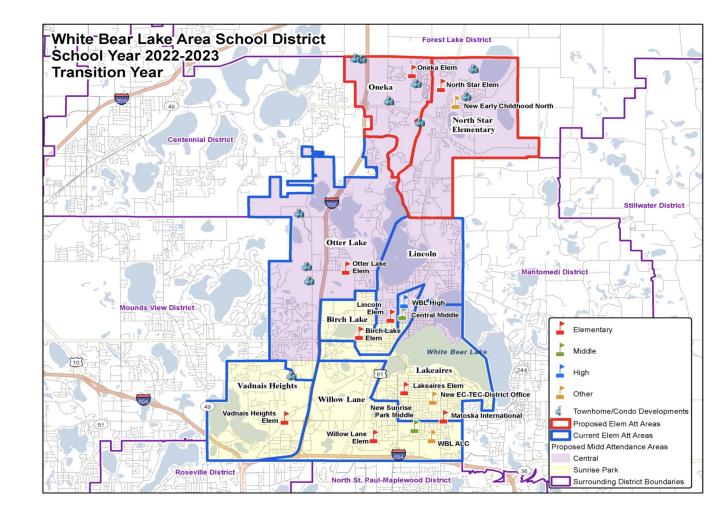
# 2022-23

### Elementary:

- Oneka Elem
- North Star Elem
- All others remain the same

#### Middle School:

- Purple CMS
- Yellow SPMS

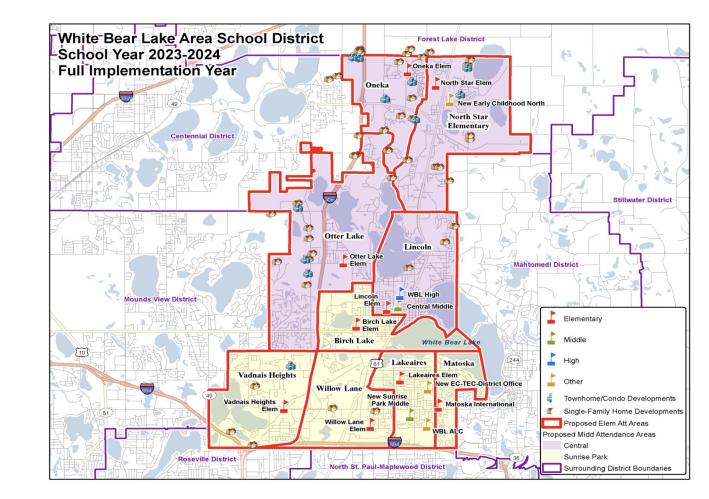


## Phase 2 Map

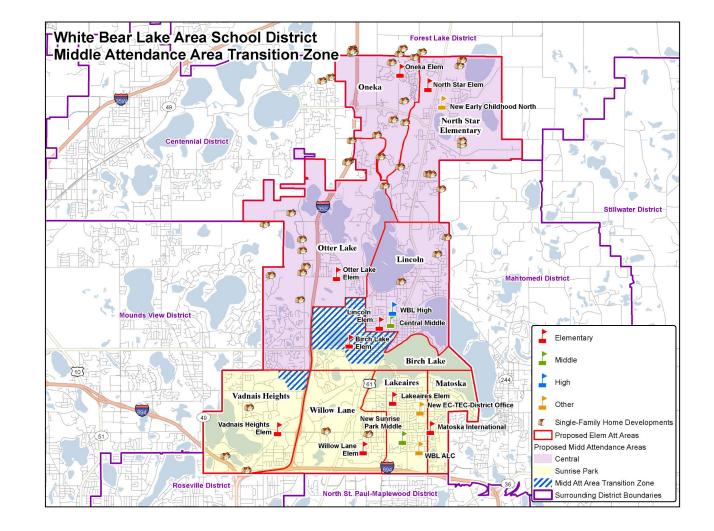
# 2023-24

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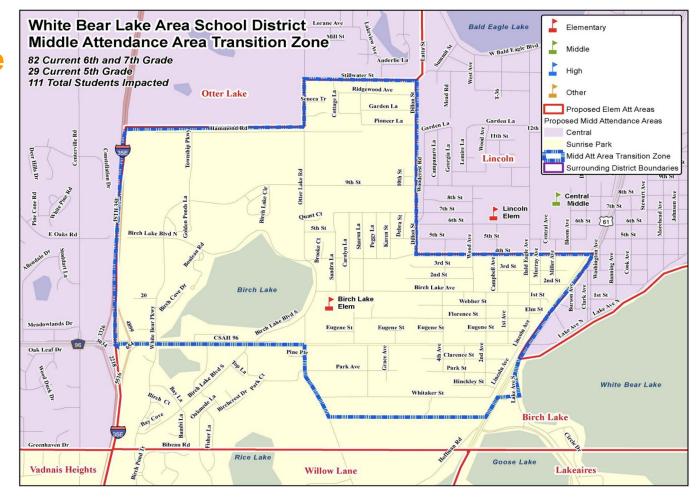
- Birch Lake
- Lakeaires
- Lincoln
- Matoska
- Otter Lake
- Vadnais Heights
- Willow Lane



## Middle School Transition Zone



# Middle School Transition Zone Birch Lake (Detailed)



# Middle School Transition Zone Otter Lake (Detailed)



# - Frequently Asked Questions

#### **General process questions**

- Can students remain at their current school after the new boundaries are implemented?
- Will transportation be provided if we apply to stay at our current school?
- Can my student attend their new Phase Two elementary school in the Fall of 2022?
- How were parents engaged in this discussion?
- Can implementation be delayed to allow families to plan?



#### **Elementary-specific questions**

- Why was an attendance boundary added for the district's choice school, Matoska International?
- What ideas were considered for the Willow attendance boundary?
- How many current households will be affected by the shifting elementary boundaries?



Middle school-specific questions

- Why are students who live closer to Central Middle School bussed to Sunrise Park Middle School?
- Why is middle school moving in Fall 2022 rather than Fall 2023?
- How many current households will be affected by the shifting middle school boundary?



Next Steps