

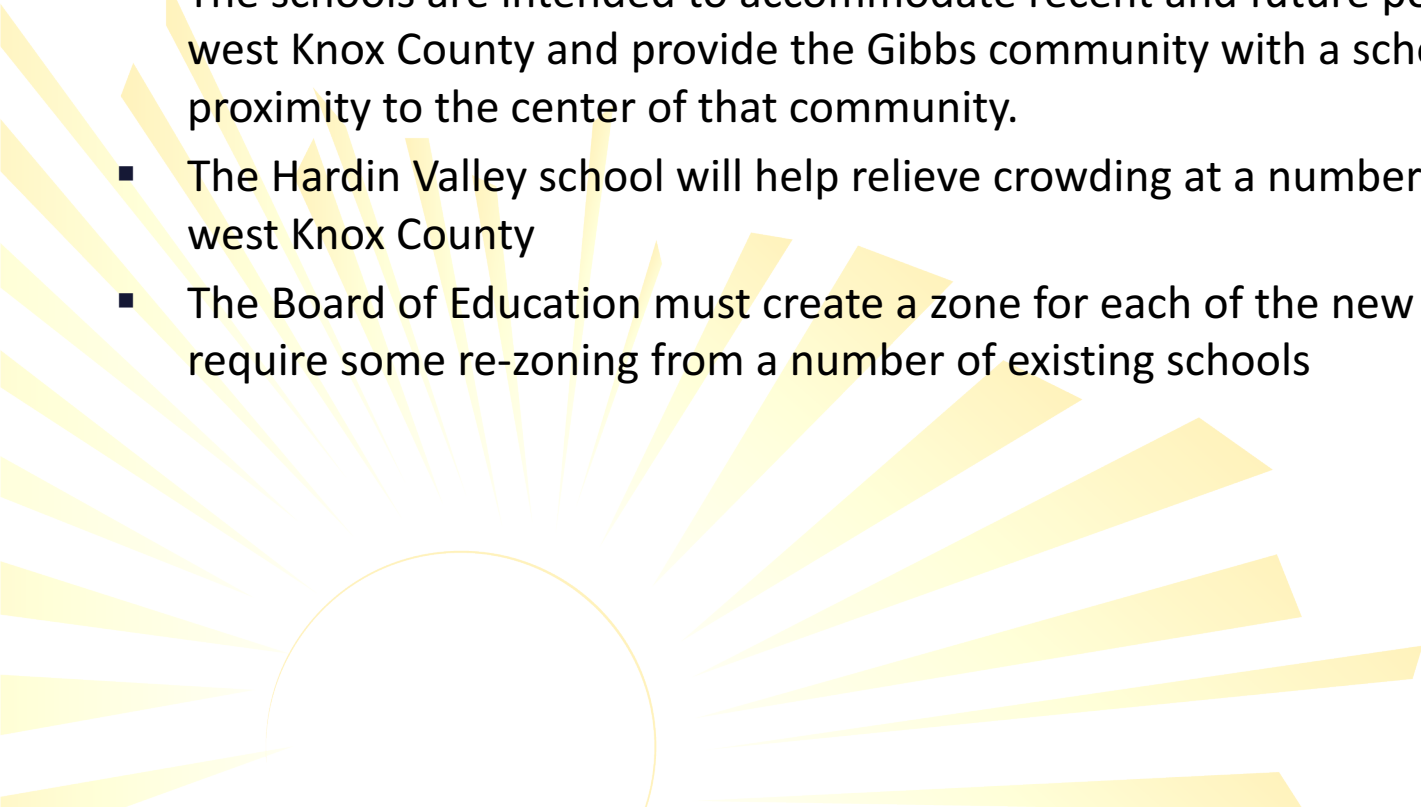
Middle School Rezoning

Due to New Gibbs Middle School

Fall, 2016

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Introduction

- Construction of new middle schools in the Hardin Valley and Gibbs communities is currently underway
 - The schools will open in August 2018. Gibbs will have a capacity of 600 students and Hardin Valley will have a capacity of 1200 students.
 - The schools are intended to accommodate recent and future population growth in west Knox County and provide the Gibbs community with a school in close proximity to the center of that community.
 - The Hardin Valley school will help relieve crowding at a number of other schools in west Knox County
 - The Board of Education must create a zone for each of the new schools which will require some re-zoning from a number of existing schools
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South Elevation

1" = 40'-0"



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East Elevation

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North Elevation

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West Elevation

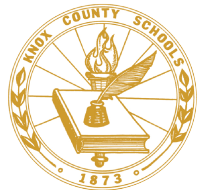
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Gibbs Middle School

Zone Planning and Development

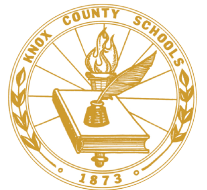
- Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission:
 - Collects data on, births, building permits
 - Provides population forecast for Knox County
- The Knox County Schools:
 - Develops enrollment forecasts using current enrollment trends and computer models
 - Designs and recommends school attendance zones to the Board of Education
 - Will develop and recommend a middle school zones to the Board of Education by May 2017
- Zoning Considerations:
 - School Capacity
 - Transportation
 - Parent Responsibility Zones
 - Geographic vs. man-made boundaries
 - Congruent middle and high school boundaries



Zone Planning and Development (cont'd)

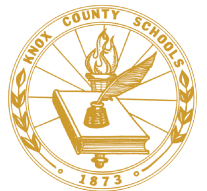
- **Timeline:**

- November 2016/ January 2017: Gather input from community
- December 2016/ February 2017: Formulate a tentative zoning plan
- March/April 2017: Invite community feedback on plan
- May 2017: Rezoning recommendation and vote by the Board of Education

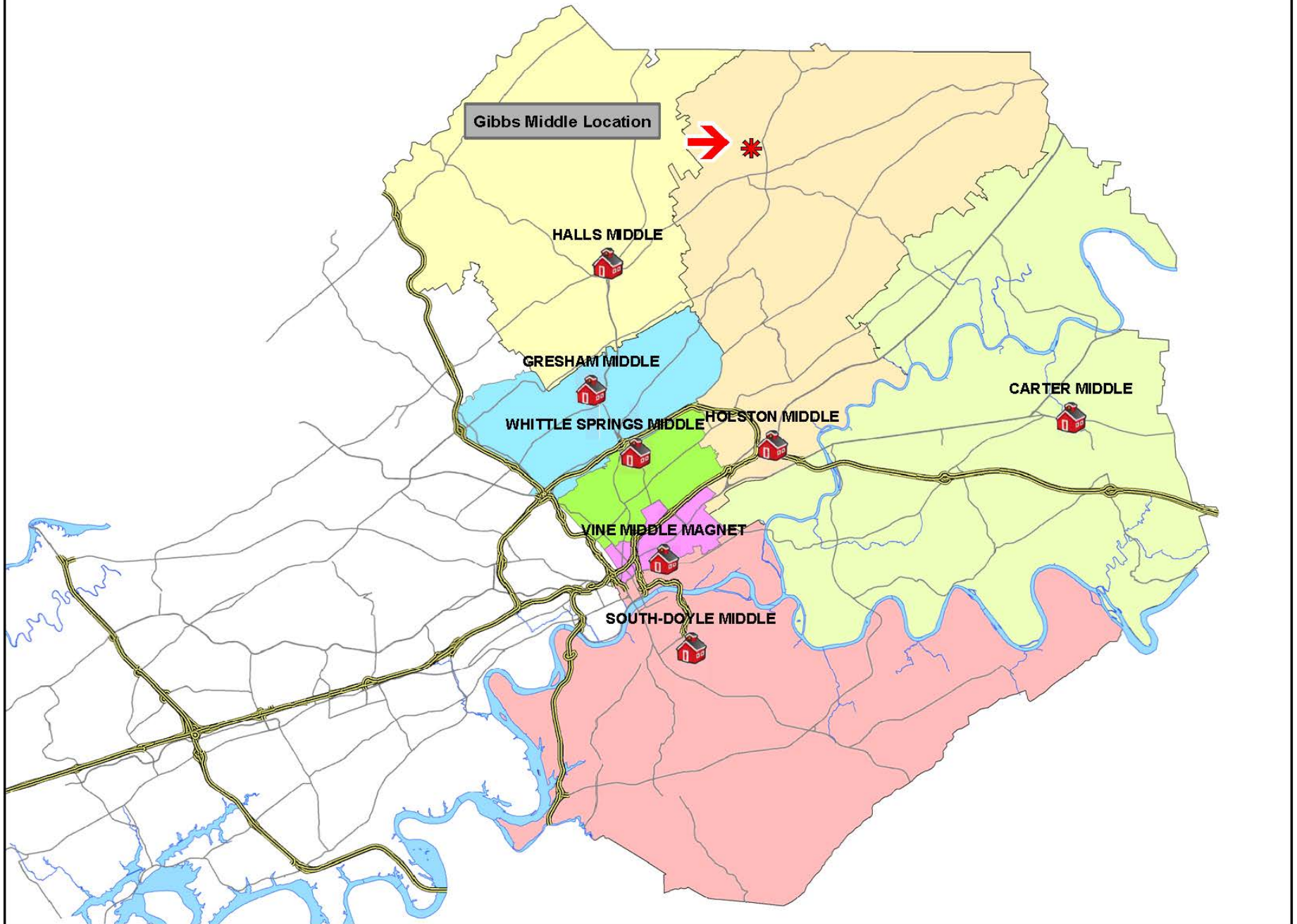


Gibbs Middle School Zoning

- Most middle school students in the Gibbs community are zoned to Holston Middle School.
- The Holston MS zone is very large with the school and the Gibbs community located at opposite ends of the zone.
- The new zoning plan should address the geographic challenge and balance the attendance zones of other north and central middle schools while avoiding the creation of racial and demographic disparities.
- School zones potentially affected include Holston, Halls, Carter, Whittle Springs, Gresham, Vine and South-Doyle Middle Schools.



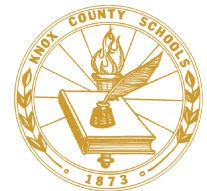
Current 6-8 Zones in East Knox County



Enrollment

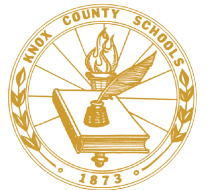
August 2016 Actual
(As of 9/07/16)

SCHOOL	Capacity	Enrollment	Difference
HALLS	1000	1095	+95
HOLSTON	1200	876	-324
WHITTLE SPRINGS	500	486	-14
GRESHAM	800	841	+41
VINE	600	349	-251
CARTER	650	823	+173
SOUTH-DOYLE	1200	960	-240
GIBBS	600		-600
TOTAL	6550	5430	1120



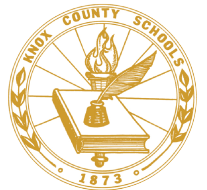
Likely Dynamics

- Area immediately surrounding the new Gibbs Middle School would likely be zoned to the new school.
- Enrollment in other north and central Knox County Middle schools would likely shift south and west, as the new school creates additional capacity.



Other Considerations

- Timing: New middle school scheduled to open fall 2018
- Structure: should the new school open with all grades, or grow into all grades?
- Assignment: Should some students (rising 8th graders, for example) be “grandfathered” to their current school?
- Community: how to quickly develop a cohesive, constructive school community that will support student academic success?



Next steps

Parent and Community Input is Important

Questions, feedback, concerns?

Email us rezoning@knoxschools.org

Additional resources:

Updates posted at knoxschools.org

