Middle School Rezoning
Due to New Hardin Valley Middle School
Winter, 2017
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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.
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 and man-made obstacles
  - 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: Elementary rezoning recommendation and vote by the Board of Education
West Knox Middle School Zoning

- Enrollment and growth challenges at several west Knox County Middle Schools
- New zoning plan should address growth in multiple school zones
- School zones potentially affected include Farragut, West Valley, Bearden, Karns and Cedar Bluff Middle Schools.
- Given the location of the new school, it appears that the Farragut and Karns attendance zones may change significantly.
## Enrollment

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

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Likely Dynamics

- Area immediately surrounding the new Hardin Valley Middle School and bordered by Pellissippi Parkway and Interstate I-40/75 would likely be zoned to the new school.
- Enrollment in other western Knox County Middle schools would likely shift south and east, 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?

Additional resources: rezoning@knoxschools.org

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