

# Middle School Rezoning

Due to New Gibbs Middle School

Fall, 2016

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# Introduction

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- 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

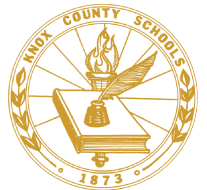
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## ELEVATIONS

**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

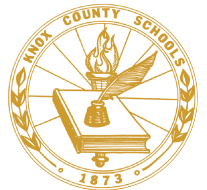


# Zone Planning and Development (cont'd)

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## ■ Timeline:

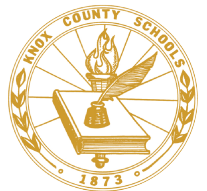
- November 2016/ January 2017: Gather input from community
- December 2016/ February 2017: Formulate a tentative zoning plan
- March/April 2017: Invite community feedback on plan
- May 2017: Elementary rezoning recommendation and vote by the Board of Education



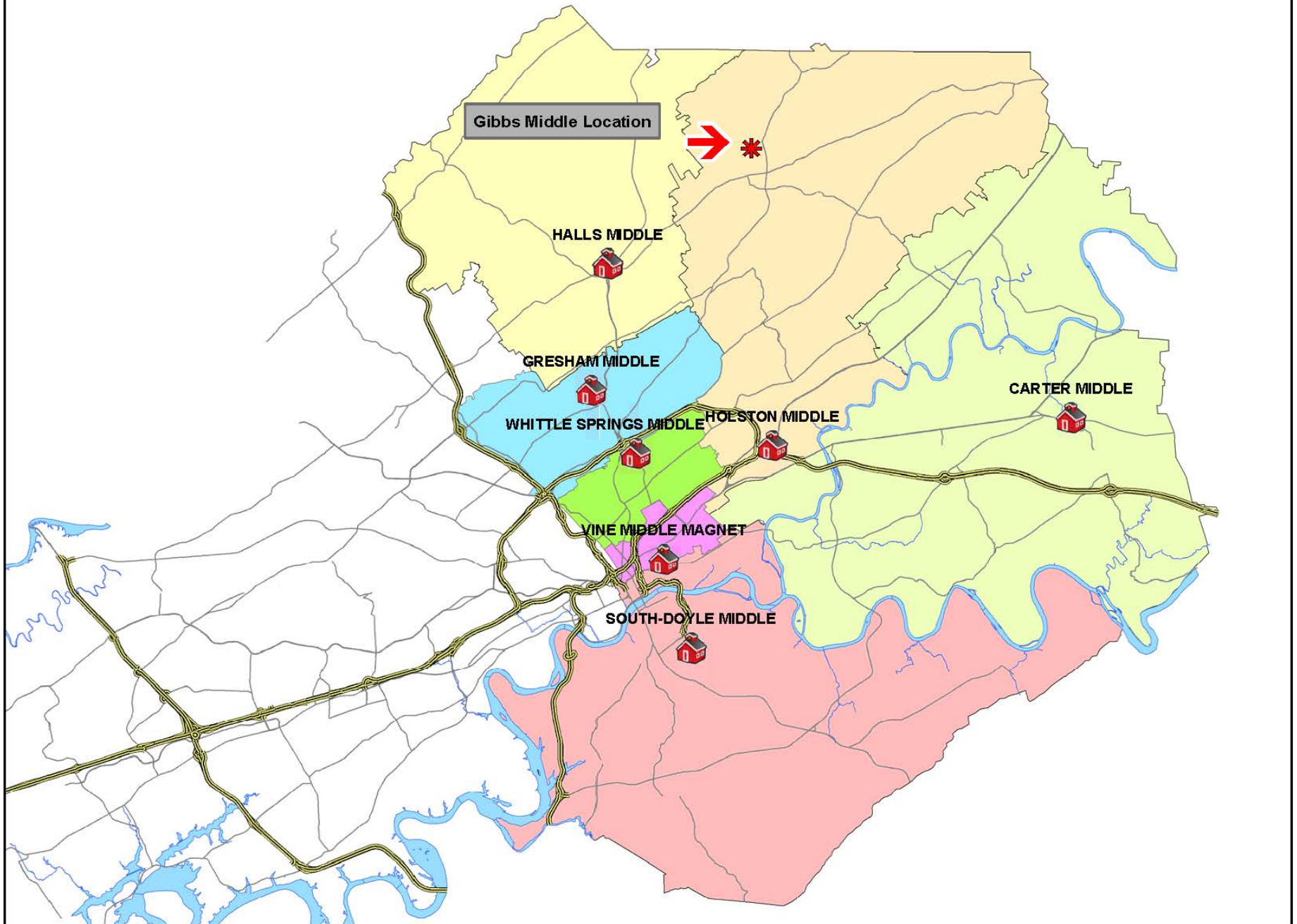
# Gibbs Middle School Zoning

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- Most middle school students in the Gibbs community are zoned to Holton 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.



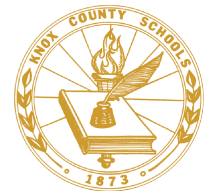
# Current 6-8 Zones in East Knox County



# 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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6550</b>	<b>5430</b>	<b>1120</b>

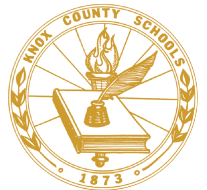




# Likely Dynamics

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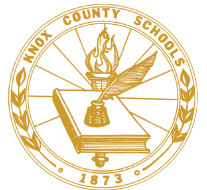
- Area immediately surrounding the new Gibbs Middle School would likely be zoned to the new school.
- Enrollment in other north and central Knox County Middle schools would likely shift south and west, as the new school creates additional capacity.



# Other Considerations

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- 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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

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## ***Parent and Community Input is Important***

Questions, feedback, concerns?

Email [rezoning@knoxschools.org](mailto:rezoning@knoxschools.org)

### **Additional resources:**

Updates posted at [knoxschools.org](http://knoxschools.org)

