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.
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: Elementary rezoning recommendation and vote by the Board of Education
Gibbs Middle School Zoning

- 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.
Enrollment

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

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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 8\textsuperscript{th} 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 rezoning@knoxschools.org

**Additional resources:**
Updates posted at knoxschools.org