

**Community Meeting on Proposed Changes
for
*Wolfson High School***

Wednesday, January 20, 2016



DUVAL COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Timeline of Boundary Change Process

Activity/Meeting	Date/Timeframe
One on One Meetings with Board Members to Discuss Boundary Changes in Individual Districts	June/July 2015
Proposed Boundary Changes Provided at Student Achievement Workshop	July 14, 2015
Follow Up Presentation for Community Engagement Process at Workshop	August 18, 2015
Board Meeting to Waive Boundary Change Timeline to February	September 1, 2015
Requested Follow Up Workshop to Review Proposed Boundary Changes in Greater Detail	September 8, 2015
Identification of Working Group Members	September 16 th – October 15 th
Board Meeting to Waive Boundary Change Timeline to June (denied)	October 1, 2015
Follow Up Meeting on Boundary Timeline	October 13, 2015
Follow Up Meeting on Boundary Timeline	October 20, 2015
Working Group Meetings	October 26 th – November 20 th
Board Meeting to Waive Boundary Change Timeline to May/June	November 2, 2015
Superintendent Presents Working Group and ACE Process Recommendations to Board	December 8, 2015
Public Hearing Noticed for Final Recommendations	January 5, 2016
Committee Meeting to Review Agenda Items for Proposed Boundary Changes	January 19, 2016
Community Meeting at Wolfson to Review Proposed Recommendation	January 20, 2016
Public Hearing and Final Board Vote on Proposed Boundary Changes	February 2, 2016

Overarching Challenges to be Addressed Districtwide

- Establish proactive strategies and solutions to address:
 - Low performance and avoid state sanctions
 - Increase enrollment and building utilization by retaining boundary students and/or by recruiting non-boundary and/or charter and private school students
 - Need for unique programs to meet individual needs and demands of students and parents

Evolution of Wolfson High Boundary Change Recommendation

Proposed Change	Working Group Recommendation	Final Superintendent Recommendation
Wolfson High School 9 th grade phase in conversion to dedicated magnet for International Studies /Executive Leadership	Accept the Superintendent's recommendation to convert Wolfson High School to a dedicated magnet starting with 9 th graders in 2016-17. (6-3 vote)	Accept Working Group Recommendation for Final Board Vote on February 2, 2016

Estimated Costs	
Expenditure	Approximate Cost
Transportation	Approximately \$140,000

Rationale for Recommended Change to Wolfson

- Wolfson losing over 1,200 students in the boundary, including charter (237), Home Education (136), magnet (461), McKay (41). 426 students recruited outside of the boundary area. Current enrollment is 1,125.
- International Studies and Executive Leadership Program conversion offers a proactive, visionary approach to recruit neighborhood students back to the school for long-term enrollment, utilization, and academic sustainability.
- Strategy similar to Landon Middle School's conversion, which has proven effective.
- Recommendation strengthens continuity with Landon Middle School (gifted, advanced, and leadership) and builds off of existing International Baccalaureate Program at Wolfson.

Program Design for Conversion

- Existing programs will remain at the school, including Advanced Placement (AP), AVID, JROTC, VYSTAR Finance, and Law.
- Beginning with the ninth grade class, students can become IB candidates or access certain IB classes as electives while selecting the Executive Leadership pathway that includes existing career academies (i.e. JROTC, Finance, Law). Students will still have access to AP classes.
- Ninth graders not opting into Wolfson next year would be boundaried for Terry Parker or Atlantic Coast.
- Commitment to market proposed conversion to the community and parents.