

Q&A
Progressive Redistricting – Elementary Schools
School Year 2015-2016

1) Why is the district choosing to redistrict at this time?

This is the first step in what will be a progressive redistricting plan for the district. The goal for this initial stage is to begin the shift of student population to make the sizes of each elementary school more proportional throughout the district. **This is a voluntary redistricting**, giving parents the option of staying in their household's current home school or selecting a new school in their neighborhood. **There are no mandatory changes being implemented.**

2) Why this is called a “progressive” redistricting plan?

This is the first stage in the implementation of a progressive, multi-year redistricting plan. In order to maintain continuity for families, it was decided to provide a gradual change of school boundaries.

3) Does the district anticipate closing a school in 2016-2017 as a result of this process?

No, the goal of the process is to maintain our nine neighborhood schools and balance out the student population throughout the district. This is not being done for cost reduction.

4) How much does the district plan to save as a result of these measures?

This voluntary redistricting is not being done as a cost savings measure. There are no anticipated savings and no reduction in staff as a result of this effort.

5) Do all students have an option to change school placement?

At this time, there are 101 currently enrolled students who will have the option of selecting a new home school as a result of this stage of the redistricting plan. This was done to give parents a choice and to begin to shift student populations in a way that retains class size limits by grade.

Progressive Redistricting							
# Students Offered Option							
	Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	TOTAL
Woodglen to Little Tor	6	8	8	16	7	8	53
Smith Farm (Little Tor) To Woodglen	3	3	1	3	2	6	18

Bardonia to West Nyack	4	6	4	5	6	5	30
Total	13	17	13	24	15	19	101

If you wish to attend a school other than your home school and are not included in this stage of the redistricting plan, please see Board policy #5110 for the terms regarding out of boundary requests.

6) Does this move impact all schools?

No. In this initial stage of our long-term redistricting, four elementary schools are involved in the process: Bardonia, West Nyack, Little Tor and Woodglen. This is in an effort to ease the growing student populations at Bardonia and Woodglen as well as allow residents in the Smith Farm area the option of attending Woodglen.

More specifically, the geographic boundaries of the above schools are being readjusted as follows:

A section of Bardonia is being redistricted to West Nyack. This is a section in the southwestern part of Bardonia

The section of Little Tor "Smith Farms" is being redistricted to Woodglen

A section of Woodglen is being redistricted to Little Tor. This section is in the southwestern part of Woodglen.

7) What specific streets are being redistricted?

The streets included within the redistricted areas are as follows:

Students currently enrolled in Bardonia and who live on the following streets will be offered the option to change their home school to West Nyack.

Total # of Students (30)

- Bull Run Road
- Brookhill Drive
- Debra Lee Court
- Glen Rose Court
- Parkway Drive
- Pipers Glen
- Rose Road
- Ruhe Lane
- Spruce Lane

Students currently enrolled in Little Tor and who live on the following streets will be offered the option to change their home school to Woodglen:

Total # of Students (18)

- Pleasant Hill Drive
- Harvest Road

Students currently enrolled in Woodglen and who live on portions of the following streets will be offered the option to change their home school to Little Tor:

Total # of Students (53)

- Alan Court
- Angus Lane
- Beverly Place
- Cairngorm Road
- Elaine Drive
- Heather Drive
- Joan Drive
- Lisa Lane
- Little Brook Lane
- Mandon Terrace
- Mary Ann Lane
- North Little Tor Road
- Patricia Drive
- Woodland Road

8) My child attends class in one of the schools slated for redistricting. How will he/she be impacted?

The goal of this initial stage in the redistricting is to help reduce the school populations at Bardonia and Woodglen Elementary Schools.

9) What are the student populations at each school?

The chart below reflects the current student population as well as a projection of the student population should **all who are offered the option to move to the school in the new redistricted boundary choose to do so.**

School	Current 2014-2015	After Redistricting	Impact
Bardonia	374	344	-30
Lakewood	447	447	0
Laurel Plains	343	343	0
Link	353	353	0
Little Tor	250	285	35

New City	353	353	0
Strawtown	285	285	0
West Nyack	279	309	30
Woodglen	471	436	-35
Average	351	351	
High	471	447	-24
Low	250	283	33
Totals	3155	3155	0

10) A redistricting of New City to Lakewood was mentioned as an option by Superintendent Morton at the June 4th Board of Education meeting. Why was it not included in the final plan?

Based on parent feedback and further discussion with the principals of both New City and Lakewood following the June 4th Board of Education meeting, it was decided that these schools will not be included as part of the voluntary redistricting plan.

11) When will I be notified if I have an option to attend a different school than my current enrollment?

Parents of students who have the option to choose a new home school will be notified by mail posted no later than Thursday, June 18, 2015.

12) When do I have to respond to the district with my choice of maintaining my current placement or selecting a new home school?

Parents of students who have the choice to voluntarily change schools should notify the district by **July 27, 2015**. The process for selecting your option will be outlined in the letter that will be sent to you.

13) Can I get a map of the changes to the school boundaries and a street listing of households that will be offered the opportunity to select an alternate home school?

Comprehensive information regarding this stage of the progressive redistricting plan, including maps and street listings, will be posted on the district website following the June 16, 2015 Board of Education meeting.

14) Will I be notified if I do not have the option to change schools?

Superintendent Morton discussed the progressive redistricting plan at the Board of Education meetings on June 4th and June 16th. All district parents will receive a Schoolmessenger email from the district providing general information and a link to more detailed material on the district website. Parents who will be eligible to voluntarily choose a new home school as a result of this plan will be notified by U.S. Mail posted no later than Thursday, June 18th.

15) I have more than one child and we live in an area that will be redistricted. Can I choose to have them attend different schools? (For example, one student wishes to complete 5th grade at current placement and another entering 1st grade would like to attend the newly assigned school.)

Yes. For those families who are within the redistricted areas, you will have the option of selecting the preferred home school for each student in your household.

16) If I am in a redistricted area and I decide to keep my child in his/her current home school, can I change to the optional placement in future years?

Choices made by families in this initial stage of the progressive redistricting plan will become permanent for the 2016-2017 school year. You may continue for the 2015-2016 school year in your current placement and choose the optional placement for 2016-2017. Any requested changes made after the start of the 2016-2017 school year will be considered out of boundary requests and subject to the terms of Board policy #5110.

17) If I choose to send my child to the school offered as an option to his/her current placement, can I change back to the original placement at a later date?

Choices made by families in this initial stage of the progressive redistricting plan will become permanent in the 2016-2017 school year. You may select for the 2015-2016 school year the optional choice location and return to your original placement for 2016-2017. Any requested changes made after the start of the 2016-2017 school year will be considered out of boundary requests and subject to the terms of Board policy #5110.

18) My child is currently registered to begin kindergarten in September of 2015 at one of the redistricted schools. Do I have a choice of schools?

Yes. Like other households in the redistricted areas, you will receive a letter posted no later than June 18, 2015 that outlines your options. This phase of the progressive redistricting will become permanent for the 2016-2017 school year. Any family new to the district after July 1, 2016 will be assigned to the redistricted home school.

19) I live in a redistricted area and have one child currently attending school and one that is not yet school age. What school will the younger child attend? Will I have a choice?

Yes, all families with children who are currently enrolled in Clarkstown schools or will be for the 2015-2016 school year and remain at the same address will be “grandfathered.” This will enable any child in the household to attend either the current home school or the school location within the redistricted boundary.

20) I plan to move into one of the redistricted areas of the Clarkstown Central School District during the 2015-2016 school year. Will I have a choice of schools for my child (ren)?

Yes. This phase of the progressive redistricting will become permanent for the 2016-2017 school year. Any family new to the district after July 1, 2016 will be assigned to the redistricted home school.

21) What is the impact on class size as a result of the redistricting plan?

All class sizes will remain within the limits established by Board policy.

22) What is the impact on the total number of students at each school?

The numbers listed below reflect the outcome should every family offered the option to voluntarily change home school decides to do so, as of registrations through June 16, 2015.

The schools anticipated to decrease in total number of students:

- Bardonia (-30 students)
- Woodglen (-35 students)

The schools anticipated to increase in total number of students:

- Little Tor (+35 students)
- West Nyack (+30 students)

23) If I am offered a choice, will I have the opportunity to visit the optional school location prior to making my child's school selection?

Yes, the principals and staff of Little Tor, Woodglen and West Nyack Elementary Schools will be hosting open houses. The District will notify impacted families of the dates and times. You can also visit the school by making an appointment with the school secretary.

24) Can I get information on the teachers of my child's grade in the optional school location prior to making my selection?

As is standard across all schools, student teacher assignments will be mailed to home addresses in August.

25) Do all schools offer the same classes and programs? Will my child miss out on any classes or programs by choosing a different school?

All of the elementary schools within the Clarkstown Central School District provide an exceptional educational experience for students. For more information about an individual school, please plan on attending the open house or scheduling an appointment at the school.

26) My child is receiving special education services or 504 accommodations at his/her current school. Will these same services continue in the new school?

Yes. Your child will continue to receive all the same services and supports as outlined in his/her current IEP or 504 plan.

27) What are the start and end times of the schools in the redistricting plan?

Bardonia 8:30 am 3:05 pm

West Nyack 8:30 am 3:05 pm

Little Tor 8:30 am 3:05 pm

Woodglen 8:30 am 3:05 pm

28) If I choose to redistrict, will transportation be provided?

If you choose to redistrict, your new school becomes your home school. If you meet the Board policy #8410 for transportation mileage limits, you will receive bus services.

29) If I choose to send my child to a different school, will the funds in his/her lunch money account automatically follow him/her or is there something that I need to do to ensure that this happens?

Yes. Your account will follow your child to his/her new home school.

30) My child attends the JCCY or YMCA after school program at their current school. Is that program available at the optional school placement?

Afterschool programming is provided by the JCCY and the YMCA. The YMCA coordinates the programming directly at Bardonia, Little Tor, West Nyack and Woodglen. The JCCY has programs in New City, open to students from other schools based on availability. Please contact the programs directly for information.

31) Could my home be redistricted to be outside of the Clarkstown Central School District?

No. There are no plans to change Clarkstown Central School District boundary lines.