Since 2001, approximately 15%–43% of our elementary schools have remained at, or over capacity; many of them surpassing the county A.P.F.O. thresholds. Since 1990, eight (8) new elementary schools have been constructed. By August 2011, Red Pump Elementary School will be constructed and occupied. In an undetermined future fiscal year, a second elementary school will be constructed at the Campus Hills location. The two new schools will bring the total number of elementary schools to 34. Over the next 16 months, the superintendent and his staff will collect and analyze demographic data, residential subdivision data and trends, enrollment and projections, and other data to develop the attendance area for the new school. In addition, they will study each of the existing elementary school attendance areas and will make recommendations to the Board of Education to modify all, or some of the elementary schools to balance the enrollment with the capacity at the elementary school level across the entire county. The initiative will begin in the fall of 2009, beginning with the dissemination of data to the general public including the most recent actual September 30 enrollment, capacities, and projections, demographic data, BRAC data, school profiles, and other relevant data that will provide an accurate depiction of current and projected elementary enrollment. In the ensuing months, the following activities will occur: parent and community focus groups will be formed to meet with staff to discuss their unique requirements for redistricting; staff development and sharing of proposals to the individual focus groups; review and revisions based on focus group input; recommendations to the Board of Education; public hearings and presentations regarding the proposed plans; and, ultimate approval of the various plans by the Board of Education. The Superintendent anticipates a phased implementation of the various plans beginning with the opening of Red Pump ES in August 2011. A web page has been initiated with postings of monthly progress updates, updated data, proposed plans, community input, frequently asked questions, and other related information. The first phase would need to be approved by the Board of Education by March 1, 2011 to prepare for implementation in the 2011-2012 school year.

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