

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

January 23, 2018

SUBJECT:

Recommendation to adjust attendance boundaries to include the southern portion of Area One along the Barnwell County line in the New Ellenton Middle and Silver Bluff High School attendance zone

BACKGROUND:

Administration recommends reassigning students in the southern parcel along the Barnwell County line from the Oakwood Windsor Elementary, Aiken Middle, and Aiken High attendance pattern to the Oakwood Windsor Elementary, New Ellenton Middle and Silver Bluff High attendance pattern. This reassignment includes a grandfathering provision for current attendees and would begin with the 2018-19 school year. Attendance areas are succinctly defined in Map Attachment C.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

Based on its proximity to Barnwell, Aiken County loses a number of students in this area to Williston schools. The travel distance and time to Aiken Middle and Aiken High make that an attractive option. New Ellenton Middle is considerably closer and has the capacity to support these students. The addition of students from this area also improves the viability of New Ellenton Middle, raising its utilization from forty-two to fifty percent. While the distance to Silver Bluff High is comparable to that of South Aiken High, the travel time would be reduced due to a smoother flow of traffic. Elementary students would remain at Oakwood Windsor.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the recommendation to adjust attendance boundaries to include the southern portion of Area One along the Barnwell County line in the New Ellenton Middle and Silver Bluff High School attendance zone.

ATTACHMENT:

Map Attachment C

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MAP ATTACHMENT C

Barnwell County Line – Students in this area currently assigned to Oakwood Windsor Elementary, Aiken Middle, and either Aiken or South Aiken High will continue to attend Oakwood Windsor Elementary but would be assigned to New Ellenton Middle and Silver Bluff High.



Number of Current Students Impacted	
Middle School	34
High School	44
TOTAL	78

