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Director District Boundary Changes Proposed

Affects school board elections only, not schools

Freeman, Wash. – Every ten years, after each U.S. Census is completed, school districts must review the boundaries of their board of director districts to ensure equitable geographic representation. Freeman School District is divided into five geographic regions or districts, one for each board seat. Candidates for school board must run for the seat of the director district they live in. By creating five equal director districts, geographic diversity is ensured on the school board. Each position is elected by all district voters, so each of the five directors represents the entire district in their board actions.

These boundaries are completely unrelated to school attendance boundaries: this process will not change any neighborhood school boundaries.

In October 2022, the district contracted with Sammamish Data Systems to develop a proposal for new director district boundaries based on the latest census data. Since the last realignment of director districts, there has been a substantial shift in population growth. Currently, our director districts vary in population from a low of 962 in District 4 to a high of 980 in District 1.

The proposed new director district boundaries would balance these populations so that all five districts would have approximately 972 residents.

District	Current Population	Population under the proposal
1 st	980	972
2 nd	970	972
3 rd	973	972
4 th	962	972
5 th	977	972

A presentation and public hearing on this proposal will be held at the March 30, 2023 school board meeting, which begins at 6 p.m. Current and proposed maps are also available on the district website, www.freemansd.org. The first reading of the proposal is scheduled for the March 30, 2023 board meeting. The second reading of the proposal and potential adoption of the proposal is scheduled for the April 25, 2023 board meeting.