

November 17, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In our ongoing efforts to provide the highest quality education possible for your children, we have adjusted the districting lines of several elementary schools for next school year. On November 16, 2021, Forsyth County Schools' Board of Education approved a redistricting plan that helps to eliminate / lessen overcrowding at Brandywine, Midway, Shiloh Point, Vickery Creek, and Whitlow elementary schools. The plan allows us to populate New Hope Elementary School, which will open August 2022, as well as add to an underpopulated Big Creek Elementary School. These new attendance districts will go into operation for the 2022-2023 school year.

If your child is currently enrolled in Kindergarten through 3rd Grade, he/she must move to their newly assigned school. If your child is currently in 4th Grade, the Board of Education has made the following option(s) available:

- If you have a child who is **currently** enrolled in 4th Grade and has been redistricted to New Hope or Brandywine, you may request an out-of-district waiver to complete 5th grade at your current school. To do so, you must submit the waiver application at <http://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/ood> between December 1, 2021 and January 14, 2022.
 - Siblings of your current 4th Grade student may stay at the same school for ONE year, as well. After one year, however, they must go to the school that they have been redistricted to attend. To do this, you will need to submit an out-of-district waiver application for each student between December 1, 2021 and January 14, 2022 at <http://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/ood>
 - Please Note: In both cases above, **parents/guardians are responsible for transporting their children to school** as part of the out-of-district waiver agreement.

If you have a child at Brandywine Elementary School who is CURRENTLY enrolled in the **Dual Language Immersion (DLI)** program, the Board of Education will allow him/her to remain at Brandywine until they have completed 5th grade. Siblings will be allowed to remain, as well, but only until the student enrolled in DLI has completed or withdrawn from the program. At that time, all redistricted students from your family who are not in the DLI program will be enrolled in their newly districted school. To accept this option, you will need to submit an out-of-district waiver application for each student between December 1, 2021 and January 14, 2022 at <http://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/ood>. **Transportation will be provided for students enrolled in DLI, along with their siblings.**

We are truly excited about these newly drawn school attendance zones. We are confident that the administrative team, faculty, and staff at your new school will work closely with you to make this a smooth transition, providing your children with a vibrant, caring school experience.

Sincerely,

Mitch Young
Deputy Superintendent