



**News release**  
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## **Elementary Boundary Committee submits recommendation**

*Online forum to gather comments open until May 25*

### **Background**

In April 2016, voters said “yes” to building a new elementary school to help alleviate overcrowding in the district’s southern region. Elementary No. 18, under construction now at 180th Street SE, will open in fall 2019.

The [Elementary Boundary Committee](#), including parents and staff, began work in November 2017 to draw boundaries for the new school **and** to adjust boundaries for elementary schools in that region to help balance school enrollments. The group studied student enrollment and school capacities and used that information to recommend new school boundaries to balance enrollment and demographics in the region.

### **What’s next?**

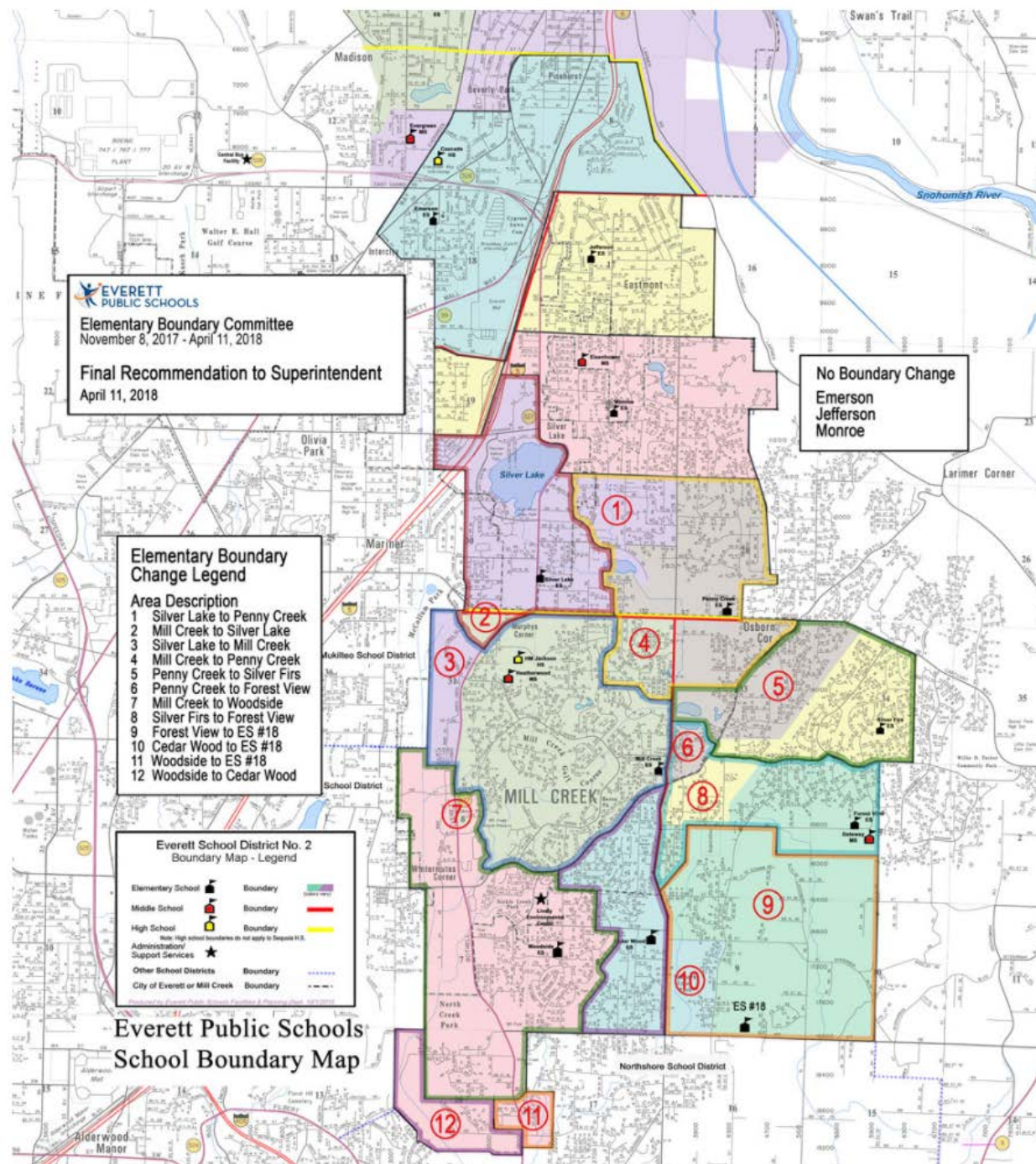
The committee’s [boundary recommendation](#) and [associated map](#) is online for public review and input through May 25.

“Our committee work is now complete,” noted Gerard Holzman, planning principal and committee chair. “We submitted our recommendations to the superintendent who is now asking our community to share input about the recommendations.”

The superintendent will consider public comments received by May 25 in light of the committee recommendations. He will then submit a recommendation for the board to consider. By law, school boards must establish school boundaries.

“The district knows families and communities need time to adjust to boundary changes,” explained Holzman. “The timing of our committee work makes it possible for superintendent to review and for the board to make boundary decisions before fall 2018. This would give families a year to plan for new boundaries and opening of Elementary No. 18 in fall 2019.”

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Twelve areas have would be shifted to create a service area of Elementary No. 18 and to help balance south end elementary schools.

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