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Board green lights high school boundary changes for 2020

A phase-in plan will help relieve overcrowding at Jackson High School

Everett, WA – A committee made of community members, district staff and students has been studying the growth challenges affecting district schools for the past year. The [High School Growth Mitigation Planning Committee](#) formed last June at the school board's request for a more in-depth process to weigh the data and suggest solutions to help ease overcrowding at Jackson High School.

As part of the year-long study, the committee held five in-person community forums and collected community questions, concerns and suggestions through two online comment periods. The committee used the community feedback as they poured over maps, enrollment projections, transportation routes and hundreds of pages of data to help guide their recommendation to the superintendent.

The superintendent reviewed further online comments about the [committee's recommendation](#) and presented it to the board during the May 21 regular board meeting. The board unanimously approved the recommendation which will go into effect in fall 2020.

The final recommendation includes boundary changes for some families currently living in the Jackson and Cascade high school boundaries. The changes for students in selected regions will be phased in over several years:

Grade 9 in 2020

Grades 9-10 in 2021

Grades 9-11 in 2022

Grades 9-12 in 2023 and thereafter

The phased approach will allow many students to remain at their current high school through graduation.

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