



Administrative Recommendation: New Boundaries

February 2008

Background

In January, the board of education approved the purchase of land on Eola Road for the construction of Metea Valley High School. With the land secured, the district can now move forward with building its third high school and converting the Waubonsie Valley High School freshman building to its seventh middle school. Opening new schools necessitates changing school boundaries to determine who will attend the new schools.

In evaluating boundary options, the board directed the administration to develop a plan that:

1. Balances enrollment with attention to school capacities, providing room for growth.
2. Maximizes academic strength of our three high schools and seven middle schools.
3. Minimizes the following: transportation time and costs, non-contiguous boundaries and splits that any one student would experience.

The following frequently asked questions provide more information on this recommendation. Additional information and detailed boundary maps are available on the district's website at www.ipsd.org.

Frequently Asked Questions

When are the proposed new boundaries effective?

Proposed new boundaries for elementary would be effective with the start of the 2008-09 school year. Fifth graders would have the option of staying at their current elementary school; however, parents would need to provide transportation. Middle and high school proposed new boundaries would be in effect August 2009.

Why are changes being made at the elementary level?

Administrators are proposing moving less than 360 students out of the district's 13,200 elementary students in order to balance enrollment and class sizes in certain schools facing overcrowding.

Will additional transportation services be provided?

Additional bus routes will be added to the Watts, Owen, Fry and Peterson attendance areas to keep travel times within the district's current range. In order to best serve high school students who participate in after-school activities and athletics, the proposal includes providing late departure activity bus service to this same area. Early bus service is also being considered.

What happens next?

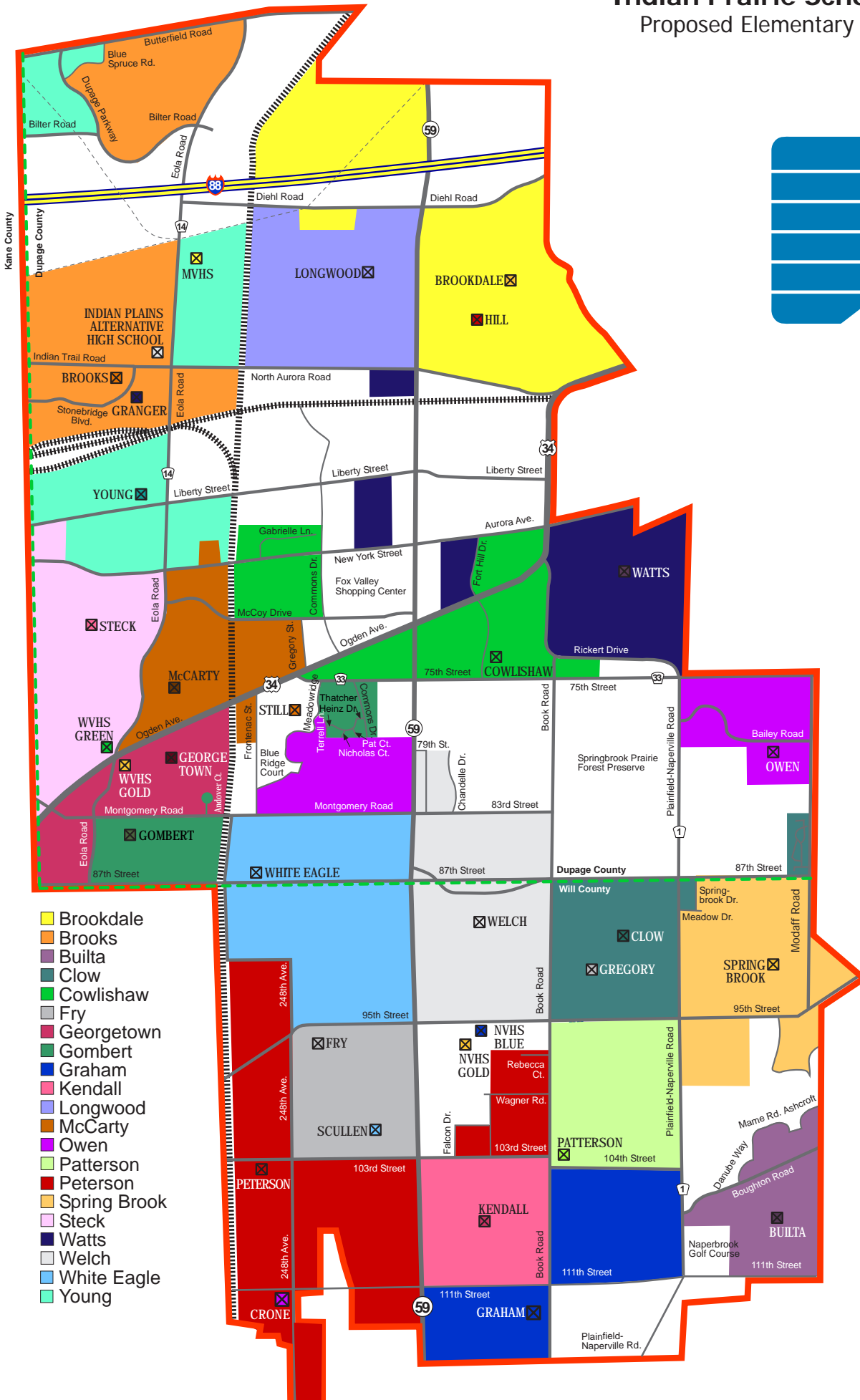
Administrators will present the boundary recommendation to the board of education on February 19 and the board will vote on the recommendation.

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Proposed Elementary School Boundary Map

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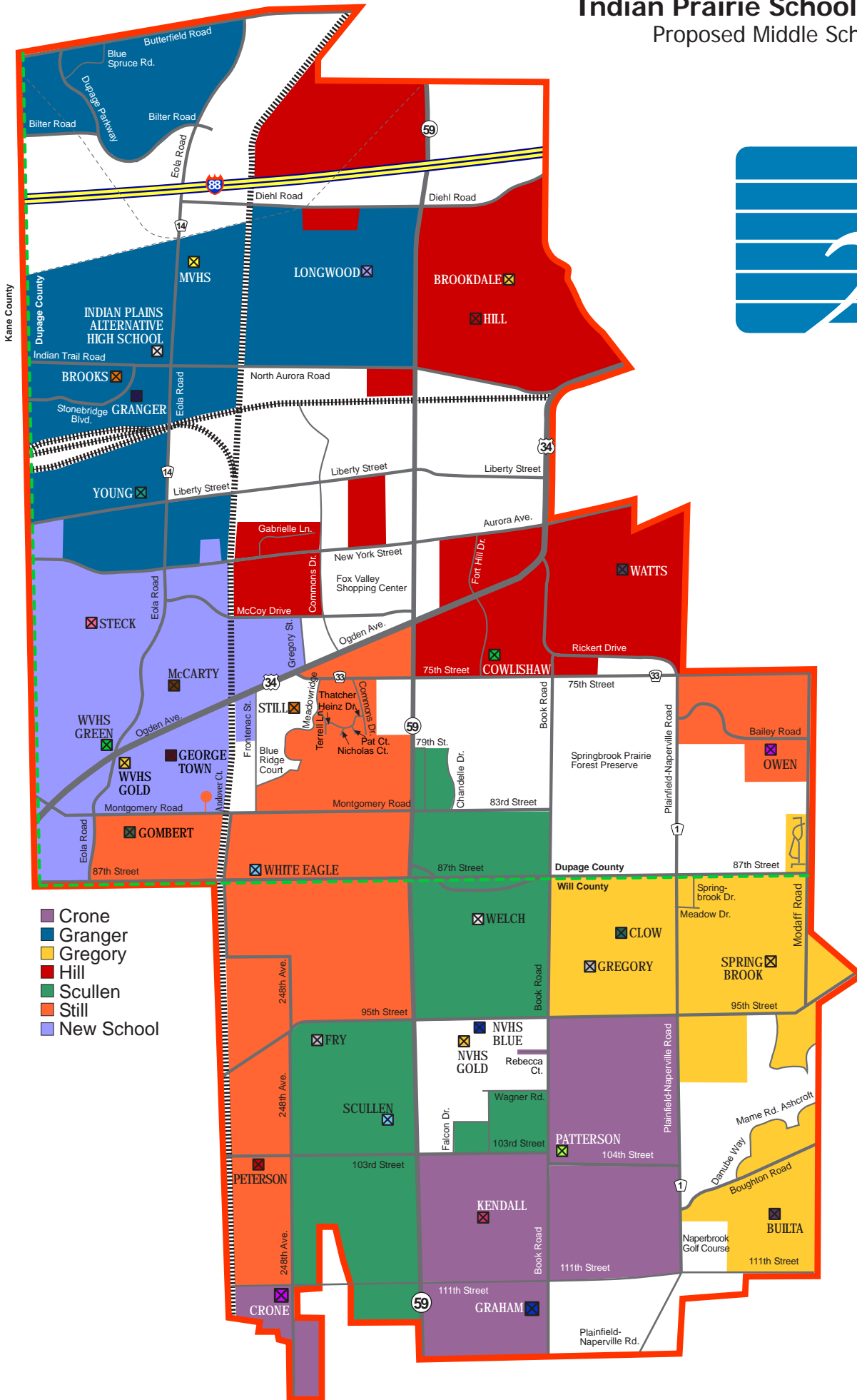


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- Brooks
- Builta
- Clow
- Cowlshaw
- Fry
- Georgetown
- Gombert
- Graham
- Kendall
- Longwood
- McCarty
- Owen
- Patterson
- Peterson
- Spring Brook
- Steck
- Watts
- Welch
- White Eagle
- Young

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Proposed Middle School Boundary Map

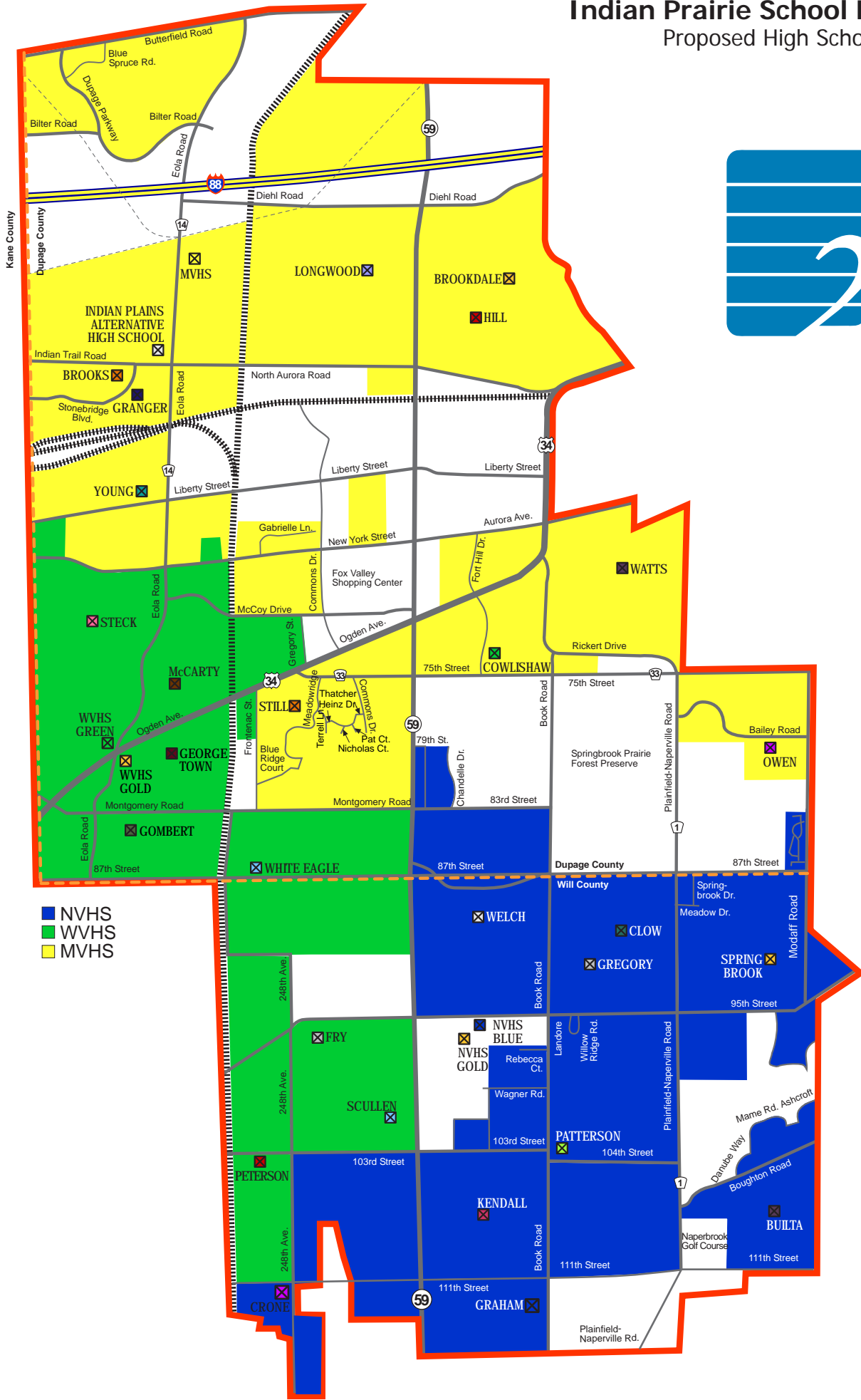
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Proposed High School Boundary Map

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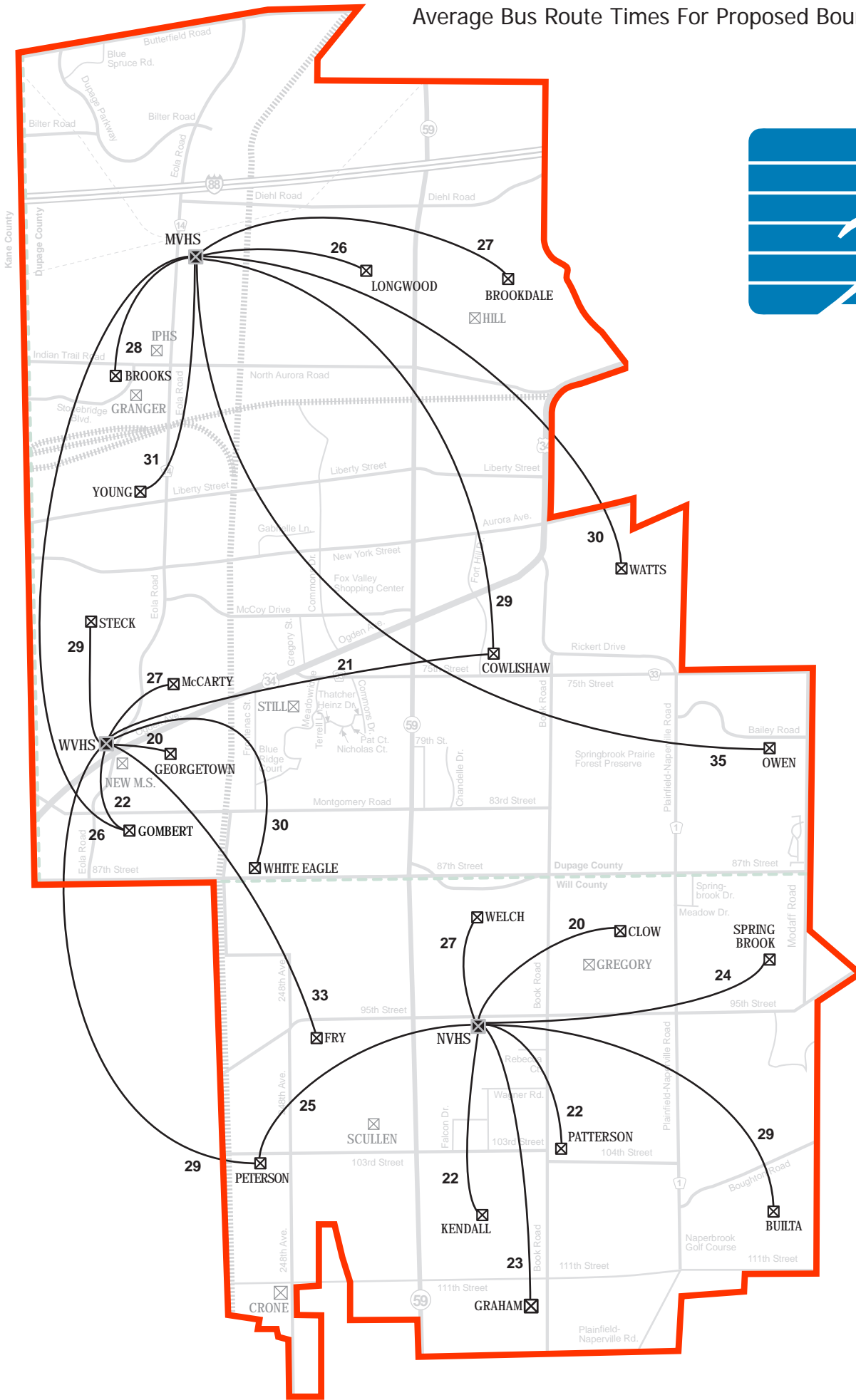


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Average Bus Route Times For Proposed Boundaries (In Minutes)

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MEMO

Date: January 31, 2008

To: Kathryn Birkett

From: Karla Zozulia

CC: Dave Holm, Stephen Daeschner

Re: IL 59 Pedestrian Bridge

As part of the Naperville Park District Bike Trail, a 14' pedestrian bridge is being constructed over IL 59 in order to connect the east and west sides of the bike trail.

I had several discussions with various authorities related to the hazard status of IL 59 once this pedestrian bridge is complete. In summary, they all agree that the hazard status of IL 59 will not and should not change. Therefore, this means that any students living on the west side of IL 59 and attending a school on the east side will have to be bused regardless of the 1.5 mile distance from the school they attend.

City of Naperville – the bridge will not be maintained by the city, and will not become part of a “safe walk route” to school.

Naperville Park District – The Naperville Park District will assume the operational maintenance which includes snow removal. The Park District divides its snow removal operations into two categories, priority and secondary. Priority routes include parking lots and sidewalks adjacent to Park District buildings. The new bridge will be placed on a secondary route, this means during heavier snow events it may not be cleared until one or two days after the end of the snowfall.

Illinois Department of Transportation – IDOT will not address the issues regarding the pedestrian bridge, this is up to the City of Naperville and the local school board.

School Safety – Busing: Hazards

Section 29-3 of the School Codes (105 ILCS 5/29-3) allows local school district to receive reimbursement from the State Superintendent of Education for the busing of pupils for distances of less than 1.5 miles when conditions are such that walking, either to or from the school to which a student is assigned for attendance or to or from a pick-up point or bus stop, constitutes a serious hazard to the safety of the student due to vehicular traffic or rail crossings. It provides that a school board may provide free transportation in such cases, but does not mandate such transportation. It also provides that this transportation shall not be provided if adequate transportation for the public is available.

The local school board determines what constitutes a serious safety hazard in accordance with guidelines disseminated by the Illinois Department of Transportation, in consultation with the State Superintendent of Education. There are four basic types of serious safety hazards which students walking to school encounter: 1- walking along a roadway, 2- walking on a roadway, 3- crossing a roadway, and 4- crossing railroad tracks.