

# ATTENDANCE ZONE RECOMMENDATIONS AND RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

~~2016-2017~~  
2017-2018



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# INTRODUCTION

The 2016-2017 school year marks the thirty-sixth (36<sup>th</sup>) year that citizens are involved in the Attendance Boundary Committee (ABC) process. This committee was established by the School Board and the Superintendent after numerous citizens expressed concerns about the lack of community involvement in attendance boundary recommendations. Subsequently, each year community members from various civic and educational advocacy organizations have diligently served on this committee, reviewing recommendations of proposed attendance boundaries for new schools and changes to the boundaries of existing schools.

The challenge this year is to continue to comply with the state mandate of Class Size Reduction while providing specific direction/information to communities as attendance boundaries are modified for 2017-2018. To ensure the appropriate distribution of students as new student stations are delivered, current boundary procedures allow the Superintendent of Schools, with the assistance of School Operations and the Office of School Facilities, to develop proposed boundary recommendations. The proposed recommendations were presented at Region Community Meetings to the affected school communities. The boundary recommendations were then reviewed by the seventeen (17) Attendance Boundary Committee members.

The development of attendance zone recommendations with community involvement continues to be a primary goal of the School Board, the Superintendent of Schools, and the ABC. Attendance boundary changes have been determined after several factors were considered. The factors are as follows:

1. Compliance with Class Size Reduction Mandate;
2. Impact on Special Education programs;
3. Use of available student stations within contiguous areas;
4. Degree and extent of transportation;
5. Programmatic impact due to lack of student housing;
6. Reduction of the number of schools students must attend;
7. Integrity of feeder systems;
8. Assignment of students from new residential developments to specific schools prior to completion of developments;
9. Construction of new schools;
10. Promotion and maintenance of diverse school enrollments; and
11. Prevention, reduction or elimination of racial isolation to the extent practical.

Attendance zone recommendations are long-range solutions designed to stabilize affected schools and bring schools within the mandates of Class Size Reduction. Determining attendance boundaries through ABC is a yearlong process with all meetings open to the public.

The recommendations that follow were reviewed by school and community organizations, i.e., Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA), Educational Excellence School Advisory Council (EESAC), student leaders, etc. On March 2, 2017, staff presented the recommendations to the Diversity, Equity and Excellence Advisory Committee (DEEAC). DEEAC will present its report to the School Board at the Conference Session on Attendance Zone Recommendations which will be held on April 5, 2017.

## **ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY COMMITTEE (ABC)**

Members of the Attendance Boundary Committee and their alternates are to be commended for their dedication and hard work in reviewing recommendations for the 2017-2018 school year. Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the community have been well served by their dedication and interest in the education of our students.

### **APPOINTEES**

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## **SCHOOLS ON ADVISED STATUS 2016-2017**

Some schools have been placed on advised status for the 2017-2018 school year signifying that Region personnel and community members should monitor the student enrollment at selected schools. The Attendance Boundary Committee recommended that the following schools be placed on advised status:

<b>CENTRAL REGION</b>	
5931	Phillis Wheatley Elementary
1441	Paul Laurence Dunbar K-8 Center

<b>NORTH REGION</b>	
2581	Madie Ives Community Elementary
4281	Palm Springs North Elementary
0231	Aventura Waterways K-8 Center
0091	Bob Graham Education Center

<b>SOUTH REGION</b>	
0651	Campbell Drive K-8 Center
3621	Coconut Palm K-8 Academy
4031	Gateway Environmental K-8 Learning Center



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# **CENTRAL REGION**

<b>Dr. Toni Bilbao Preparatory Academy</b> 8905 NW 114 Avenue Doral, Florida 33178	<b>Dr. Rolando Espinosa K-8 Center</b> 8600 NW 112 Avenue Miami, Florida 33178	<b>John I. Smith K-8 Center</b> 10415 NW 52 Street Miami, Florida 33178
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<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
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Students residing in the boundaries of Dr. Rolando Espinosa K-8 Center and John I. Smith K-8 Center will have the option of attending Dr. Toni Bilbao Preparatory Academy or remain in their respective school.

- **Current legal boundary for Dr. Rolando Espinosa K-8 Center:**  
 Begin at NW 107 Avenue  
 and Okeechobee Canal/Road (US 27)  
 South on NW 107 Avenue to NW 58 Street  
 West on NW 58 Street to NW 114 Avenue  
 North on NW 114 Avenue to NW 62 Terrace  
 West on NW 62 Terrace extended  
 to Miami-Dade/Collier County Line  
 North on Miami-Dade/Collier County Line  
 to NW 202 Street  
 East on NW 202 Street to Okeechobee  
 to Okeechobee Canal/Road (US 27)  
 Southeast on Okeechobee Canal  
 to NW 107 Avenue,  
 point of beginning.
- **Current legal boundary for John I. Smith K-8 Center:**  
 Begin at Okeechobee Canal  
 and NW 107 Avenue  
 Southeast on Okeechobee Canal  
 to Palmetto Expressway (#826)  
 South along Palmetto Expressway (#826) to  
 Seaboard Railroad  
 (approximately NW 12 Street)  
 West to NW 107 Avenue  
 North to Okeechobee Canal,  
 point of beginning.

Due to the projected population increase in the City of Doral and to avoid disruption within the city with multiple boundary changes, recommendations are being proffered for Dr. Toni Bilbao Preparatory Academy.

RECOMMENDATION CONT.

A temporary boundary will be established for Dr. Toni Bilbao Preparatory Academy during the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years with a permanent boundary being established during the 2019-2020 school year.

Dr. Toni Bilbao Preparatory Academy will open as a K-8 Center during the 2017-2018 school year, will initially serve students in grades PreK-2, and will add a grade level each year thereafter until 8<sup>th</sup> grade is added.

This is a novel idea that will ensure that families are not displaced or inconvenienced with a series of boundary changes that will occur in the Doral area.

EFFECT

This temporary recommendation will be in effect for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years. A new K-8 Center will be built at Grand Bay on NW 77 Terrace and NW 102 Avenue and will open for classes in August 2019 to relieve John I. Smith K-8 Center and Eugenia B. Thomas K-8 Center.

New boundaries will provide relief for the expected population growth from new residential units planned in the City of Doral.

Based on the recommendations for Dr. Toni Bilbao Preparatory Academy, approximately three hundred seventy-eight (378) students, currently attending kindergarten through first grade at Dr. Rolando Espinosa K-8 Center and John I. Smith K-8 Center will have the option of attending Dr. Toni Bilbao Preparatory Academy.

Students assigned to Dr. Toni Bilbao Preparatory Academy who have an older sibling in grades 3-8 attending Dr. Rolando Espinosa K-8 Center and/or John I. Smith K-8 Center will have the option of remaining at those schools for the 2017-2018 school year.

**Miami-Dade County Public Schools  
Attendance Boundary Committee (ABC)  
Student Diversity Factors\***

**Dr. Toni Bilbao Preparatory Academy**

<b>Student Diversity Factors</b>	<b>Current Percentage 2016-2017</b>	<b>Projected Percentage 2017-2018</b>	<b>Projected Percentage 2018-2019</b>
White	0%	5%	5%
Hispanic	0%	92%	92%
Black (Non-Hispanic)	0%	1%	1%
Asian	0%	2%	2%
Indian	0%	0%	0%
Multi-racial	0%	0%	0%
FRL**	0%	53%	53%
ELL***	0%	66%	68%
ESE**** (Excluding Gifted)	0%	12%	11%
Male	0%	52%	52%
Female	0%	48%	48%

\* This chart must be submitted for each school affected by an ABC Recommendation. When submitting an ABC Recommendation for a school, this chart should follow the ABC Recommendation Data Form.

\*\* FRL = Free/Reduced Lunch Status

\*\*\* ELL = English Language Learners

\*\*\*\* ESE = Exceptional Student Education

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**Dr. Rolando Espinosa K-8 Center - 0122**

<b>Student Diversity Factors</b>	<b>Current Percentage 2016-2017</b>	<b>Projected Percentage 2017-2018</b>	<b>Projected Percentage 2018-2019</b>
White	4%	5%	5%
Hispanic	93%	92%	92%
Black (Non-Hispanic)	1%	1%	1%
Asian	2%	2%	2%
Indian	0%	0%	0%
Multi-racial	0%	0%	0%
FRL**	42%	42%	43%
ELL***	37%	40%	42%
ESE**** (Excluding Gifted)	6%	5%	5%
Male	52%	51%	50%
Female	48%	49%	50%

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**John I. Smith K-8 Center - 5101**

<b>Student Diversity Factors</b>	<b>Current Percentage 2016-2017</b>	<b>Projected Percentage 2017-2018</b>	<b>Projected Percentage 2018-2019</b>
White	6%	6%	6%
Hispanic	89%	89%	89%
Black (Non-Hispanic)	2%	2%	2%
Asian	3%	3%	3%
Indian	0%	0%	0%
Multi-racial	0%	0%	0%
FRL**	50%	50%	51%
ELL***	45%	51%	55%
ESE**** (Excluding Gifted)	10%	8%	8%
Male	52%	52%	53%
Female	48%	48%	47%

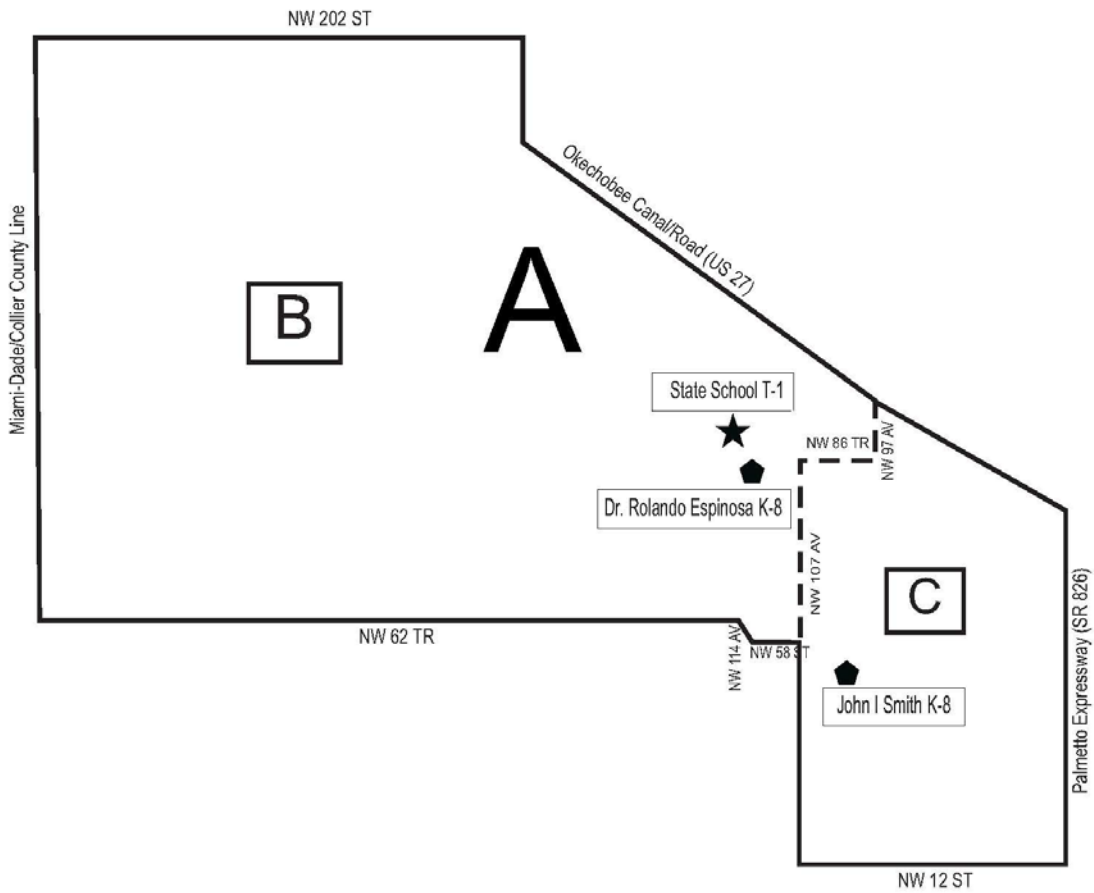
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 8905 NW 114 Avenue  
 Doral, Florida 33178



**Area A**

Combined boundary of Dr. Rolando Espinosa K-8 Center (Area B) and John I. Smith K-8 Center (Area C) with the option of attending Dr. Toni Bilbao Preparatory Academy

**Area B**

Boundary of Dr. Rolando Espinosa K-8 Center with the option of attending Dr. Toni Bilbao Preparatory Academy

**Area C**

Boundary of John I. Smith K-8 Center with the option of attending Dr. Toni Bilbao Preparatory Academy



Capacity Membership Data - Central Region																		
School Name	Current 2016-2017						Projected 2017-2018						Projected 2018-2019					
	Grade Configuration	Student Enrollment	Perm FISH Cap	% Util Perm FISH Cap	Perm & Temp FISH Cap	% Util Perm & Temp	Grade Configuration	Student Enrollment	Perm FISH Cap	% Util Perm FISH Cap	Perm & Temp FISH Cap	% Util Perm & Temp	Grade Configuration	Student Enrollment	Perm FISH Cap	% Util Perm FISH Cap	Perm & Temp FISH Cap	% Util Perm & Temp
<b>Dr. Toni Bilbao Preparatory Academy</b>	PK-8	0	0	0%	0	0%	PK-8	378	750	50%	750	50%	PK-8	496	750	66%	750	66%
<b>Dr. Rolando Espinosa K-8 Center</b>	PK-8	1,325	1,519	87%	1,519	87%	PK-8	1,236	1,519	81%	1,519	81%	PK-8	1,176	1,519	77%	1,519	77%
<b>John I. Smith K-8 Center</b>	PK-8	1,724	1,355	127%	1,355	127%	PK-8	1,653	1,355	122%	1,355	122%	PK-8	1,648	1,355	122%	1,355	122%

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The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida adheres to a policy of nondiscrimination in employment and educational programs/activities and strives affirmatively to provide equal opportunity for all as required by:

**Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964** - prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin.

**Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended** - prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, or national origin.

**Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972** - prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender.

**Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (ADEA) as amended** - prohibits discrimination on the basis of age with respect to individuals who are at least 40.

**The Equal Pay Act of 1963 as amended** - prohibits gender discrimination in payment of wages to women and men performing substantially equal work in the same establishment.

**Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973** - prohibits discrimination against the disabled.

**Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)** - prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in employment, public service, public accommodations and telecommunications.

**The Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA)** - requires covered employers to provide up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave to "eligible" employees for certain family and medical reasons.

**The Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978** - prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions.

**Florida Educational Equity Act (FEEA)** - prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, gender, national origin, marital status, or handicap against a student or employee.

**Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992** - secures for all individuals within the state freedom from discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap, or marital status.

**Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA)** - prohibits discrimination against employees or applicants because of genetic information.

**Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act of 2002** – no public school shall deny equal access to, or a fair opportunity for groups to meet on school premises or in school facilities before or after school hours, or discriminate against any group officially affiliated with Boy Scouts of America or any other youth or community group listed in Title 36 (as a patriotic society).

*Veterans are provided re-employment rights in accordance with P.L. 93-508 (Federal Law) and Section 295.07 (Florida Statutes), which stipulate categorical preferences for employment.*

**In Addition:**

**School Board Policies 1362, 3362, 4362, and 5517** - Prohibit harassment and/or discrimination against students, employees, or applicants on the basis of sex, race, color, ethnic or national origin, religion, marital status, disability, genetic information, age, political beliefs, sexual orientation, gender, gender identification, social and family background, linguistic preference, pregnancy, and any other legally prohibited basis. Retaliation for engaging in a protected activity is also prohibited.

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