

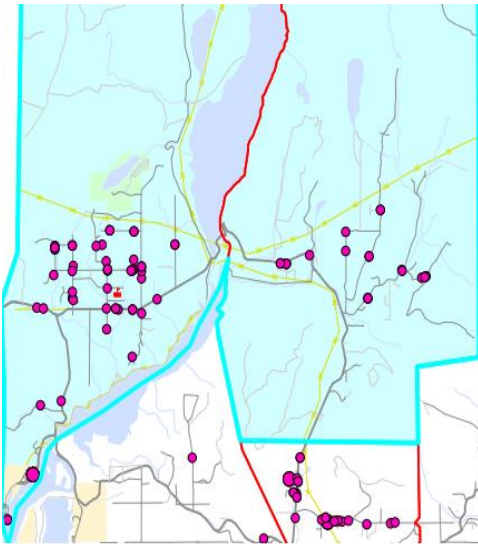
March 1, 2022

Dear Albert McMahon/Stave Falls/Steelhead Parents and Caregivers.

On February 15, 2022, at the public meeting, the Board of Education considered changes to the school catchment boundary of the Steelhead Area. These changes are expected to reduce overcrowding of Albert McMahon Elementary School and may directly affect your family.

The following changes were approved.

1. The school catchment for Steelhead area students north of King Avenue will change from Albert McMahon Elementary to Stave Falls Elementary, effective September 2022.
2. **If space is available after all Albert McMahon catchment students are enrolled at Albert McMahon Elementary**, Steelhead area students currently attending Albert McMahon Elementary school can apply to be a cross-boundary student at Albert McMahon Elementary until they complete their elementary schooling. Cross boundary applications are reviewed and approved on a yearly basis.
3. Busing will not be available to students that cross boundary into Albert McMahon Elementary.



[Detailed information on this change can be reviewed on the MPSD website \(click here\)](#) or on the [online community engagement portal Engage MPSD \(click here\)](#).

The boundary change will be North of King Avenue.

September 2022 Registration guidelines:

- New Kindergarten registrations for students living in Steelhead should register at Stave Falls Elementary, including if they are a sibling of an existing Albert McMahon student;
- The catchment school for all Steelhead students has been changed to Stave Falls.
- Steelhead students currently attending Albert McMahon who wish to stay at AME should apply for cross-boundary by March 31st, as per cross boundary application guidelines. [Start the process ASAP using this online form \(click here\)](#). Please contact Stave Falls School for more information on the process.
- **Approval of cross-boundary student applications will be dependent on the availability of spaces at Albert McMahon.**
- **Cross Boundary applications will be finalized no later than the first week of school in September (September 9).** Applications are approved on a first come, first served basis.

The order of priority for students applying to be a cross-boundary student into Albert McMahon is as follows:

1. Steelhead area students currently attending Albert McMahon receive priority (after catchment students are registered). Kindergarten siblings (or future K siblings) are not given priority.
2. Cross-boundary students from other school catchments currently attending AME receive spots based on availability, after catchment students and Steelhead students are placed.
3. New cross-boundary students will not be accepted at this time. We may reconsider once the boundary changes are complete.

Should you require any further information, please contact Ilona Schmidt, [Executive Assistant](#) and your request will be forwarded to the Board of Education.

Yours Truly,



Angus Wilson, Superintendent