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DRIPPING SPRINGS ISD PREPARES TO OPEN NEW SCHOOLS

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas—Dripping Springs ISD is beginning to take steps in preparation for the opening of a new elementary school and new middle school located on Sawyer Ranch Road in August of 2017.

Currently, public input is being sought in the form of suggestions for names of the two new schools. Suggestions for names of one or both of the new schools may be made using an online form that can be found at <https://goo.gl/b0mks5>. Students, parents, community members are encouraged to share their ideas. Submissions must be received by Nov. 10, 2016. . More information is available at: www.dsisdtx.us/newschools.

Suggestions will be considered by the Schools Naming Committee, which will develop recommendations to present to the Board of Trustees. The committee also will provide a recommendation on whether the schools, which are connected and have one address, should have the same name (X Elementary and X Middle School) or different names. The DSISD Board of Trustees shall have the final authority in naming the schools. The Naming Committee hopes to have a recommendation to the Board at the Dec. 12 meeting. Also starting in November will be a process to determine attendance zones for district elementary and middle school students. An administrative committee will work with the district demographer (PASA) to develop options for boundaries, then public input will be gathered through six public forums. Revisions also may be made to the proposals between forums to reflect input that is gathered. Forums are scheduled for: Nov. 30 at both 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., (Board Room, Central Office), Dec. 14 at both 8 a.m. (Board Room) and 7 p.m. (RSE Cafeteria); and Jan. 26 at both 8 a.m. (Board Room) and 6:30 p.m. (DSMS Cafeteria).

At the Oct. 24 Board meeting, trustees approved parameters that will be used in developing new attendance zones. The parameters are available at the following link: <https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicItemDownload.aspx?ik=39546188>.

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