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Dear Tumwater School District family,

The Tumwater School District Boundary Review Committee, consisting of community members, parents and school staff, started meeting last October after being given the charge by the School Board to look at current elementary school attendance imbalances and recommend boundary adjustments that would create capacity based on future forecasted demographic growth.

Across the district, our elementary schools are built to accommodate approximately 500 students without the use of portable classrooms. As of January 2019, the enrollment at our elementary schools was as follows:

- Black Lake Elementary 401
- East Olympia Elementary 517
- Littlerock Elementary 289
- Michael T. Simmons Elementary 595
- Peter G. Schmidt Elementary 593
- Tumwater Hill Elementary 419

Following extensive work and numerous meetings of the Committee, two community forums, and School Board updates, the Committee is recommending boundary adjustments as reflected on the attached map. All of the work of the Committee as well as maps, meeting minutes, etc., are available to view on our website at <https://www.tumwater.k12.wa.us/Page/8758>.

You are receiving this letter because your address or a property you own is one of the addresses impacted by the recommended boundary revisions. The School Board will consider taking action on these recommendations at the June 13, 2019 meeting. Any approved boundary revisions will take effect in the fall of 2020.

At this time, no decisions have been made regarding middle or high school boundary changes. The District plans to assemble a committee in the 2019-20 school year that will go through a similar process as this year.

As you can imagine, adjusting school boundaries is a difficult and emotional task. The Committee worked hard to be sensitive to the needs of our students and their families. We strive to accommodate growth and at the same time maintain reasonable class sizes. If you would like further information regarding these boundary adjustments, please visit our website.

Sincerely,

Tumwater School District

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