

## Research Assessment #2

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### Assessment:

For this week's assessment I wanted to kind of take a step back from my original work research and take a look at something that is locally relevant and has been kind of a pressing topic as of late. That topic is the controversial rezoning of the FISD elementary, middle, and high school attendance zone. While this isn't directly related to my original work topic, redistricting and zone creation is a big part of what goes into community design and planning so my goal for this assessment was to treat what is going on in Frisco ISD as a sort of case study of what goes into changing districts and how the districts population can respond to them.

Some background on how school rezoning is different from city/ congressional rezoning: School districts are able to rezone pretty much at any given time. They are most commonly done in order to account for a large influx of new students but can also happen with the creation of a new home campus. Frisco ISD is actually affected by both reasons. FISD has updated its attendance zoning nearly every year for the last two decades and this year there is a huge increase in freshman and middle school classes across the entire district. There has also been the creation of two new high schools, one being emmerson which opened earlier this year, and Panther Creek High School which will open its doors in the fall of 2022. The zoning is created by district officials using current and projected enrollment records to estimate the rough increase or decrease of total enrolled students at each campus. They use these numbers to try and evenly split the number of students between the available space on each campus. These new zone proposals go through several rounds of development until they are eventually sent to the Board of Trustees, where they are voted on and go into effect the following school year.

However, many of these zoning proposals are met with backlash by district families and students. This is just the case for FISD this year. While the new zoning was only voted on a few days ago the proposed maps were released to the public months ago. Many parents were outraged by the results which would cause their children to relocate their home campus. According to an article by Community Impact, the new maps would cause students from both Lonestar and Memorial High to be pushed to the new Panther Creek High School. It would also lead to the moving of dozens of Reedy students to Wakeland, and many of the Reedy students who live on the further south end of Frisco to be moved to Frisco High. Many parents were outraged by this because it would

cause increased travel times, strenuous bus routes, and their children to be separated from the friends of their current campus.

On November 8th, 2021, the Board of Trustees met for their monthly board meeting where they finally voted on the new proposals and it was passed. As expected the board was met with a large amount of backlash and aggression from angry parents and students following the meeting. While the anger and frustration of the students and parents are understood, it is important to remember that rezoning happens regardless of who you are, where you go, or how old you are. For the last twenty years, students have been floating back and forth between different campuses and this trend will only continue as long as FUSD grows at such an incredible rate.