

Elementary School Redistricting & Kindergarten Update

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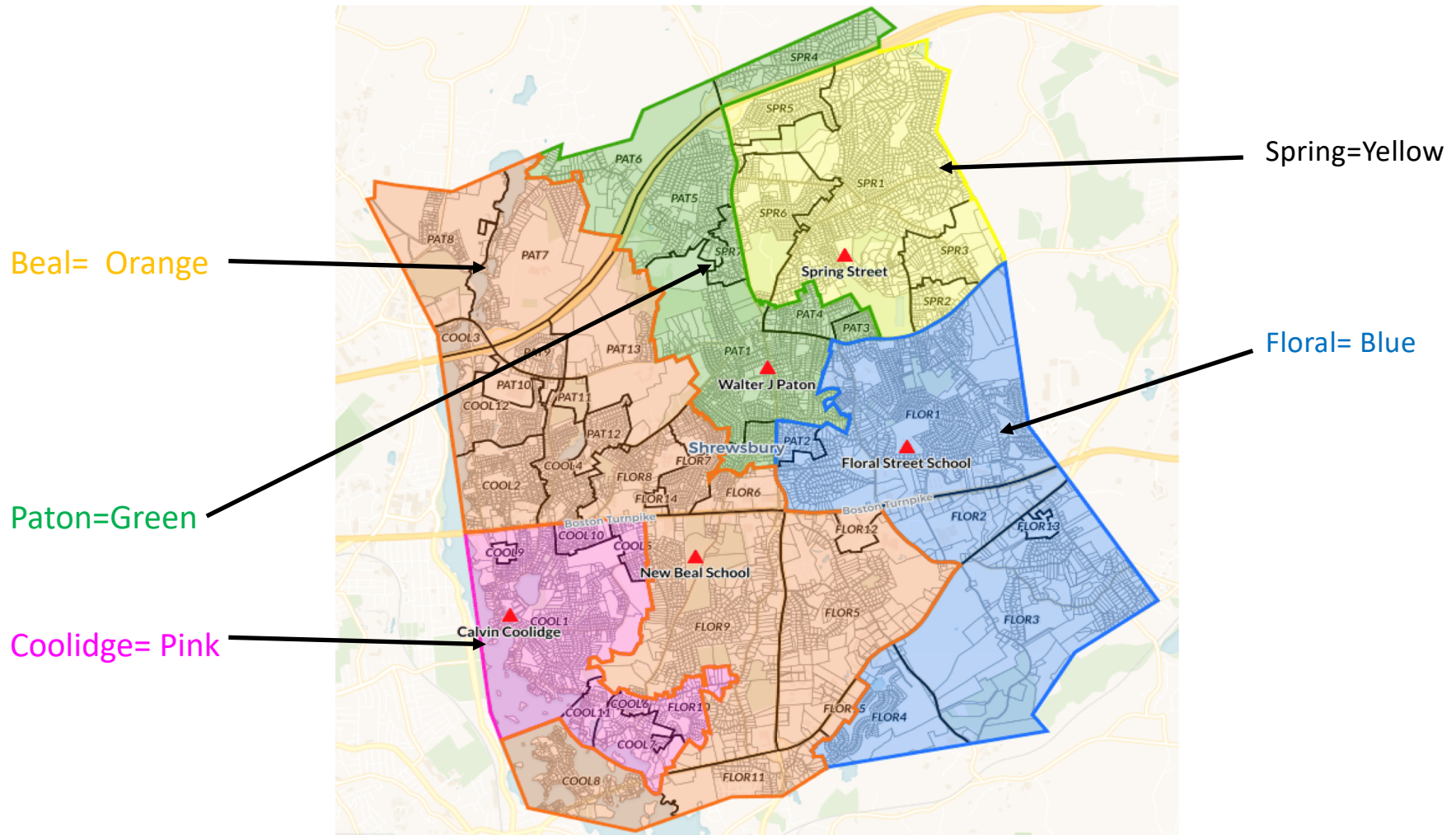
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Brief Process Review

- 13 month decision making process: January 2020 to February 2021
- School Committee commissioned a Redistricting Committee with parent representatives from each elementary school to make recommendations after careful research and community input
- Guiding Principles were established at the outset to detail the most important criteria
- A Geographic Information Systems [GIS] consultant was hired to aid with data management and mapping visuals
- Two virtual community forums were held in the winter with feedback from parents considered
- School Committee vote was taken on February 24, 2021

NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ZONES: EFFECTIVE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR



Implementation Schedule

- School Committee had already voted to reconfigure all elementary schools to have kindergarten through grade 4 levels upon opening the new Major Howard W. Beal School at 214 Lake Street
- Parents of next year K-4 students will get a letter via U.S. Mail in mid May indicating their child's elementary school assignment (this letter will also be sent via email)

Implementation Schedule

- Parents will also get school-based communications over the summertime for welcoming events [i.e., Open Houses] and new teacher assignments
- Bus registration will open in mid-late May after the new elementary school assignment letters are sent

Parent Resources

- We'll send reminder communications from both the district Community Bulletin and weekly principal communications that confirms the implementation of elementary redistricting and the opening of the new Beal School on time this August 2021
- Our district website hosts an interactive map where parents can zoom in on their street address and see their elementary school assignment
- The above are all supplemental activities to all the communications previously sent to parents via various media formats

Kindergarten Program

- Starting with the 2021-2022 school year this coming August.....
 - Sufficient space for full-day kindergarten for ALL students
 - No lottery is needed
 - No tuition charge for kindergarten
- Kindergarten will be part of the K-4 elementary grade span at all elementary schools
- Kindergarten registration will open on/about May 17th and is an “online” process

Questions?