



Shrewsbury Public Schools

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Invitation to apply to serve as a parent representative on the Elementary School Redistricting Committee

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Dear Parents & Caretakers of Students in Grades Preschool through Grade 4:

On behalf of the Shrewsbury School Committee, I am communicating regarding the formation of the Elementary School Redistricting Committee and inviting interested parents to apply to serve as representatives for this important process.

When the new Beal School opens at the start of the 2021-2022 school year (a little less than two years from now), our school district will have five elementary schools, each serving students from Kindergarten through Grade 4. The new Beal School will not only replace the current Beal Early Childhood Center, it will also alleviate overcrowding at all of our elementary schools and provide equitable instructional programming space across the five schools. All of this will require the redistricting of elementary attendance zones for the first time since the Floral Street School opened in 1997.

The determination of which neighborhoods will attend which school is a complex process (see [this slide presentation](#) for details). Ultimately, the elected School Committee will decide on the new attendance boundaries for elementary schools. The School Committee is forming an Elementary School Redistricting Committee in order to examine information, review options, and make recommendations to the School Committee for the redistricting of elementary school attendance zone boundaries for grades Kindergarten through Grade 4. This committee will consist of two members of the School Committee (Sandy Fryc and Jon Wensky), myself, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations Patrick Collins, two elementary school principals, and five parents – one representing each of the five elementary school communities of Beal, Coolidge, Floral Street, Paton, and Spring Street Schools. **To be eligible, parent applicants must have at least one child who will be attending kindergarten through grade four in the fall of 2021, when the new Beal School will open.**

Application process: The five parent representatives will be appointed by Sandy Fryc, the Chair of the Shrewsbury School Committee. The School Committee invites parents who

are interested in serving as their current school community's representative to send a letter of interest via email to Ms. Fryc at sfryc@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us. Applicants should indicate the *current* elementary school their child attends, should explain why they wish to serve in this important role, and should include any relevant experiences that might be helpful to the committee's work in their letter of interest. The deadline for applications is Friday, November 1.

Responsibilities: Elementary School Redistricting Committee members will be expected to read and review relevant materials between meetings in order to be prepared for committee work, where they will represent their school community's parents' perspectives. Members of the Redistricting Committee will be expected to apply the [School Committee's guiding principles for the redistricting process](#) to the development of options and recommendations, in order to seek the best solution for the community as a whole.

Availability & commitment: While meeting dates and times are not yet established, applicants must have the schedule flexibility to be available for evening committee meetings and be committed to attending meetings in order to effectively represent their respective school communities. Initially, meetings will be held on an as needed basis, and frequency of meetings will increase as options are developed and communicated. The work of the committee will begin later this fall and will conclude when a redistricting plan has been finalized in early 2021.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have questions, please reach out to me at jsawyer@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us or 508-841-8400.

Respectfully,

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