

WHAT IS A POPULATION ANALYSIS STUDY?

GRANITE SCHOOL DISTRICT PLANNING & BOUNDARIES DEPARTMENT

START

DECEMBER - FEBRUARY



Every year, the Population Analysis Committee (PAC) gathers ideas, suggestions, information, and feedback from schools and communities for possible studies related to school boundaries and student populations.

Potential Studies

FEBRUARY - JUNE



Representatives from the PAC meet with school community councils and host community meetings to study needs, wants, and impacts of potential changes. Multiple solutions are explored.

FEBRUARY



The PAC presents a list of potential population analysis studies to the Board of Education. The Board approves or rejects the list.

JUNE - JULY

The PAC presents an initial report to the Board of Education. This report includes the committee's findings and may include a recommendation for a boundary change, school consolidation, school closure, or other action.



Input from Board

SEPTEMBER



The Population Analysis Committee hosts public open house meetings regarding formal recommendations.

JULY - AUGUST

Potential solutions are refined based on input from the Board of Education and community feedback. *Formal notices of the PAC's recommendations are sent to elected officials and community leaders.



Feedback for Final Recommendations

OCTOBER - DECEMBER

Based on board guidance and community feedback, the PAC refines solutions and gives final recommendations to the Board of Education in two public hearings during Board of Education meetings.



FINISH



Any approved boundary change, school consolidation or school closure is implemented on a timeline specific to the needs of affected schools and communities.

*In compliance with state law 53G-4-402(23)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT MY SCHOOL IS BEING STUDIED?

When a school is part of a Population Analysis Study it means the school or a region has experienced dramatic changes in student population numbers. These studies are recommended and conducted by the district's Population and Analysis Committee (PAC). The study process allows for a full year of community input before a decision is made to adjust school boundaries, consolidate schools or close a school.

HOW WILL I KNOW IF MY SCHOOL IS BEING STUDIED?

PAC members will host community meetings in springtime for schools that have been identified as being part of a study. These meetings allow community members to get information on the scope of the study and provide feedback to the PAC. After formal recommendations are made by PAC to the Board of Education in the summer, PAC members visit the schools again to host additional community meetings prior to the Board of Education making any final decisions in November or December.

IS CLOSURE OF MY SCHOOL A POSSIBILITY?

While the majority of Population Analysis Studies concern boundary adjustments, the population analysis process does allow for the option of a school closure if conditions warrant such a measure. Formal PAC recommendations are made to the Board of Education in the summer after community feedback is gathered during spring community meetings. If the PAC recommends a closure, the community would have additional opportunities to provide input and feedback and meetings in the Fall prior to Board discussion and action in the November/December timeframe.

WHAT DOES THE DISTRICT DO WITH THE PROPERTY WHEN A SCHOOL IS CLOSED?

Because the school district is landlocked with limited growth potential in many areas of the Salt Lake Valley, the district is disinclined to surplus or sell property. In instances when the facility is too old to be used or maintained, buildings could be razed and the property maintained as a park by the city or county while the district still maintains ownership. If the property were to be sold or surplused, the local city or municipality has first rights to the property under state law.