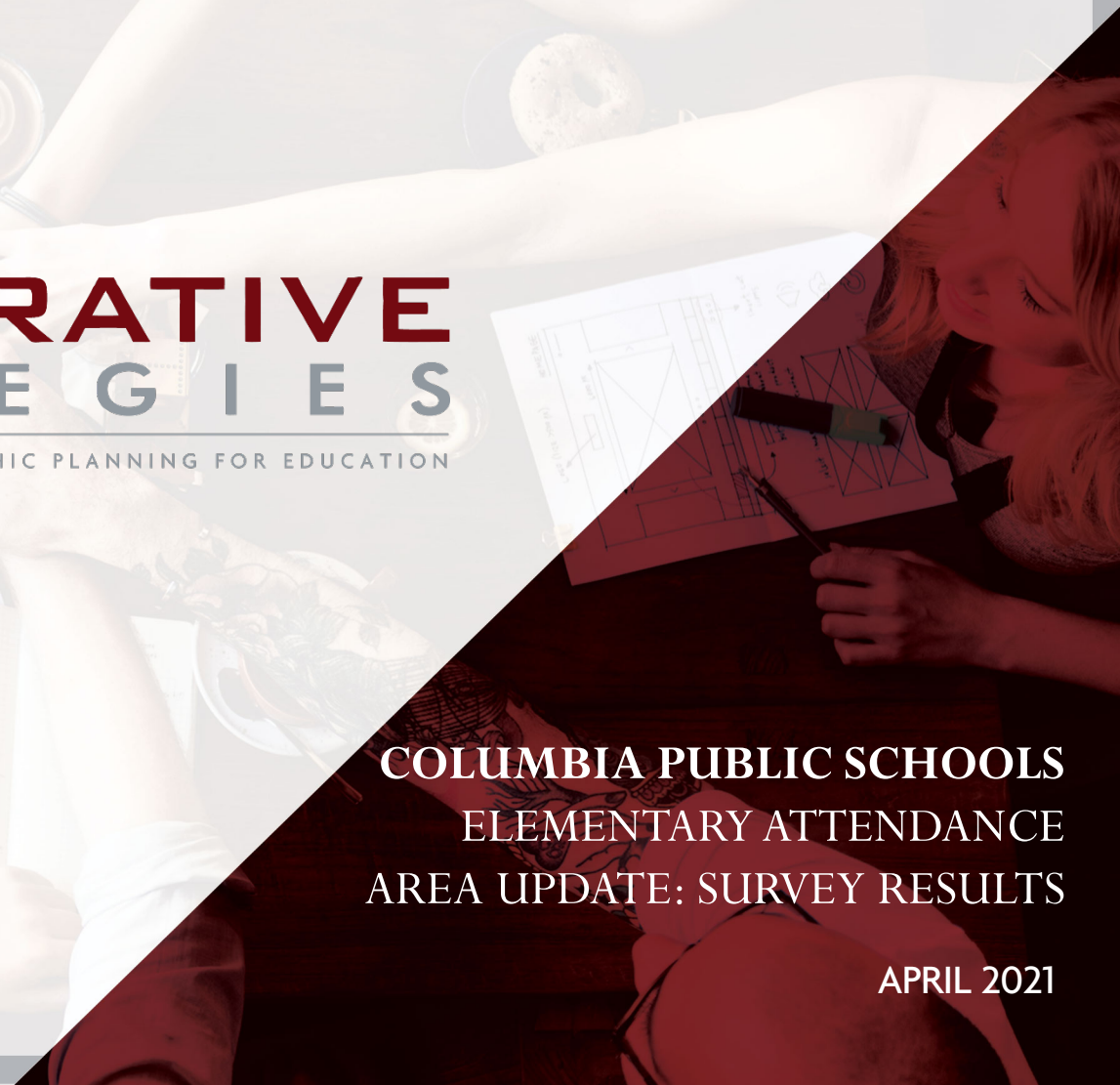
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ELEMENTARY ATTENDANCE AREA UPDATE: SURVEY RESULTS

APRIL 2021

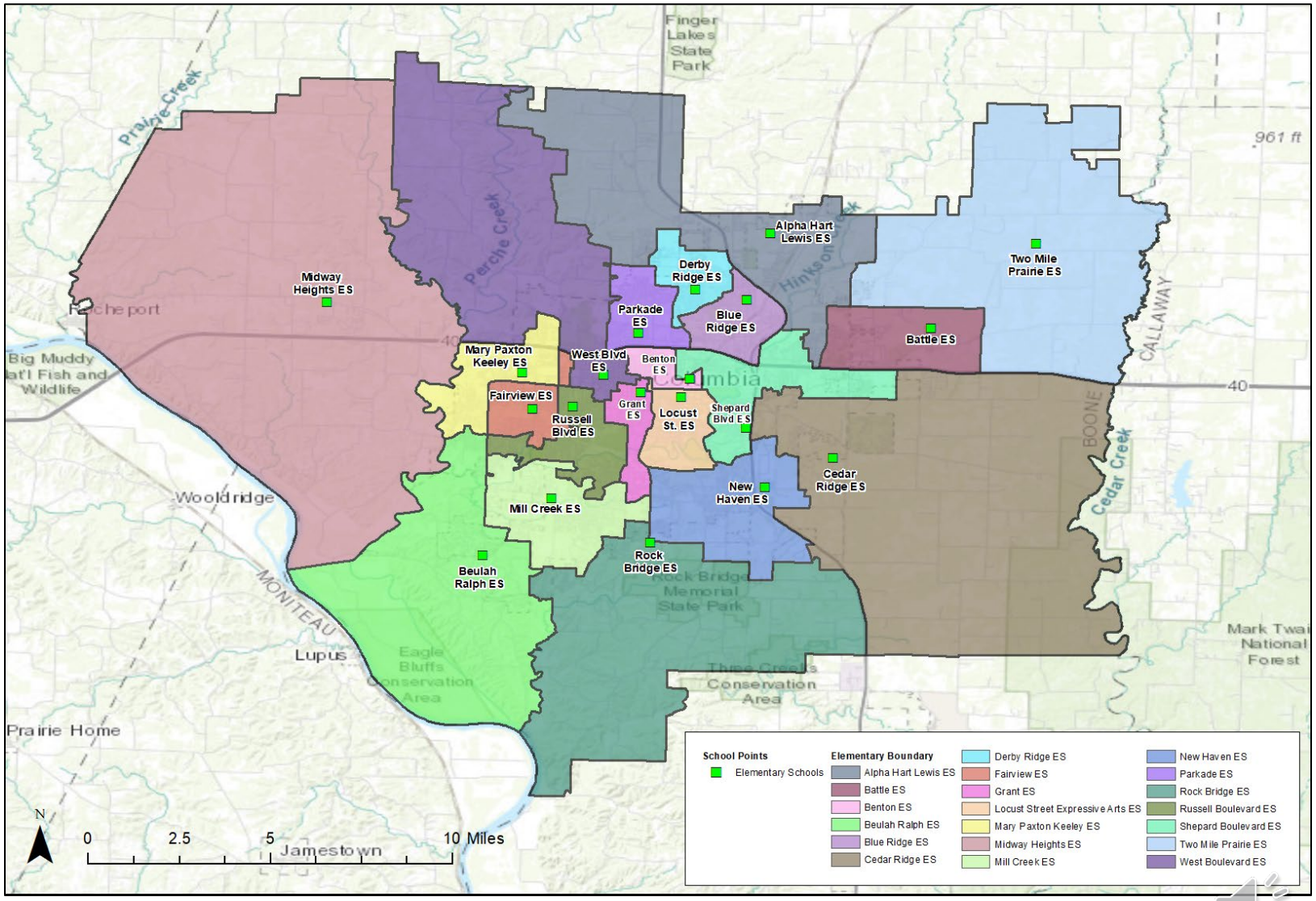
▶ PHASE 1

RELIEF TO PARKADE

Parkade Elementary

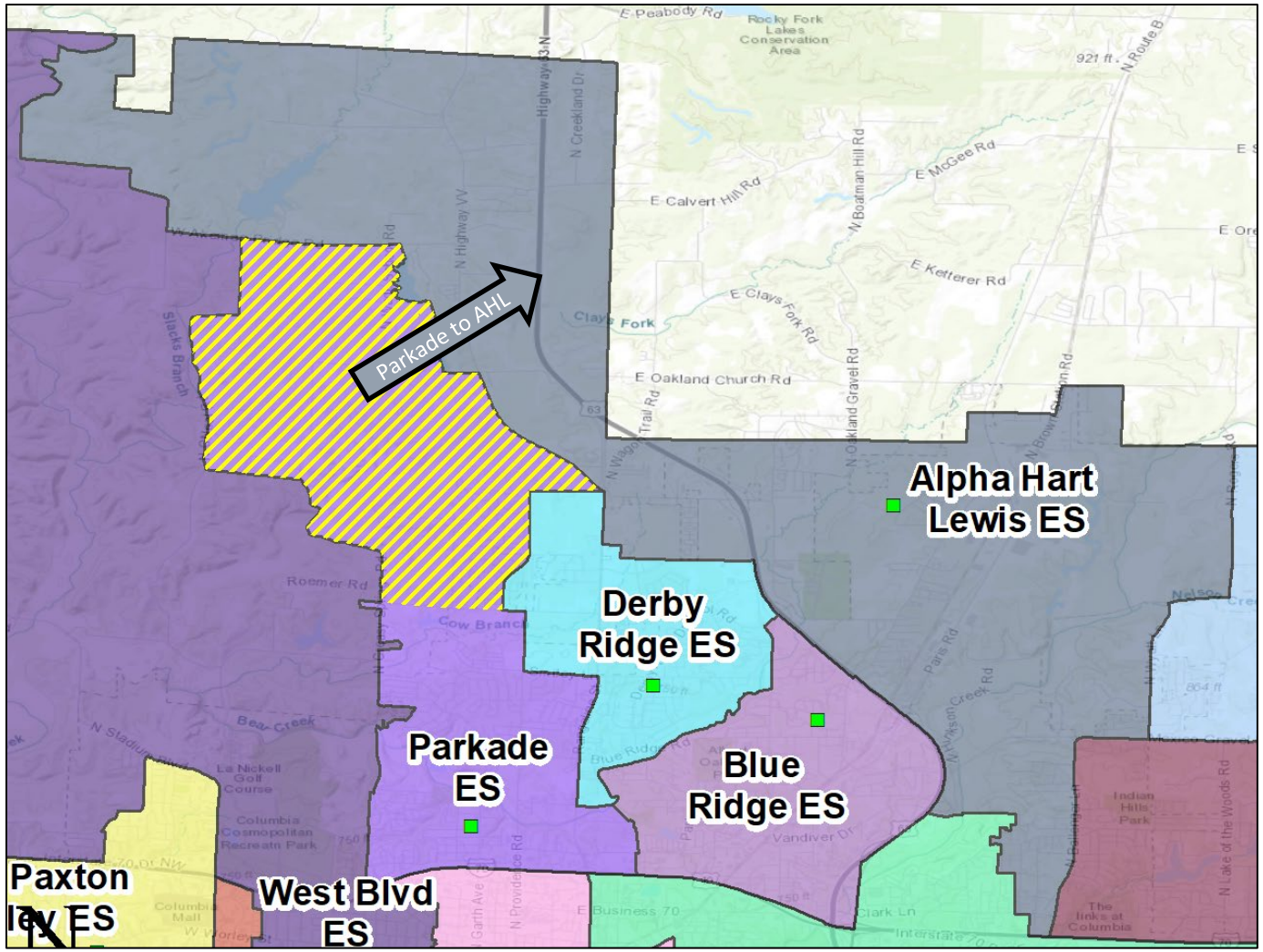
- Currently at 130% capacity
- Slated to be 142% by 2024
- **Phase 1 to take effect in Fall of 2021**
- Impacts Parkade ES & Alpha Hart Lewis ES

PHASE I				
School	Capacity (No Trailers)	Live-In Enrollment	Utilization	Low SES %
Alpha Hart Lewis ES	650	626	96%	64%
Battle ES	450	486	108%	54%
Benton ES	260	134	52%	81%
Beulah Ralph ES	650	696	107%	20%
Blue Ridge ES	500	462	92%	66%
Cedar Ridge ES	650	447	69%	39%
Derby Ridge ES	556	479	86%	62%
Fairview ES	550	506	92%	28%
Grant ES	375	285	76%	40%
Locust Street Expressive Arts ES	250	97	39%	59%
Mary Paxton Keeley ES	723	683	94%	32%
Midway Heights ES	295	231	78%	28%
Mill Creek ES	673	714	106%	18%
New Haven ES	293	296	101%	54%
Parkade ES	478	440	92%	46%
Rock Bridge ES	650	487	75%	27%
Russell Boulevard ES	482	451	94%	25%
Shepard Boulevard ES	652	519	80%	52%
Two Mile Prairie ES	195	167	86%	34%
West Boulevard ES	438	339	77%	60%
TOTAL	9,770	8,545	89%	42%



▶ PHASE 1

RELIEF TO PARKADE



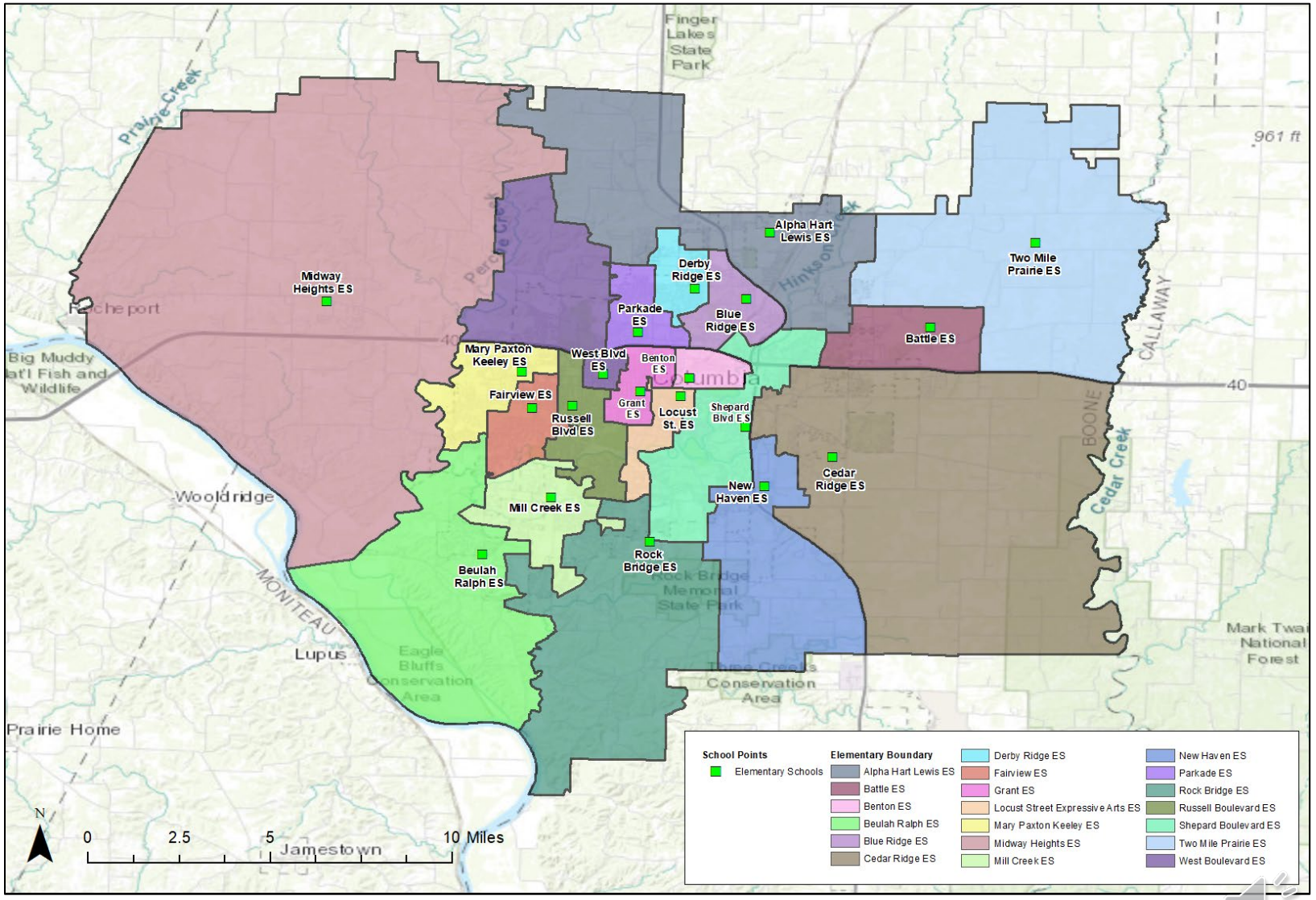
Feedback Summary:

- Some respondents have said that this move makes sense, especially for those impacted on the northernmost portion of the current Parkade attendance area
- Some respondents would prefer to stay at Parkade Elementary
- Some appreciate the increase feeder % to West MS (currently only 4% of Parkade students are slated to attend West MS)
- There is concern regarding the 96% utilization at Alpha Hart Lewis ES

▶ SCENARIO A

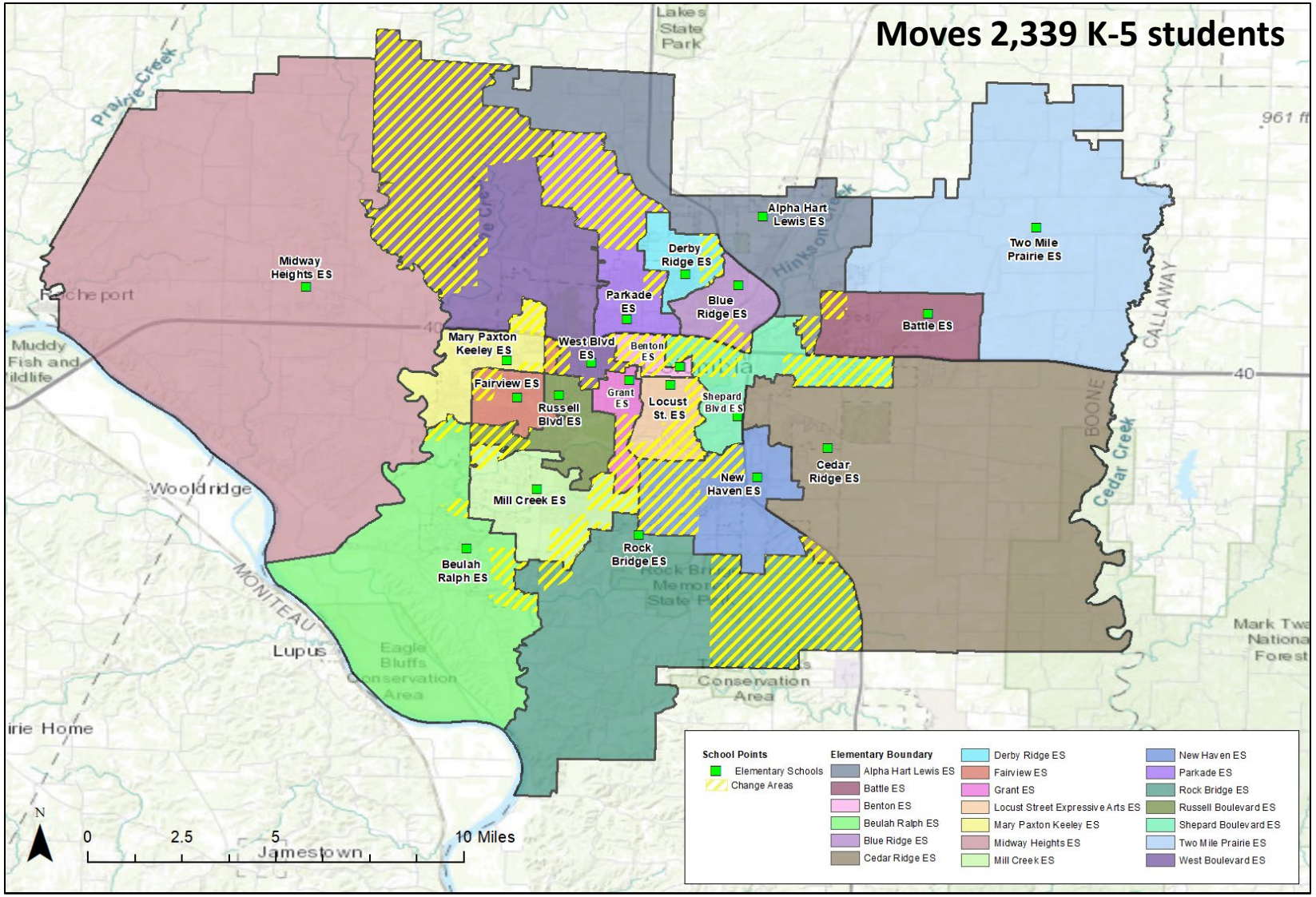
PHASE III

SCENARIO A PHASE III				
School	Capacity (No Trailers)	Live-In Enrollment	Utilization	Low SES %
Alpha Hart Lewis ES	650	553	85%	59%
Battle ES	450	427	95%	55%
Benton ES	260	111	43%	72%
Beulah Ralph ES	650	536	82%	23%
Blue Ridge ES	500	432	86%	60%
Cedar Ridge ES	650	610	94%	40%
Derby Ridge ES	556	483	87%	62%
Fairview ES	550	495	90%	25%
Grant ES	375	352	94%	59%
Locust Street Expressive Arts ES	250	129	52%	55%
Mary Paxton Keeley ES	723	655	91%	23%
Midway Heights ES	295	255	86%	28%
Mill Creek ES	673	603	90%	21%
New Haven ES	293	267	91%	52%
Parkade ES	478	393	82%	49%
Rock Bridge ES	650	538	83%	21%
Russell Boulevard ES	650	546	84%	36%
Shepard Boulevard ES	652	613	94%	60%
Two Mile Prairie ES	195	167	86%	34%
West Boulevard ES	438	380	87%	46%
TOTAL	**9,938**	**8,545**	**86%**	**42%**



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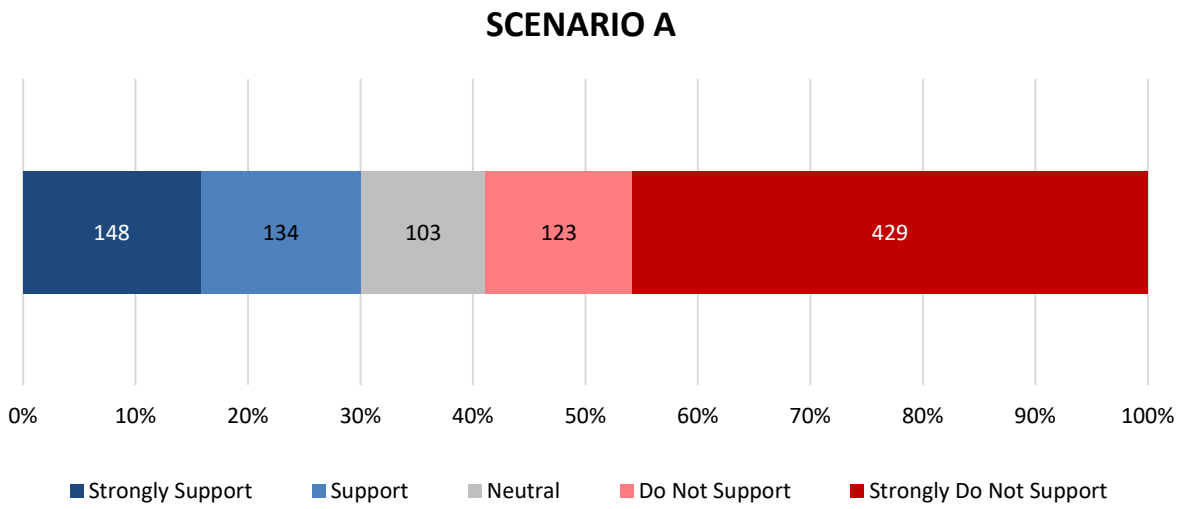
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▶ SCENARIO A

RESULTS

SCENARIO A	
Strongly Support	148
Support	134
Neutral	103
Do Not Support	123
Strongly Do Not Support	429



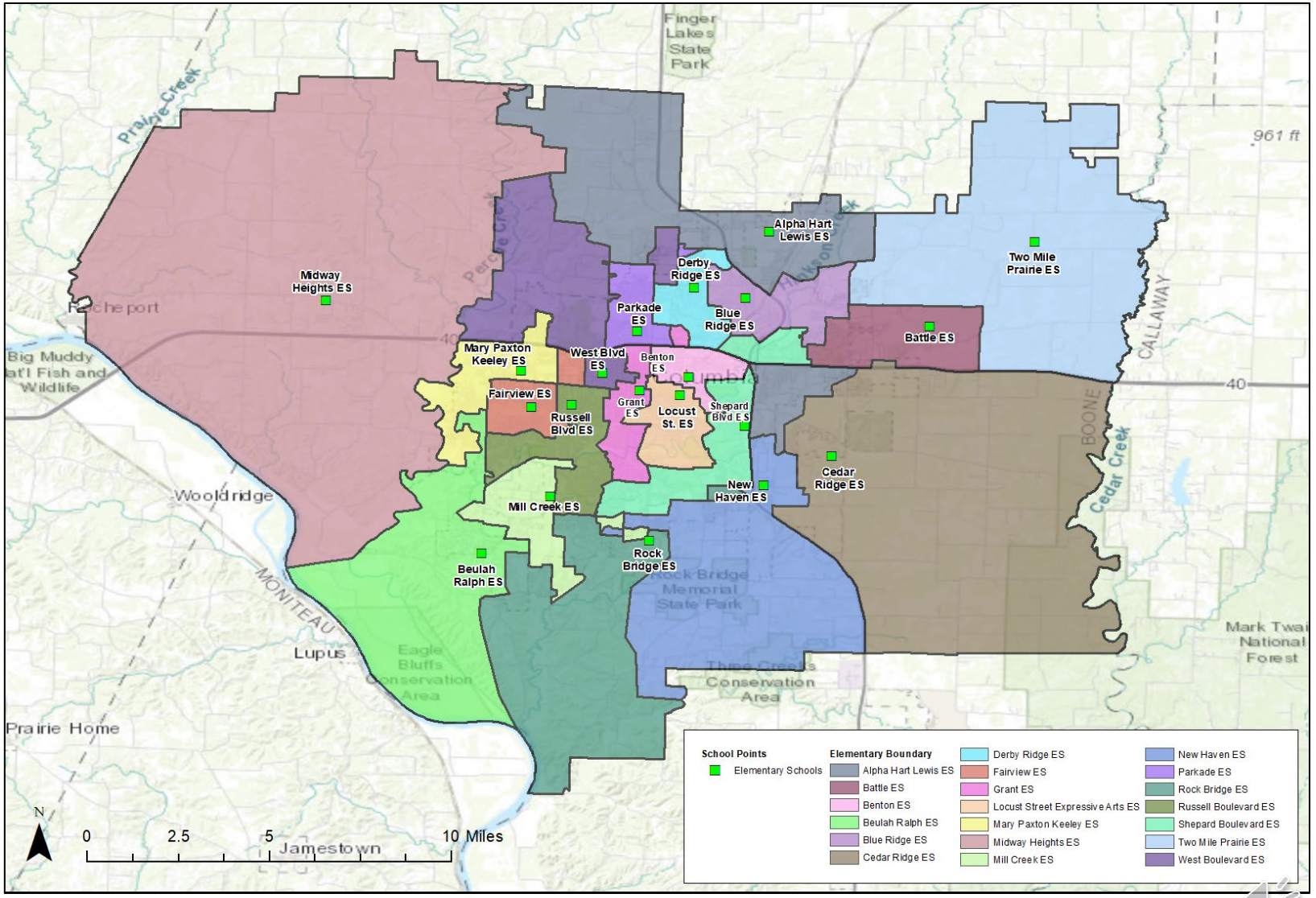
Scenario A Comment Summary:

- Preserving neighborhood schools is important
- This scenario would cause some families to travel longer distances to get their children to school or longer bus travel times
- Many are concerned that this scenarios moves a significant number of children
- Some students would lose their ability to walk/bike to school, this is important for many families
- There are a few neighborhoods split in this scenario
- Some families feel they are being adversely targeted in this process
- Concerns about the Shepard Blvd ES attendance area being crowded and split among multiple middle schools
- Concerns about adding a new middle school feeder to Mary Paxton Keeley ES
- Many families bought their homes for their children to attend a specific school
- There is a desire to leave the facilities with higher SES % at a lower utilization in order to have spaces available for additional services

▶ SCENARIO B

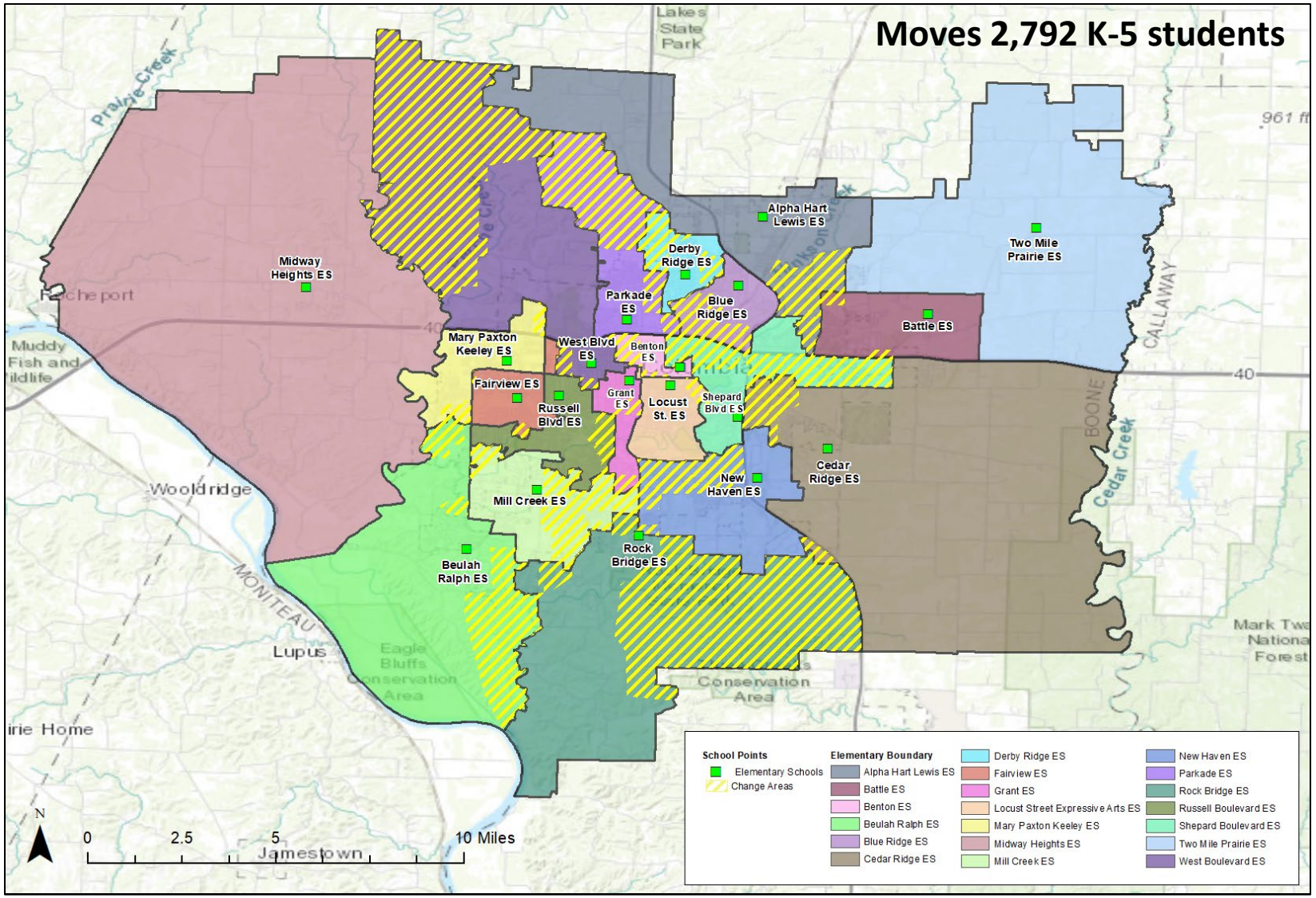
PHASE III

SCENARIO B PHASE III				
School	Capacity (No Trailers)	Live-In Enrollment	Utilization	Low SES %
Alpha Hart Lewis ES	650	573	88%	59%
Battle ES	450	421	94%	55%
Benton ES	260	134	52%	67%
Beulah Ralph ES	650	584	90%	30%
Blue Ridge ES	500	444	89%	54%
Cedar Ridge ES	650	598	92%	44%
Derby Ridge ES	556	503	90%	59%
Fairview ES	550	513	93%	33%
Grant ES	375	355	95%	54%
Locust Street Expressive Arts ES	250	111	44%	59%
Mary Paxton Keeley ES	723	643	89%	25%
Midway Heights ES	295	255	86%	28%
Mill Creek ES	673	560	83%	30%
New Haven ES	293	265	90%	43%
Parkade ES	478	411	86%	51%
Rock Bridge ES	650	587	90%	18%
Russell Boulevard ES	650	534	82%	23%
Shepard Boulevard ES	652	503	77%	49%
Two Mile Prairie ES	195	167	86%	34%
West Boulevard ES	438	384	88%	61%
TOTAL	**9,938**	**8,545**	**86%**	**42%**



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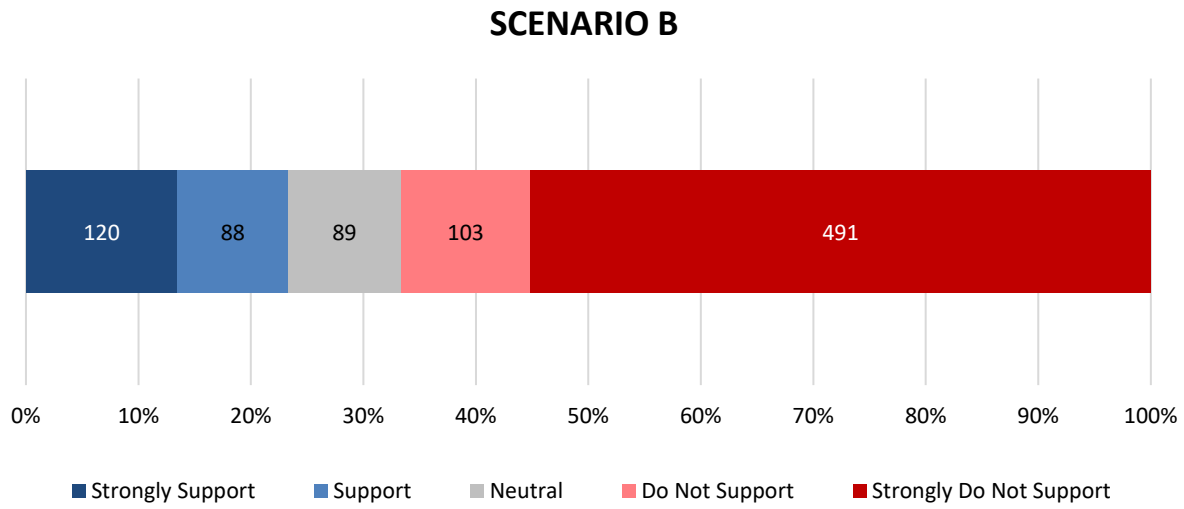
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▶ SCENARIO B

RESULTS

SCENARIO B	
Strongly Support	120
Support	88
Neutral	89
Do Not Support	103
Strongly Do Not Support	491



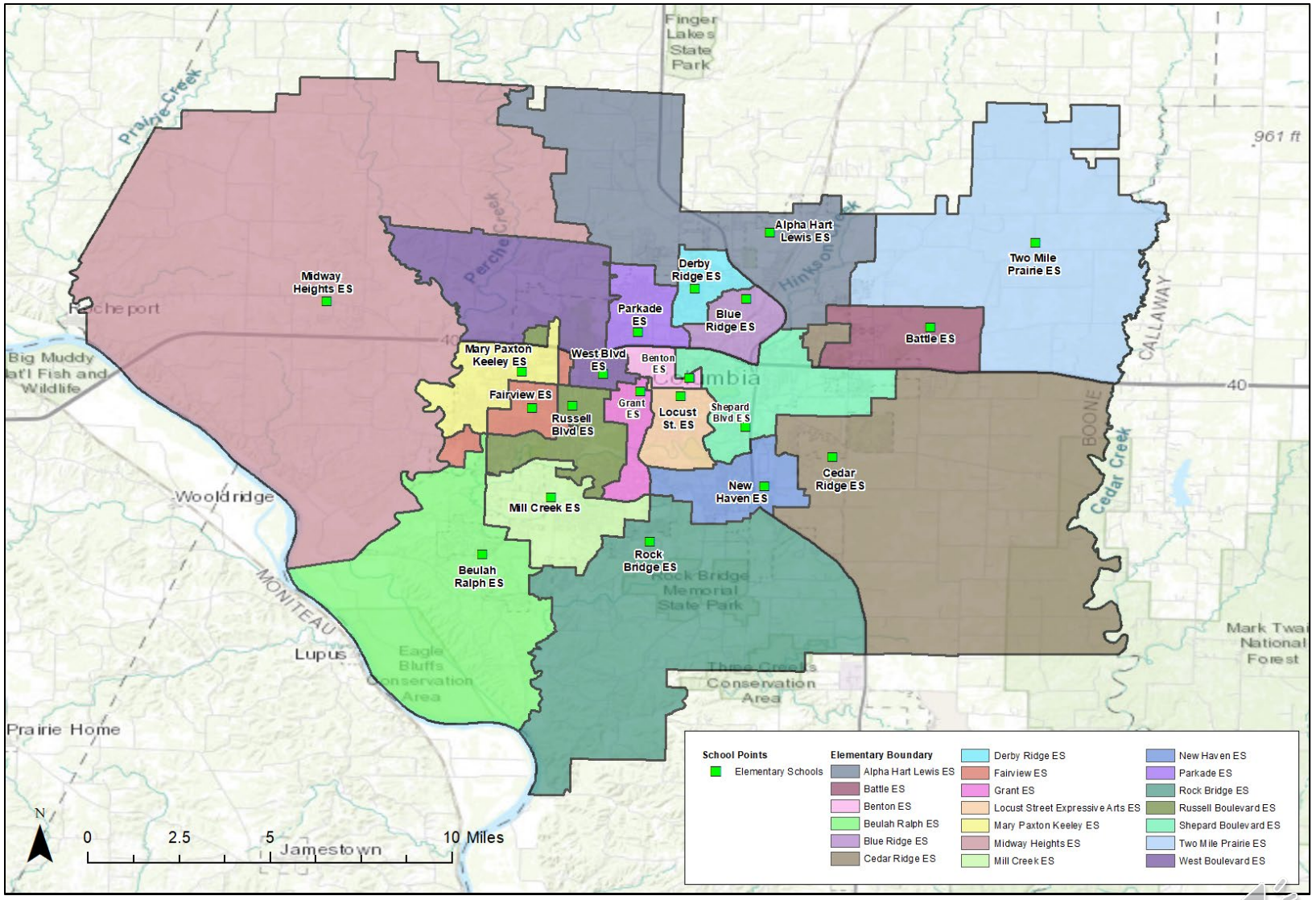
Scenario B Comment Summary:

- Some are pleased with this option as it does not move their zoned elementary school
- Concerns about future growth at New Haven ES, there may not be enough room left to absorb additional students
- Island zones are less than desirable, but there is understanding around why they exist in this scenario
- Concerns about moving 33% of elementary population and the disruption that could cause
- Concerns surrounding feeder pattern changes
- Moving lower income students to balance socioeconomics could negatively impact their educational experience
- Concerns about long bus rides for many students, especially the within the island attendance areas
- The distance that some families will have to travel could prevent them from participating in school events
- Some feel that this scenario would create a community that is more reliant on busses

▶ SCENARIO C

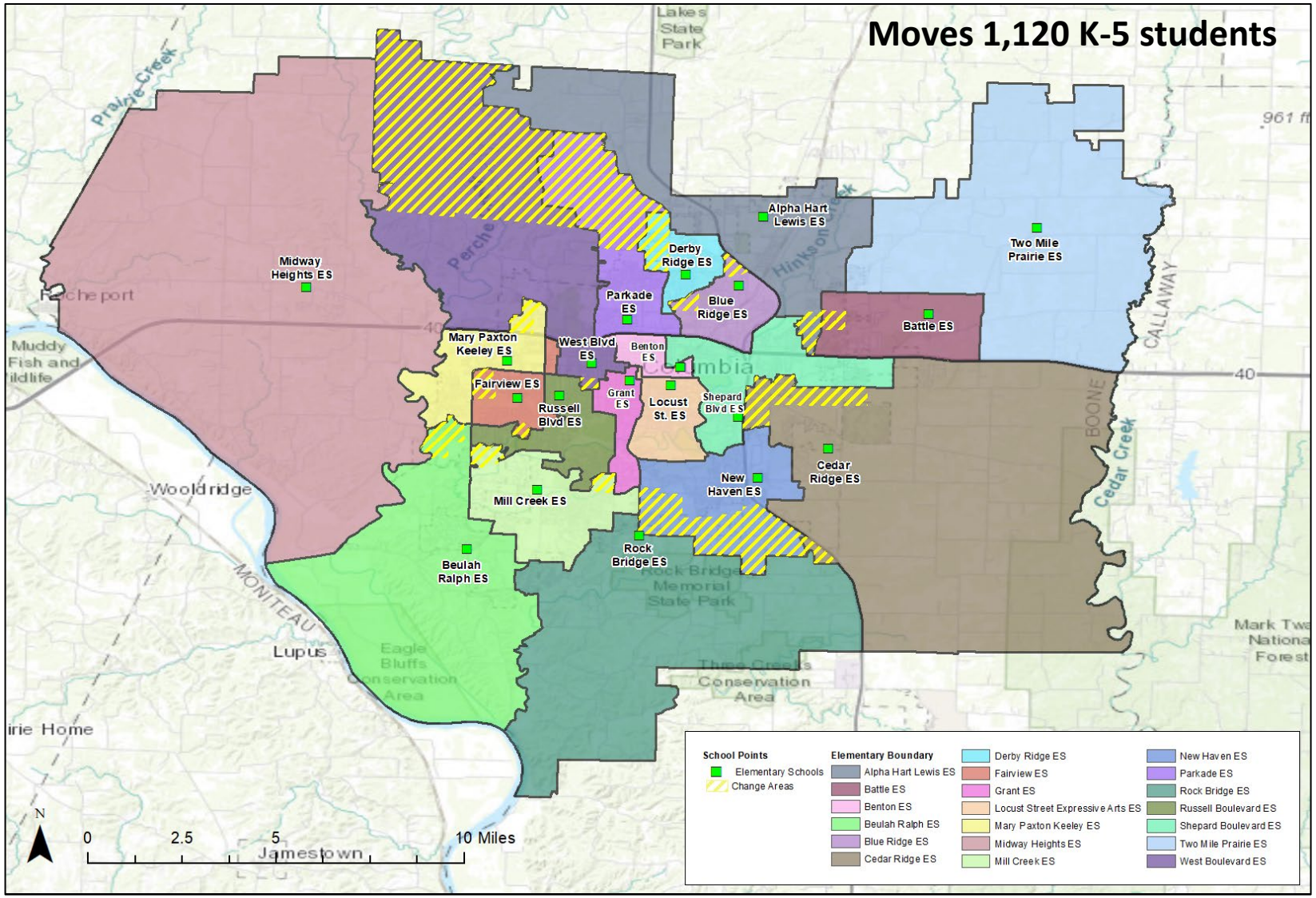
PHASE III

SCENARIO C PHASE III				
School	Capacity (No Trailers)	Live-In Enrollment	Utilization	Low SES %
Alpha Hart Lewis ES	650	556	86%	61%
Battle ES	450	387	86%	51%
Benton ES	260	134	52%	81%
Beulah Ralph ES	650	582	90%	19%
Blue Ridge ES	500	414	83%	68%
Cedar Ridge ES	650	613	94%	50%
Derby Ridge ES	556	460	83%	60%
Fairview ES	550	512	93%	29%
Grant ES	375	336	90%	36%
Locust Street Expressive Arts ES	250	97	39%	59%
Mary Paxton Keeley ES	723	640	89%	31%
Midway Heights ES	295	249	84%	29%
Mill Creek ES	673	619	92%	19%
New Haven ES	293	258	88%	55%
Parkade ES	478	440	92%	46%
Rock Bridge ES	650	554	85%	31%
Russell Boulevard ES	650	584	90%	25%
Shepard Boulevard ES	652	560	86%	52%
Two Mile Prairie ES	195	167	86%	34%
West Boulevard ES	438	383	87%	56%
TOTAL	**9,938**	**8,545**	**86%**	**42%**



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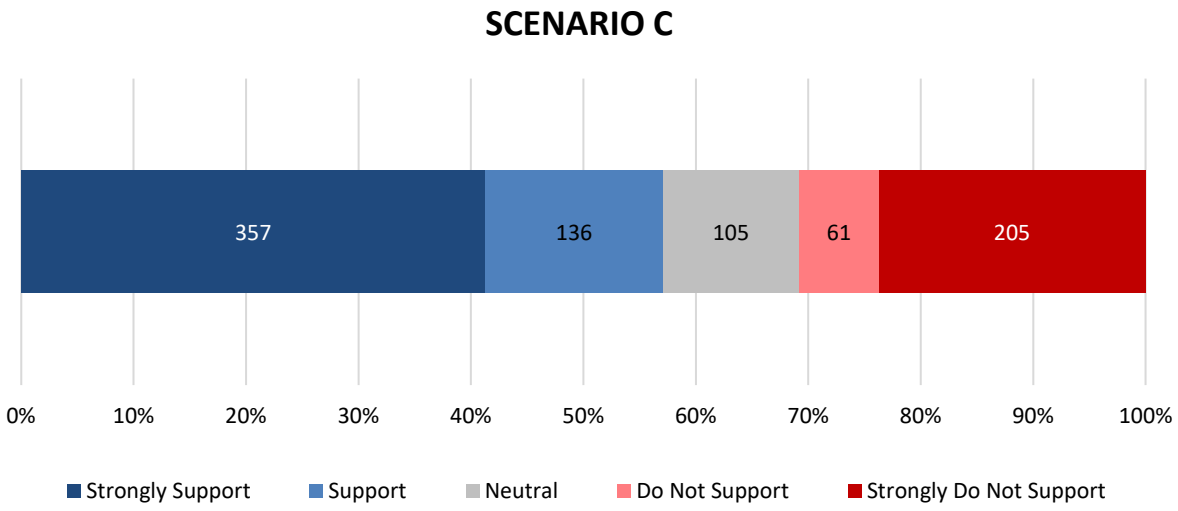
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▶ SCENARIO C

RESULTS

SCENARIO C	
Strongly Support	357
Support	136
Neutral	105
Do Not Support	61
Strongly Do Not Support	205



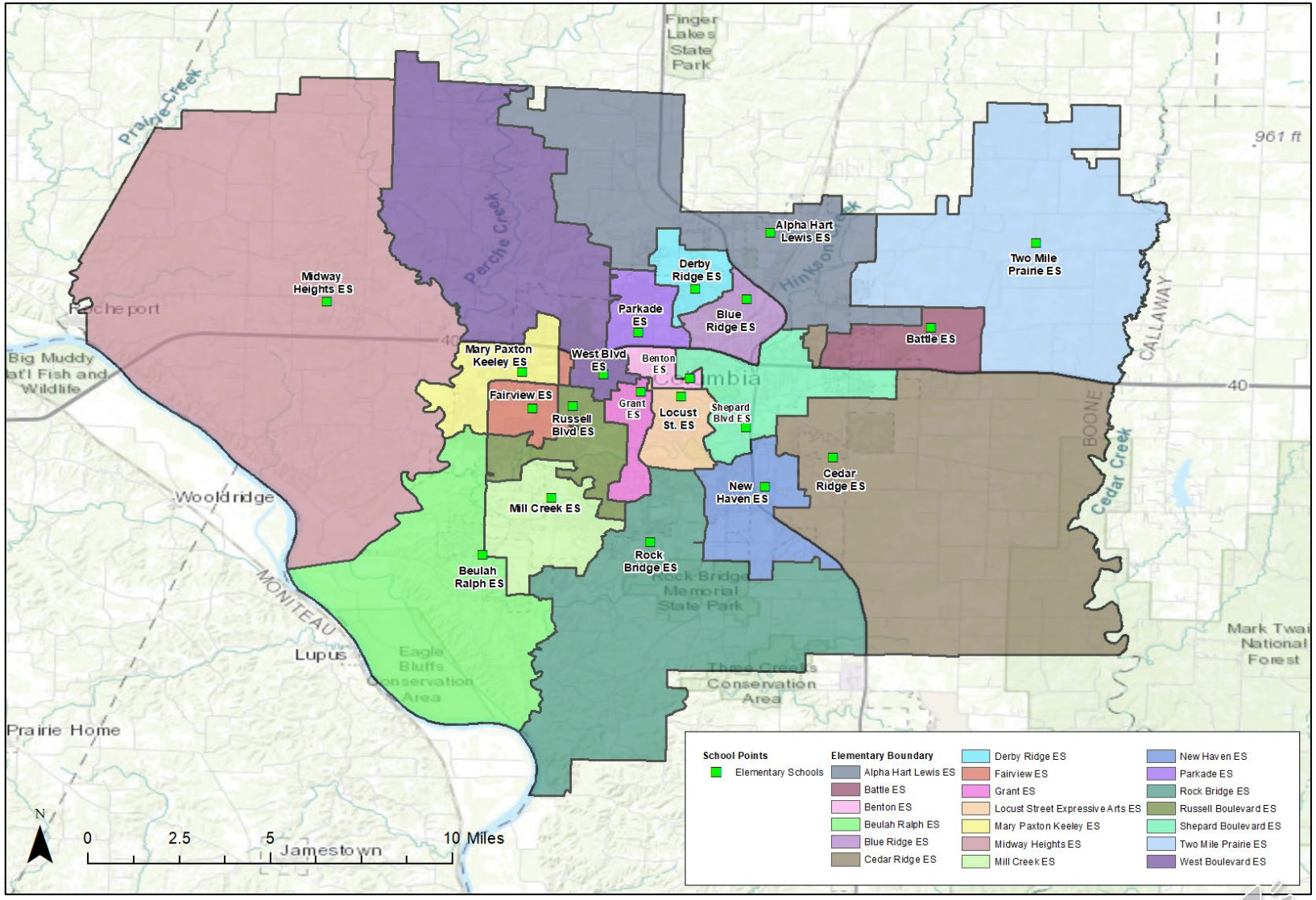
Scenario C Comment Summary:

- There are concerns about the idea of having islands
- Many like the idea of less change since they have had enough disruption related to COVID
- Maintains the walkability with the majority of students remaining at their neighborhood school
- There is less transportation required in this scenario
- Some feel that the changes indicated in this scenario provide a better balance of SES and utilization
- Some are concerned about impacting students that are walkable to their current school
- Concerns about areas changing that have been impacted in the past

▶ SCENARIO D

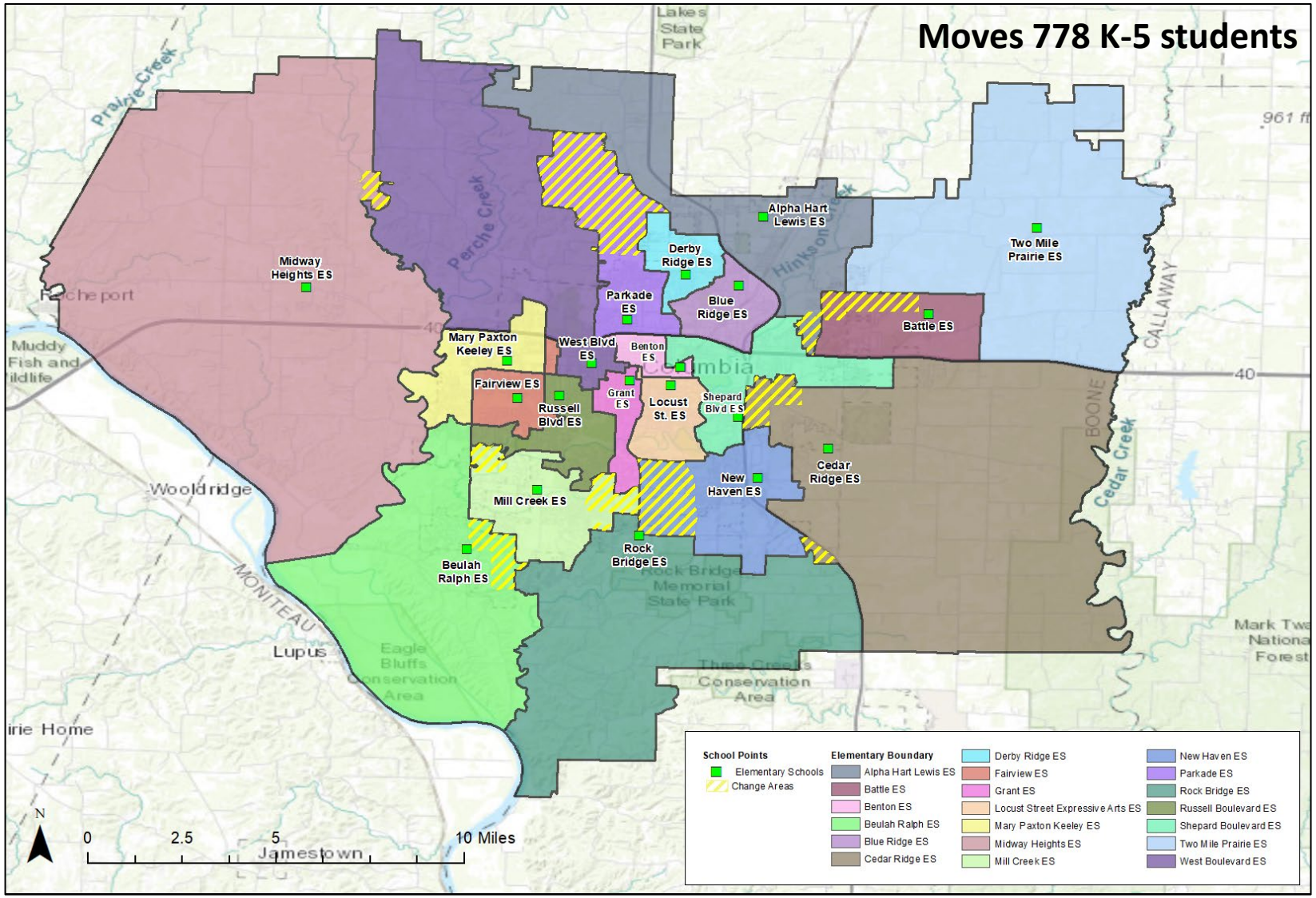
PHASE III

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School	Capacity (No Trailers)	Live-In Enrollment	Utilization	Low SES %
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Battle ES	450	417	93%	56%
Benton ES	260	134	52%	81%
Beulah Ralph ES	650	601	92%	22%
Blue Ridge ES	500	462	92%	66%
Cedar Ridge ES	650	519	80%	46%
Derby Ridge ES	556	479	86%	62%
Fairview ES	550	506	92%	28%
Grant ES	375	333	89%	36%
Locust Street Expressive Arts ES	250	97	39%	59%
Mary Paxton Keeley ES	723	683	94%	32%
Midway Heights ES	295	227	77%	28%
Mill Creek ES	673	638	95%	15%
New Haven ES	293	268	91%	55%
Parkade ES	478	440	92%	46%
Rock Bridge ES	650	567	87%	30%
Russell Boulevard ES	650	551	85%	25%
Shepard Boulevard ES	652	555	85%	52%
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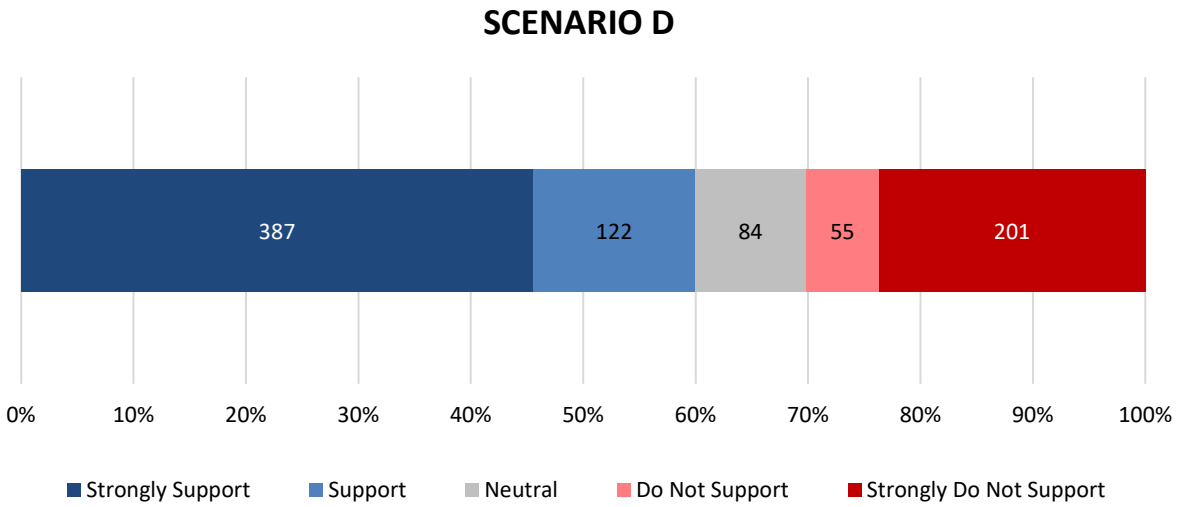
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▶ SCENARIO D

RESULTS

SCENARIO D	
Strongly Support	387
Support	122
Neutral	84
Do Not Support	55
Strongly Do Not Support	201



Scenario D Comment Summary:

- Many are pleased with this scenario since it has the least amount of students impacted
- Some are concerned with the longevity of this plan
- Some are concerned about impacting students that are walkable to their current school
- Some are concerned with still having islands to balance the other schools
- Some believe this scenario matches the School Board criteria the best
- Many are pleased that this scenario provides normalcy after a rough year dealing with COVID

▶ NEXT STEPS

PHASE 1 ACTION

REVISED SCENARIOS

- Vote on Phase 1 **(ONLY!)** at the May 10th Board Meeting
- At this time, you will also be presented with revised scenarios
    - Action on Phases 2 & 3 will not be until the June 9th Board Meeting

