

WL school officials OK new boundaries

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staff writer

The Walled Lake Board of Education voted unanimously last week to approve new school district attendance boundaries that will force some 560 students to change elementary schools this fall.

The action capped months of work by a 35-member redistricting committee that drew some criticism from parents who don't want their children moved.

The plan, unveiled to parents during a series of public meetings, will affect more than 10 percent of the district's 5,550 elementary pupils.

The redistricting proposal emerged as school officials planned for the fall opening of the new Pleasant Lake Elementary School on Halsted Road south of Pontiac Trail. It will become the district's 12th elementary.

Plans for yet another elementary school have been launched as school

Walled Lake School District

The Walled Lake district serves students in part of the north-west corner of Farmington Hills.

officials seek to keep pace with burgeoning enrollment.

The redistricting plan was approved with only minor alterations, said Lois Lange, school district spokeswoman.

IN ONE change, the school board decided to honor a promise made by previous board members that families whose children were moved from the old Union Lake Elementary to Keith Elementary in 1981 would not be affected by later redistricting plans.

The parents wanted to ensure that all their children — even those not in school in 1981 — would attend Keith.

"There were a few students to whom that still applied," Lange said. However, in those cases, parents will be responsible for transporting their children to school because new bus routes have been drawn, she said.

Under the redistricting plan, Pleasant Lake will draw 274 students from the overcrowded Maple Elementary and 128 from Twin Beach.

Sixty-seven pupils will be moved from Dublin — 37 to Commerce and 30 to Keith. About 50 students will be transferred from Keith to Twin Beach, and 38 will be moved from Maple to Decker.



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Lunch break

Kathy Killen and her 5-year-old son, Timothy, stopped by the pond at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills to eat lunch and feed the

geese during last week's hot spell. They are Farmington residents.

Insurance firm wins industry honors

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