

THE HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



AGENDA

**School Board
Meeting**

February 26, 2026

BOARD AUDITORIUM – OPEN SESSION

- Call to Order
- Speakers to Agenda Items
- Presentation: 2026–2027 School Closures and Co-location Plan
- Consideration and Approval of Agenda Items
- Recess to Closed Session under Sections 551.004 through 551.089 of the Texas Government Code for the Purposes Listed in this Notice
- Reconvene in Open Session
- Consideration and Possible Action on Matters Discussed in Closed Session

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Authorization To Explore A Partnership With Collaborative For Children To Serve As An Operating Partner, To Apply For Texas Partnership Benefits (1882 Benefits), And To Negotiate A Contract With Collaborative For Children
2. Approval To Close Louisa May Alcott, Andrew Briscoe, James D. Burrus, Benjamin Franklin, N. Q. Henderson, Port Houston, And Betsy Ross Elementary Schools And All Programs Within Them At The End Of The 2025-2026 School Year, And Approval To Modify Attendance Boundaries For Blanche K. Bruce, Edna M. Carrillo, Matthew W. Dogan, Mario M. Gallegos, Sr., John F. Kennedy, Reagan W. Mading, Pleasantville, And Theodore Roosevelt Elementary Schools
 - Maps
3. Approval To Convert Lucile Gregg And Clemente Martínez Elementary Schools Into Kindergarten-Grade Eight Future 2 Campuses
4. Approval To Consolidate And/Or Co-locate: Rufus Cage Elementary School Into Dora B. Lantrip Elementary School; Lamar Fleming, Jr., And John L. McReynolds Middle Schools Into Mickey Leland College Preparatory Academy for Young Men; And William P. Hobby Elementary School Into Audrey H. Lawson Middle School
 - Map for Fleming MS, McReynolds MS, and Leland MS
5. Consideration And Adoption Of A Resolution Claiming An Exception To Texas Education Code Section 37.0814
 - Resolution

CLOSED SESSION

Personnel

- a) Deliberate the duties of the superintendent of schools, chief officers, deputy chief officers, executive directors, principals, employees, and board members; evaluations of the superintendent; consideration of compensation, and contractual provisions of same.
- b) Consider and approve proposed appointments, reassignments, proposed terminations, terminations/suspensions, contract lengths, proposed nonrenewals, renewals, and resignations/retirements of personnel including teachers, assistant principals, principals, chiefs, division superintendents, senior executive directors, executive directors, directors, and other administrators, and, if necessary, approve waiver and release and compromise agreements.
- c) Hear complaints against and deliberate the appointment, evaluation, and duties of public officers or employees and resolution of same.

Legal

- a) Matters on which the district's attorney's duty to the district under the Code of Professional Responsibility clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Law, including specifically any matter listed on this agenda and meeting notice.
- b) Pending or contemplated litigation matters and status report.
- c) Update on federal law enforcement activity on February 27, 2020.
- d) Update and possible action in the matter of Nathan v. Alamo Heights Independent School District, in the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division, Civil Action No. 5:25-cv-00756.
- e) Update and possible action in the matter of Houston Federation of Teachers v. Mike Miles, in the District Court of Harris County, Texas, 164 Judicial District, Cause No. 2025-53237.
- f) GSA Network et al., v. Mike Morath, Houston ISD et al., in the Southern District of Texas, Civil Action No. 4:25-CV-04090.

District Safety, Emergency Management, And Security Audits

- a) Discussion of district safety concerns, including districtwide intruder detection audit report findings and HB3 compliance.

ADJOURN



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1.

Office of the Superintendent of Schools

Office of Academics

Authorization To Explore A Partnership With Collaborative For Children To Serve As An Operating Partner, To Apply For Texas Partnership Benefits (1882 Benefits), And To Negotiate A Contract With Collaborative For Children

The purpose of this agenda item is to authorize the superintendent of schools to explore a partnership with Collaborative for Children to serve as an operating partner for prekindergarten (pre-k) partnerships with the Houston Independent School District (HISD) beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. The item further authorizes the superintendent of schools to take the necessary steps to apply to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for Texas Partnership Benefits, commonly referred to as an SB1882 Partnership. Finally, this agenda item authorizes the superintendent of schools to negotiate a contract with Collaborative for Children in compliance with HISD Board Policy EL (LOCAL). The negotiated contract is subject to final board approval.

THIS ITEM DOES NOT ESTABLISH, MODIFY, OR DELETE BOARD POLICY.

RECOMMENDED: That the School Board authorizes the superintendent of schools to explore a partnership with Collaborative for Children to serve as an operating partner for pre-k partnerships and that the School Board authorizes the superintendent of schools to negotiate a contract with Collaborative for Children and to apply to the TEA for Texas Partnership Benefits, effective February 27, 2026.



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2.

Office of the Superintendent of Schools

Office of the Chief of Schools

Approval To Close Louisa May Alcott, Andrew Briscoe, James D. Burrus, Benjamin Franklin, N. Q. Henderson, Port Houston, And Betsy Ross Elementary Schools And All Programs Within Them At The End Of The 2025-2026 School Year, And Approval To Modify Attendance Boundaries For Blanche K. Bruce, Edna M. Carrillo, Matthew W. Dogan, Mario M. Gallegos, Sr., John F. Kennedy, Reagan W. Mading, Pleasantville, And Theodore Roosevelt Elementary Schools

The Houston Independent School District (HISD) School Board is asked to approve the closure of Louisa May Alcott, Andrew Briscoe, James D. Burrus, Benjamin Franklin, N. Q. Henderson, Port Houston, and Betsy Ross elementary schools, and all programs within them, at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

The board is also asked to approve attendance boundary changes for Blanche K. Bruce, Edna M. Carrillo, Matthew W. Dogan, Mario M. Gallegos, Sr., John F. Kennedy, Reagan W. Mading, Pleasantville, and Theodore Roosevelt elementary schools to include the attendance zones of the schools to be closed. The changes will modify attendance boundaries as follows:

- Alcott Elementary School (ES) to Mading ES;
- Briscoe ES to Carrillo ES;
- Port Houston ES to Pleasantville ES;
- Franklin ES to Gallegos ES;
- Burrus ES to Kennedy ES;
- N. Q. Henderson ES to Bruce ES; and
- Ross ES to Roosevelt ES or Dogan ES.

In addition, students enrolled at or living in the current Ross ES attendance zone may attend Clemente Martínez ES in 2026-2027.

Board policy requires students to attend school within a designated attendance zone unless a transfer has been approved. Alcott, Briscoe, Burrus, Franklin, N. Q. Henderson, Port Houston, and Ross elementary schools are experiencing declining enrollment and shifting demographics while operating with funding that has not kept pace with inflation and rising costs. In addition, the continued management of aging, underutilized facilities are increasingly expensive to maintain.

The district will provide bus transportation, pursuant to district policy, for the rezoned students. During the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year, the district will facilitate visits to and transition activities

for the new schools.

The proposed attendance boundaries are indicated in the attached maps.

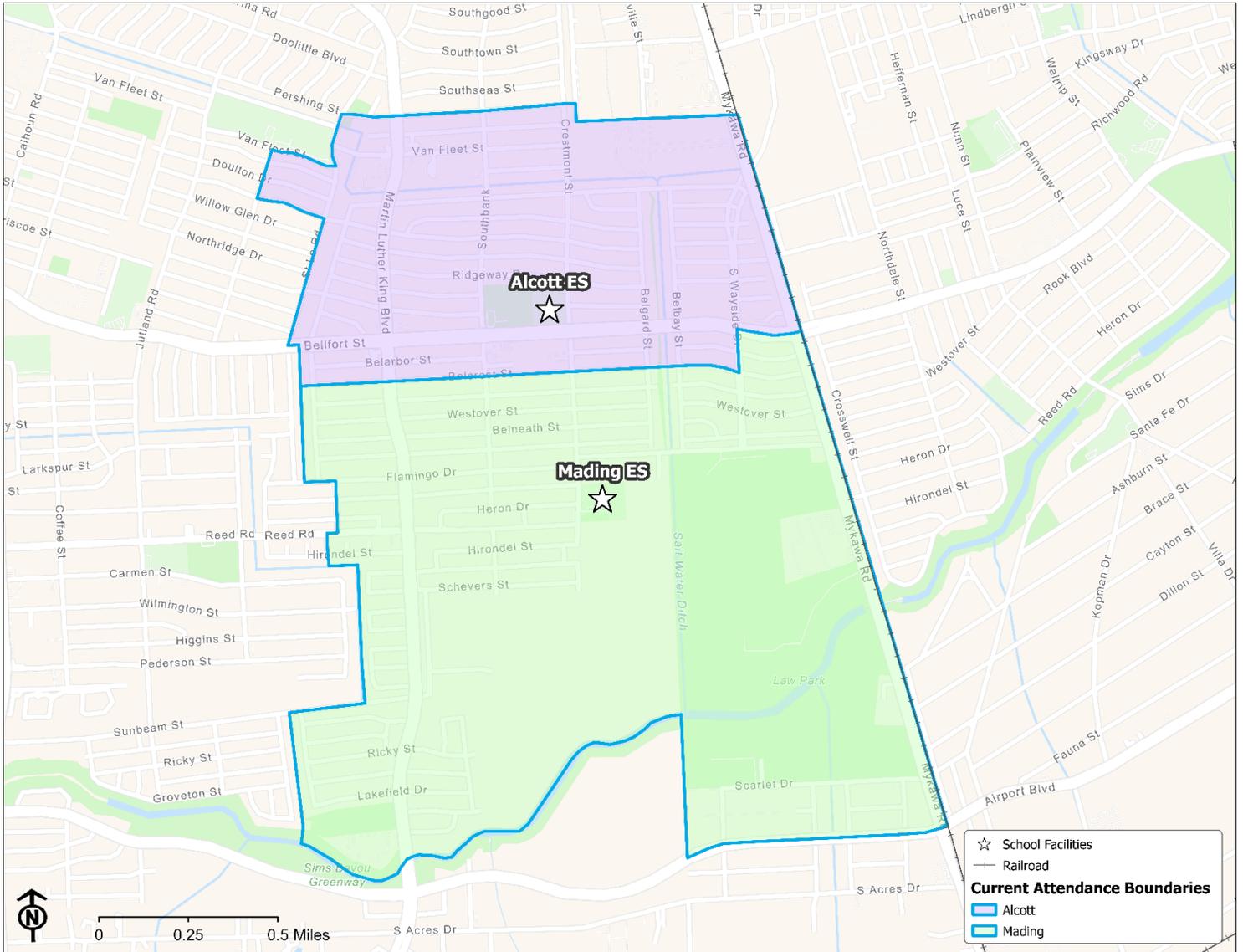
THIS ITEM DOES NOT ESTABLISH, MODIFY, OR DELETE BOARD POLICY.

RECOMMENDED: That the School Board approves the closure of Alcott, Briscoe, Burrus, Franklin, N. Q. Henderson, Port Houston, and Ross elementary schools and all programs within them at the end of the 2025-2026 school year, and modification of the attendance boundaries for Bruce, Carrillo, Dogan, Gallegos, Kennedy, Mading, Pleasantville, and Roosevelt elementary schools, effective February 27, 2026.

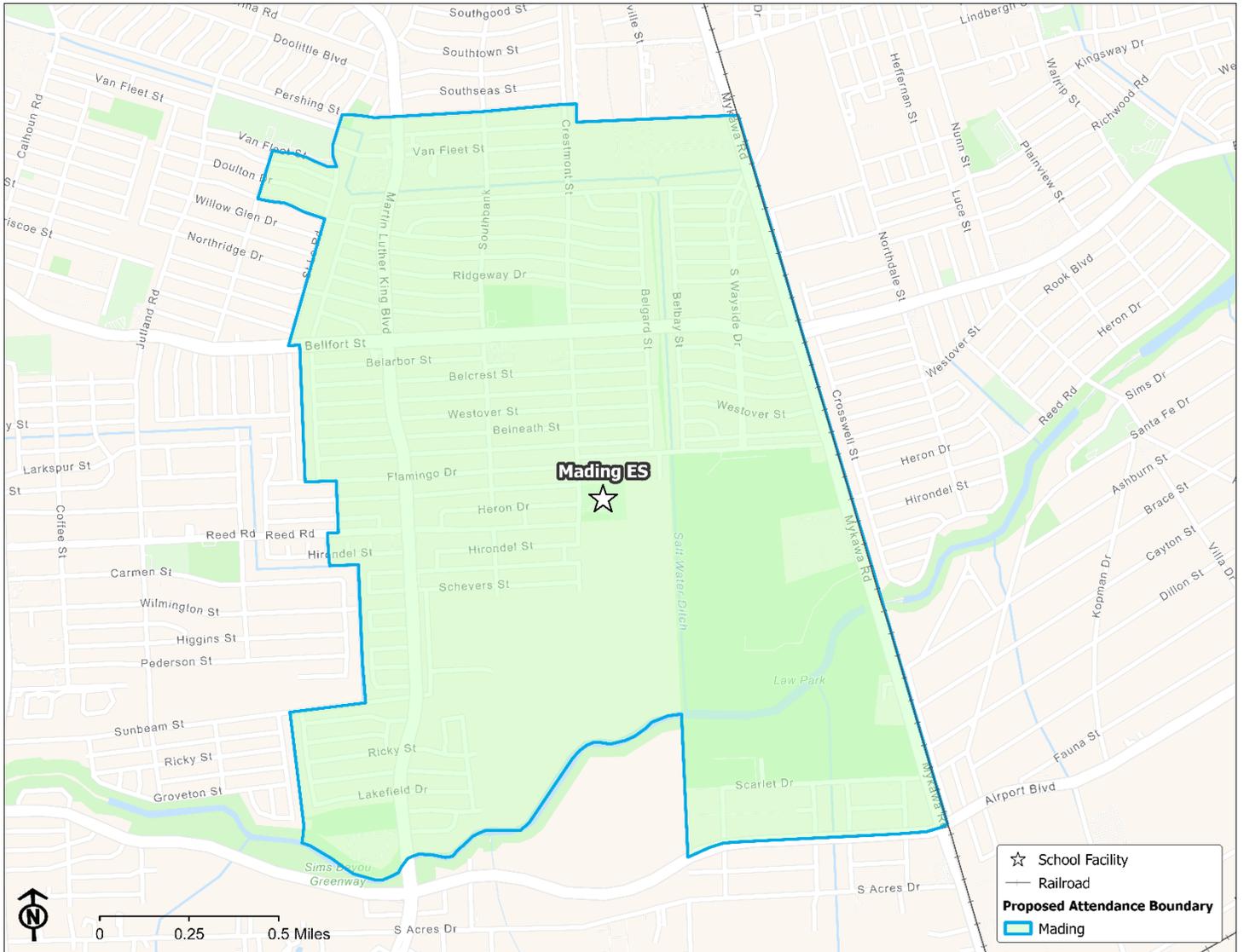
Louisa May Alcott Elementary School and Reagan W. Mading Elementary School

Proposal: The current Alcott Elementary attendance zone will merge with the Mading Elementary attendance zone to create one combined elementary attendance zone, which will be assigned to Reagan W. Mading Elementary. Students in Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade living within the new zone will be assigned to Mading Elementary beginning in the 2026-27 school year, unless they have been approved for a transfer.

Current Attendance Zones



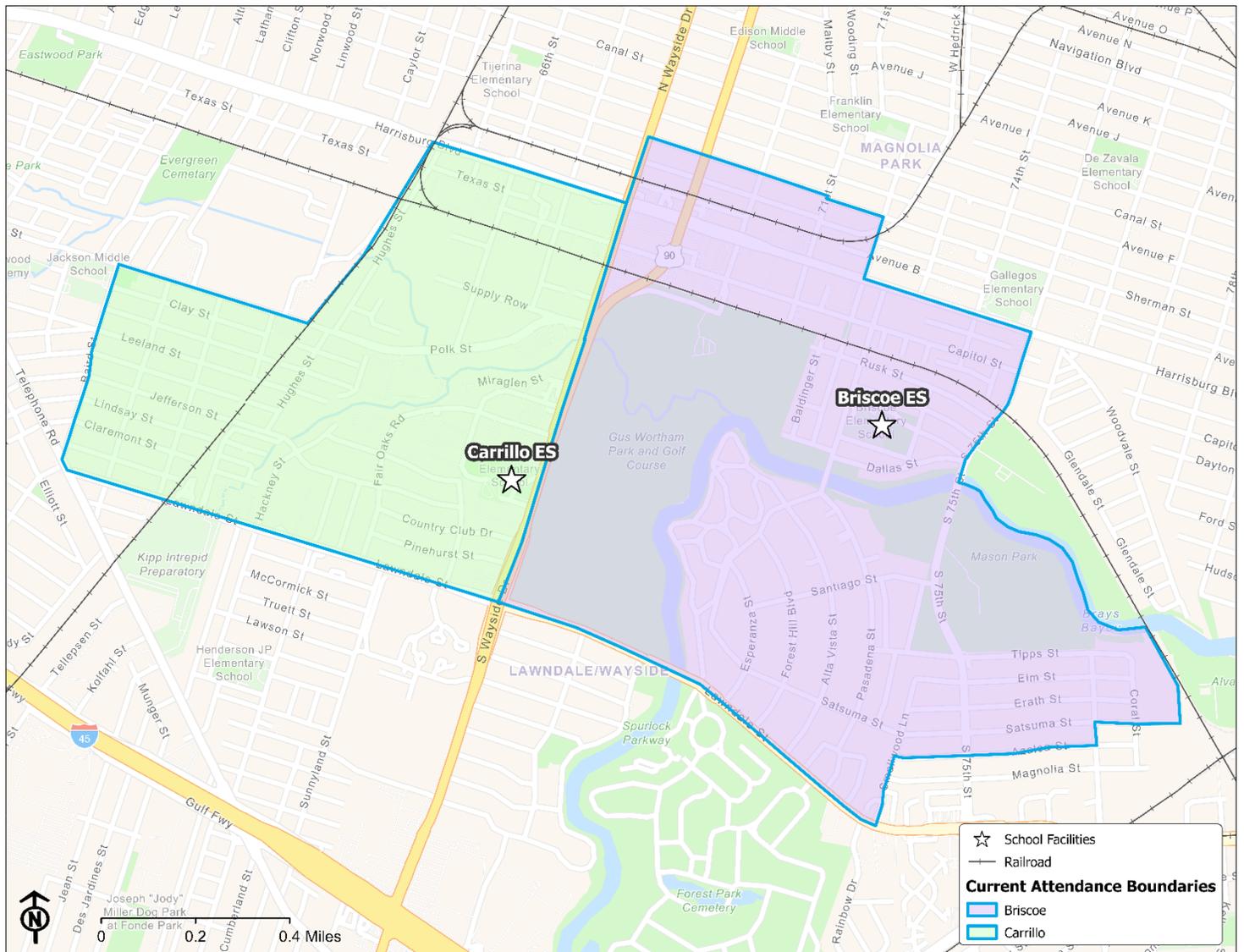
Proposed Reagan W. Mading Elementary Attendance Zone



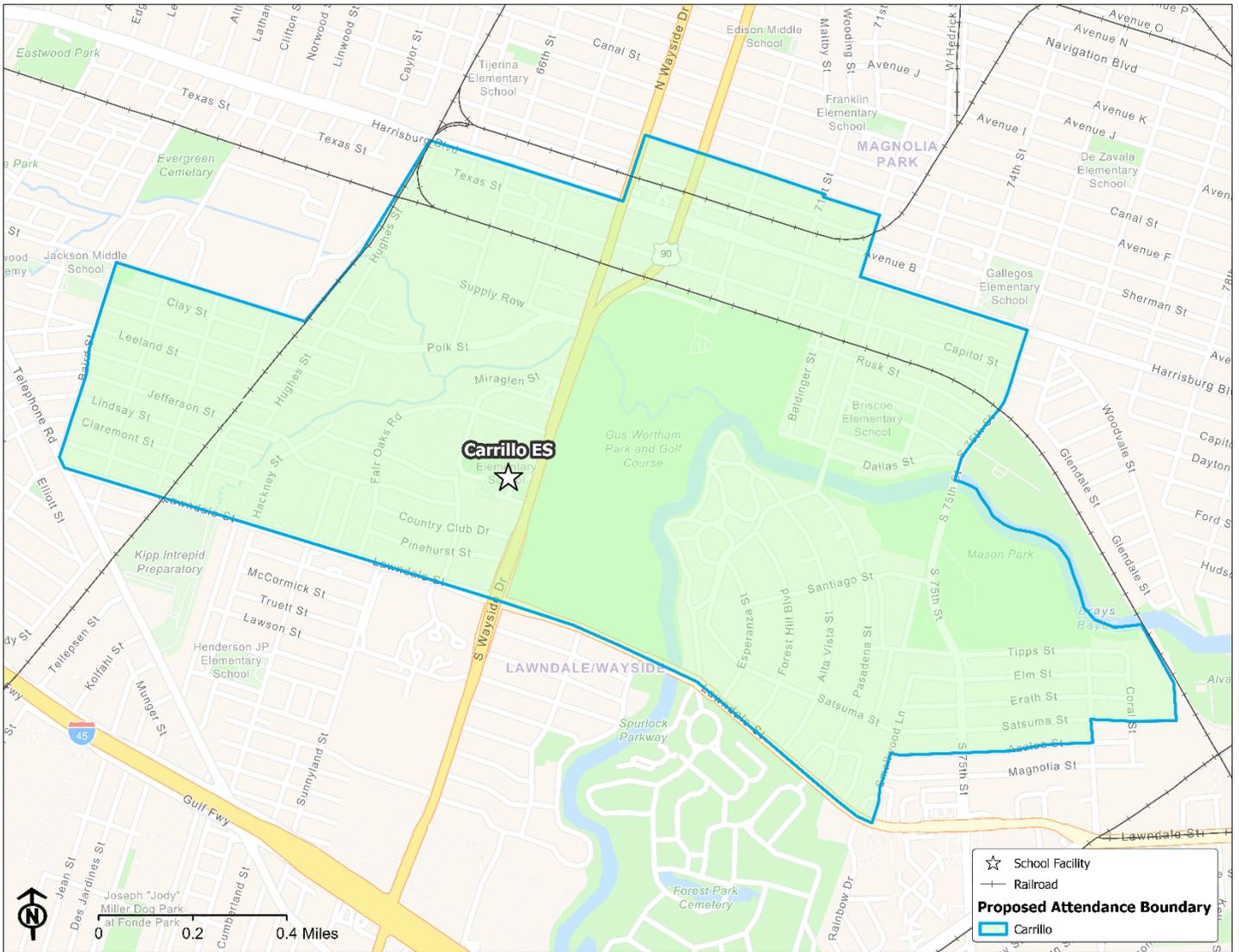
Andrew Briscoe Elementary School and Edna M. Carrillo Elementary School

Proposal: The current Briscoe Elementary attendance zone will merge with the Carrillo Elementary attendance zone to create one combined elementary attendance zone, which will be assigned to Edna M. Carrillo Elementary. Students in Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade living within the new zone will be assigned to Carrillo Elementary beginning in the 2026-27 school year, unless they have been approved for a transfer.

Current Attendance Zones



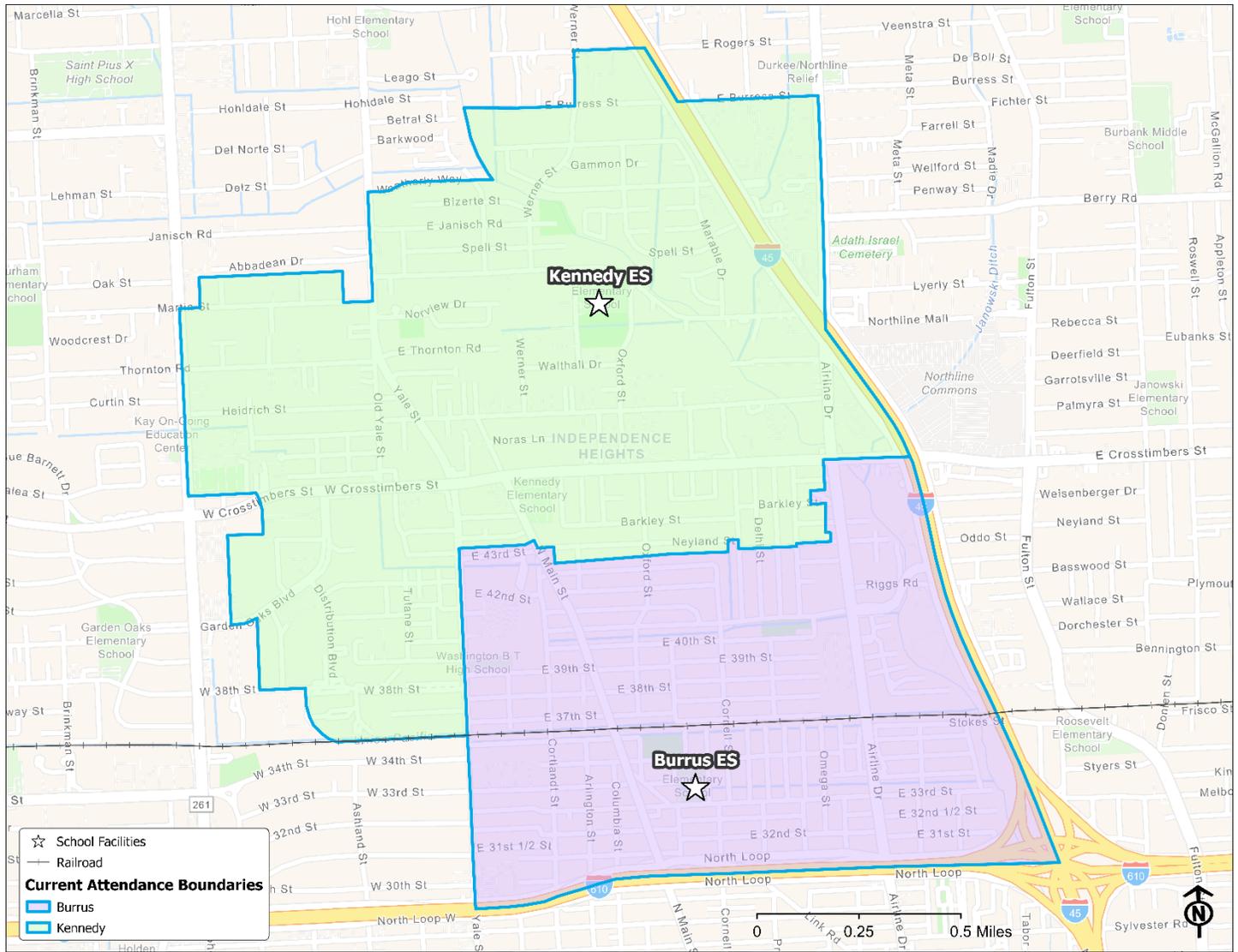
Proposed Edna M. Carrillo Elementary Attendance Zone



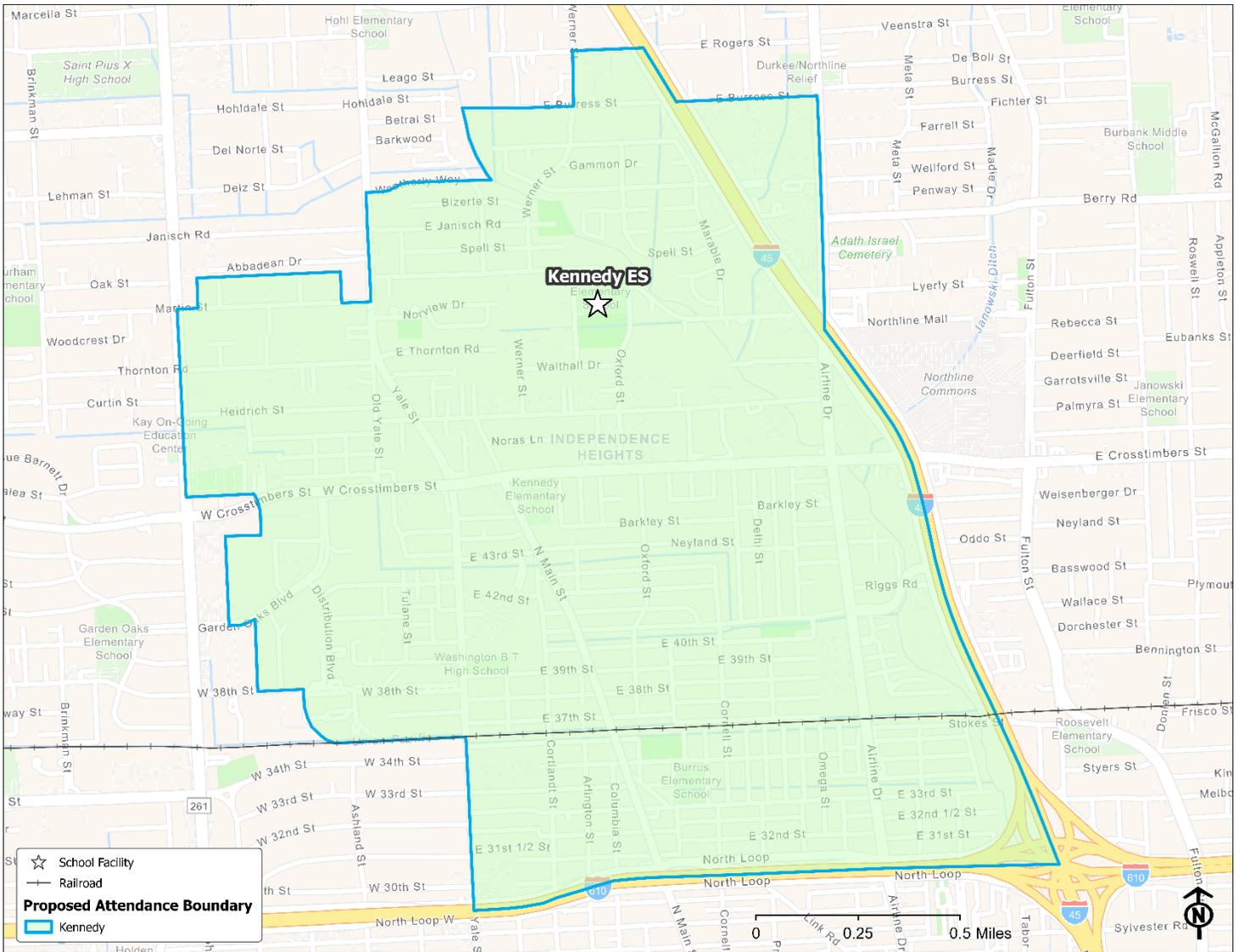
James D. Burrus Elementary School and John F. Kennedy Elementary School

Proposal: The current Burrus Elementary attendance zone will merge with the Kennedy Elementary attendance zone to create one combined elementary attendance zone, which will be assigned to John F. Kennedy Elementary. Students in Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade living within the new zone will be assigned to Kennedy Elementary beginning in the 2026-27 school year, unless they have been approved for a transfer.

Current Attendance Zones



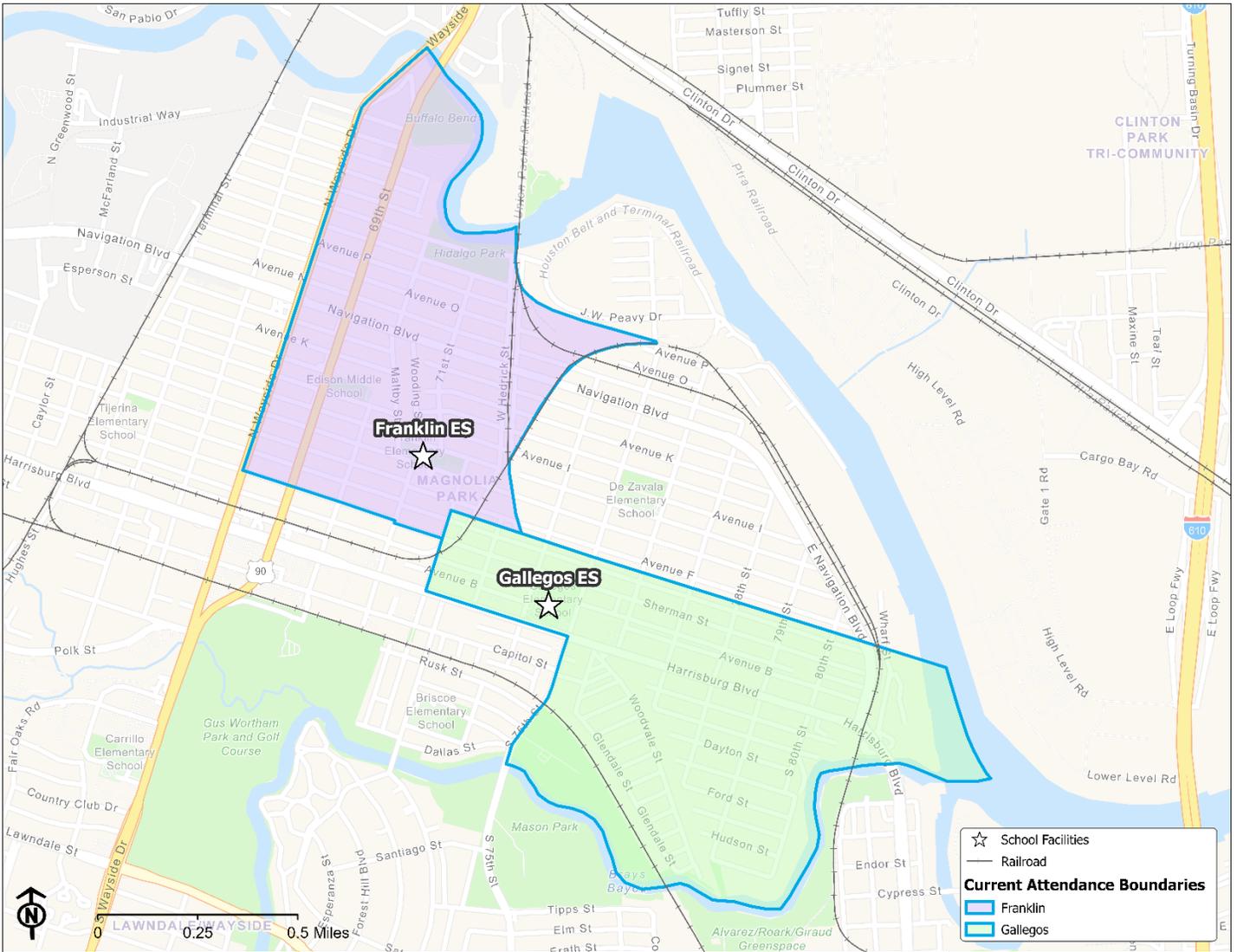
Proposed John F. Kennedy Elementary Attendance Zone



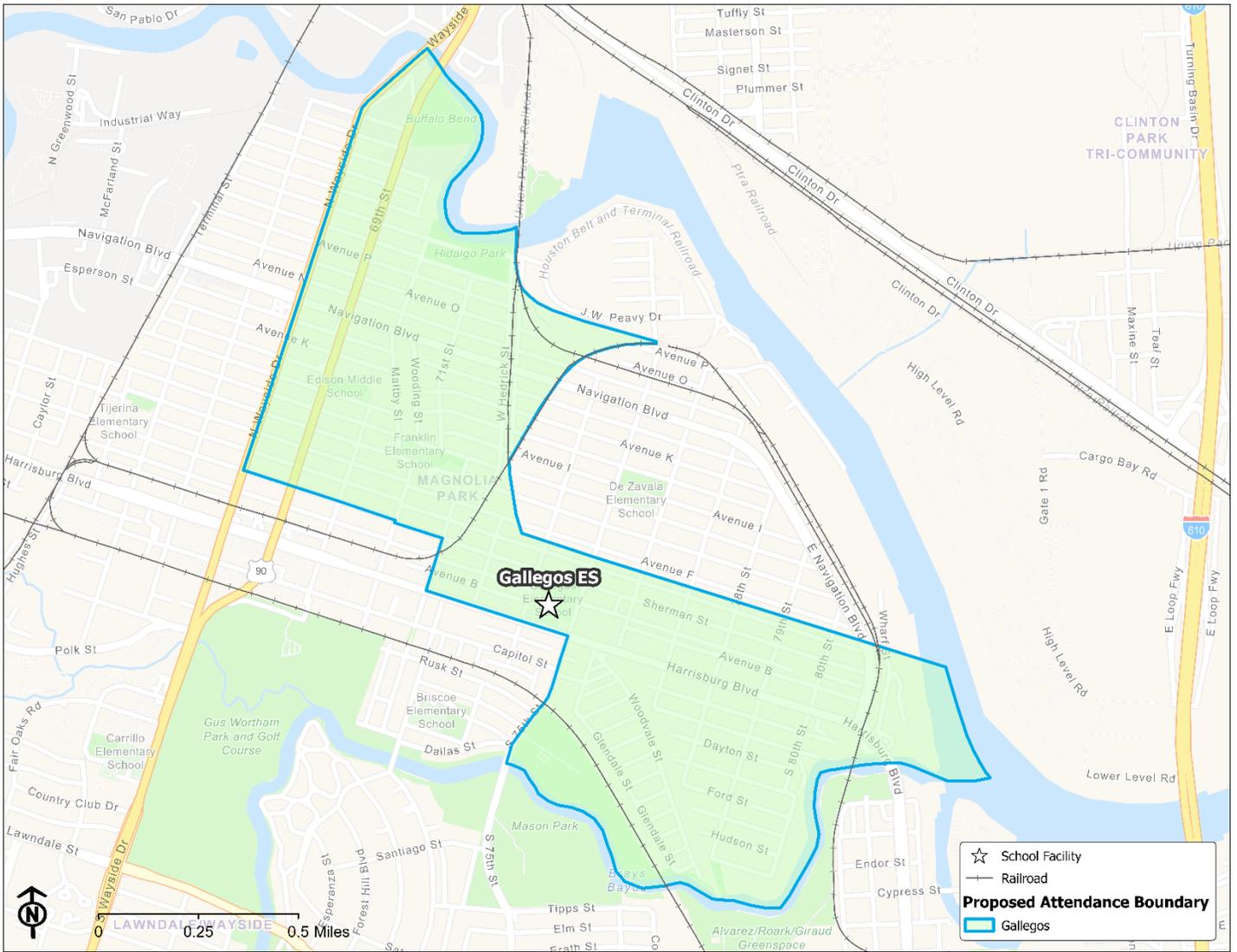
Benjamin Franklin Elementary School and Mario M. Gallegos Elementary School

Proposal: The current Franklin Elementary attendance zone will merge with the Gallegos Elementary attendance zone to create one combined elementary attendance zone, which will be assigned to Mario M. Gallegos Elementary. Students in Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade living within the new zone will be assigned to Gallegos Elementary beginning in the 2026-27 school year, unless they have been approved for a transfer.

Current Attendance Zones



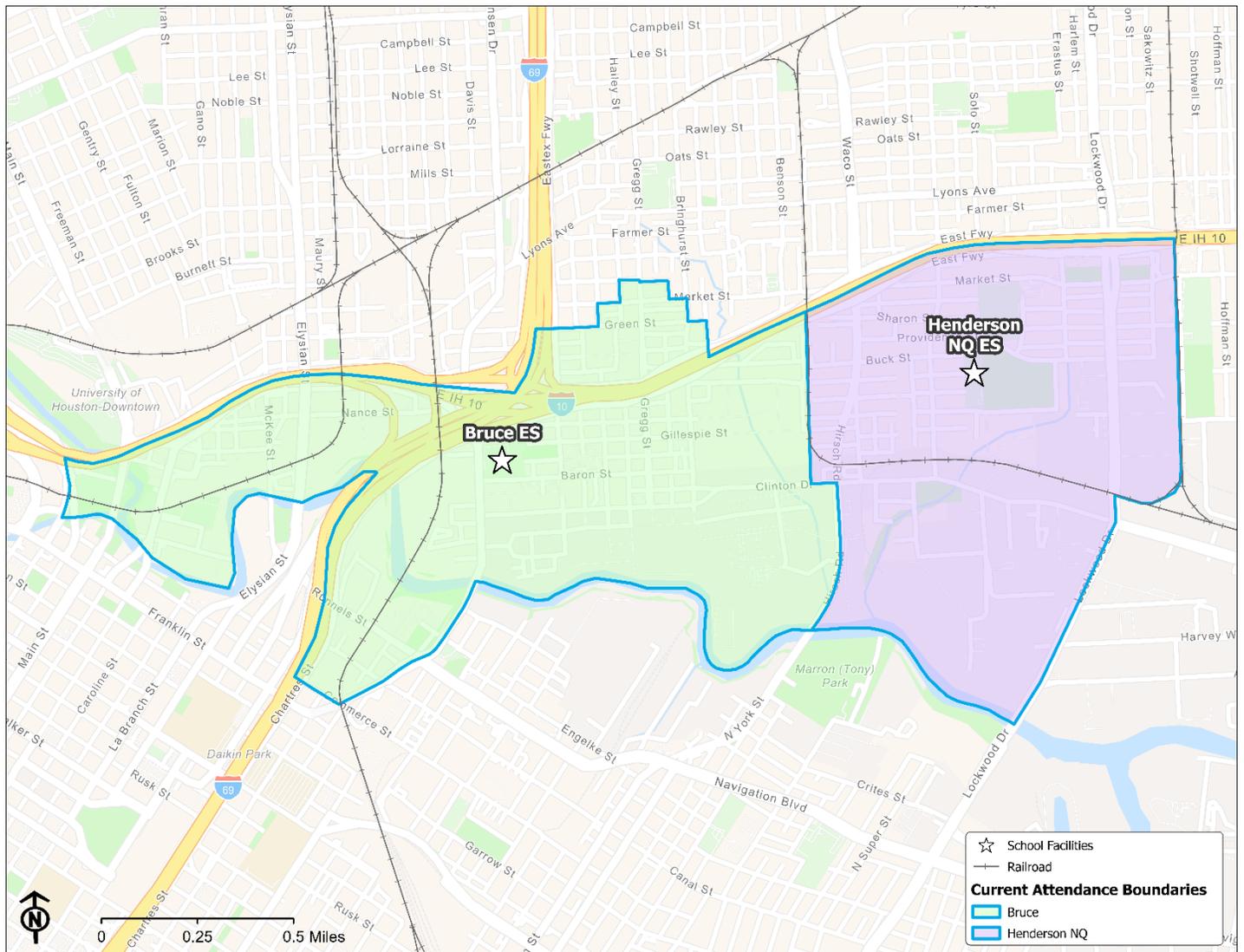
Proposed Mario M. Gallegos Elementary Attendance Zone



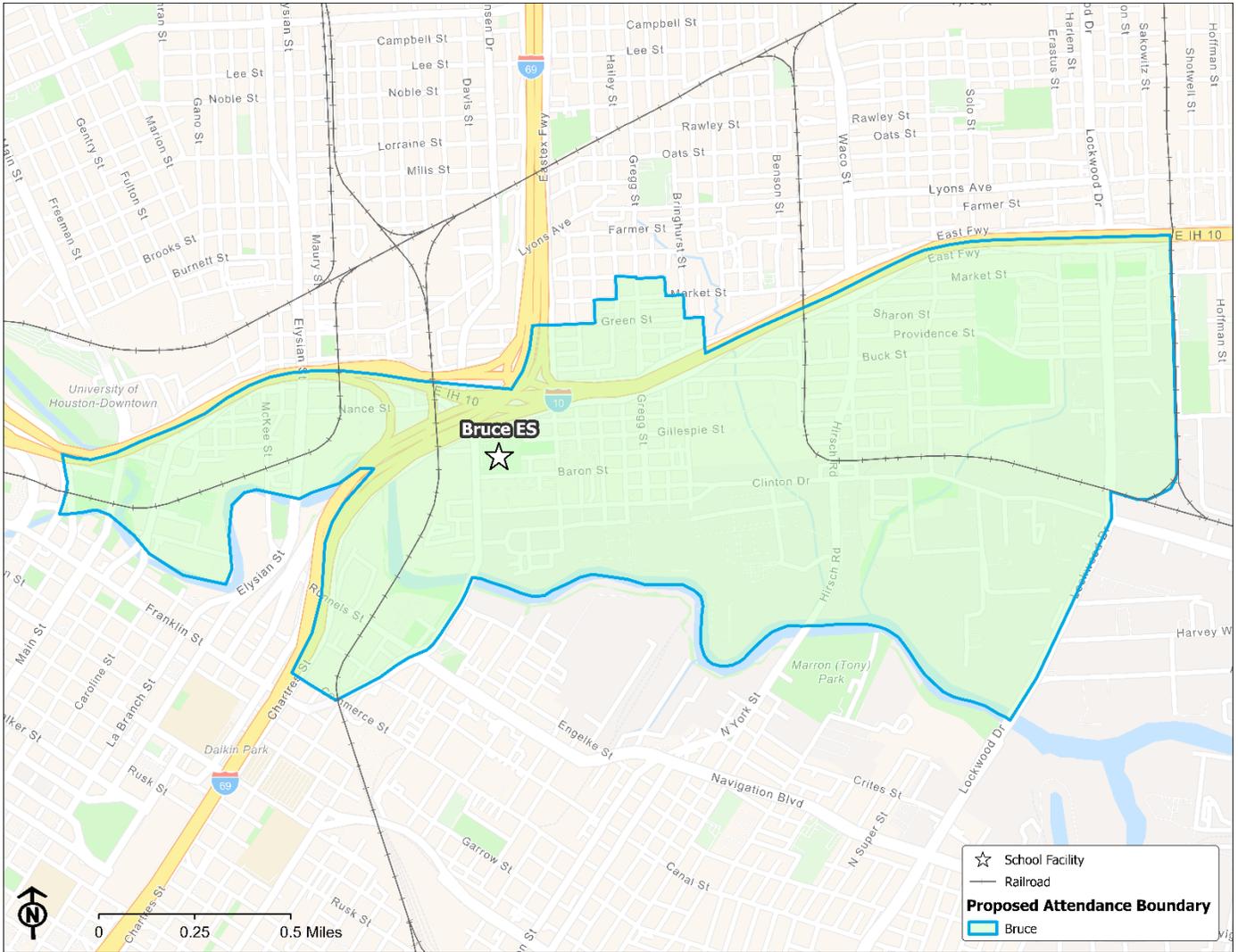
Nathaniel Q. Henderson Elementary School and Blanche K. Bruce Elementary School

Proposal: The current N.Q Henderson elementary attendance zone will merge with the Bruce elementary attendance zone to create one combined elementary attendance zone, which will be assigned to Blanche K. Bruce Elementary. Students in Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade living within the new zone will be assigned to Bruce Elementary beginning in the 2026-27 school year, unless they have been approved for a transfer.

Current Attendance Zones



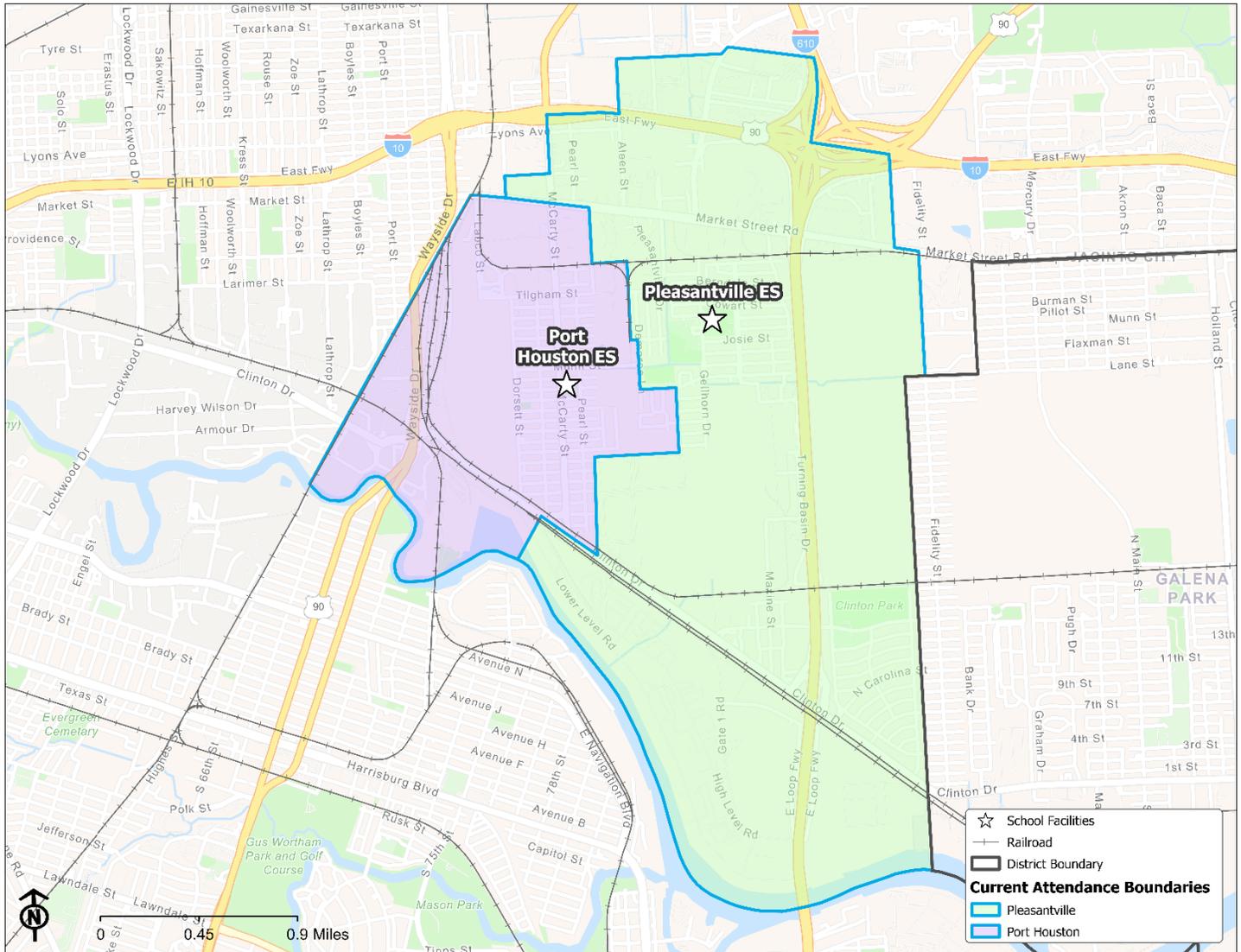
Proposed Blance K. Bruce Elementary Attendance Zone



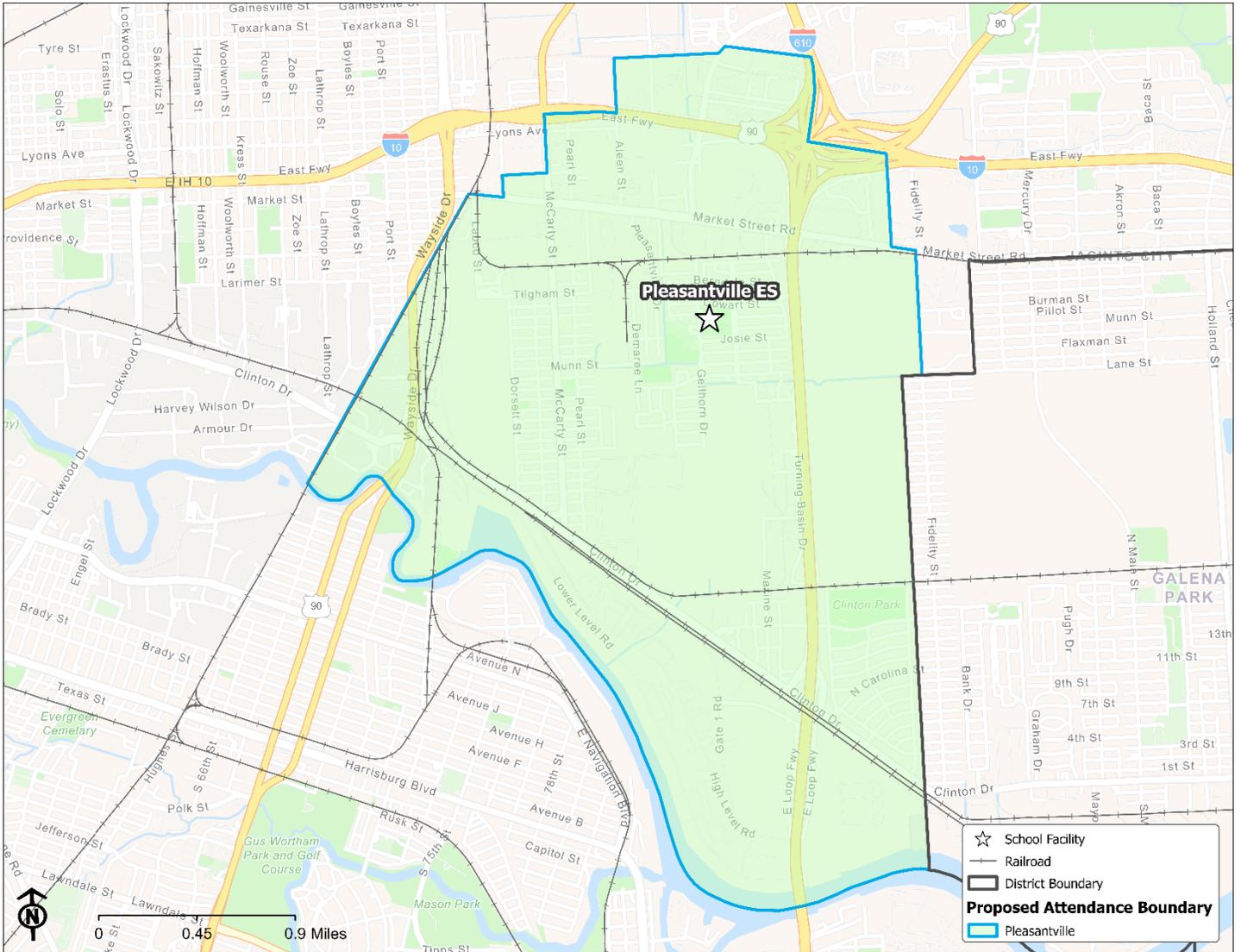
Port Houston Elementary School and Pleasantville Elementary School

Proposal: The current Port Houston Elementary attendance zone will merge with the Pleasantville Elementary attendance zone to create one combined elementary attendance zone, which will be assigned to Pleasantville Elementary. Students in Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade living within the new zone will be assigned to Pleasantville Elementary beginning in the 2026-27 school year, unless they have been approved for a transfer.

Current Attendance Zones



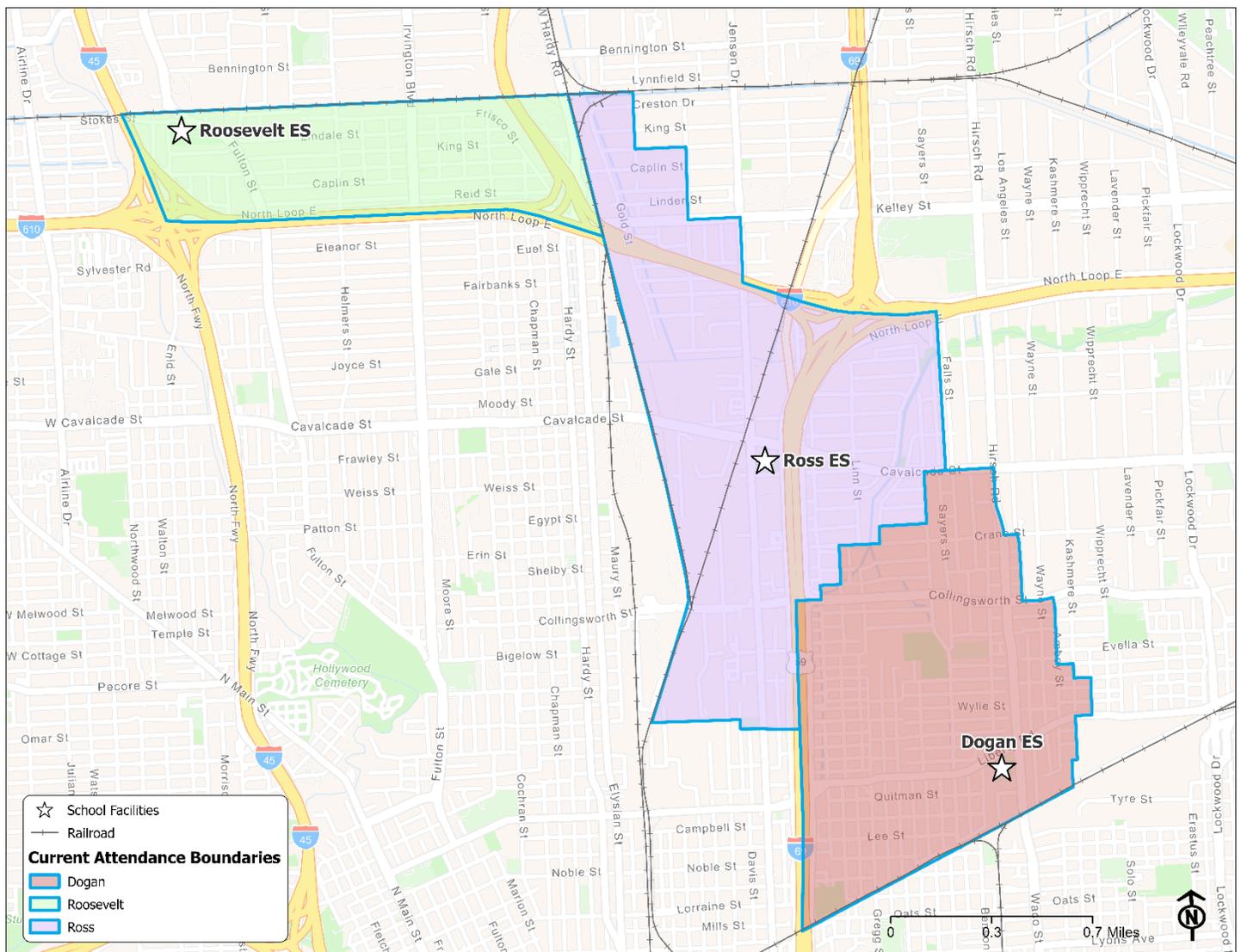
Proposed Pleasantville Elementary Attendance Zone



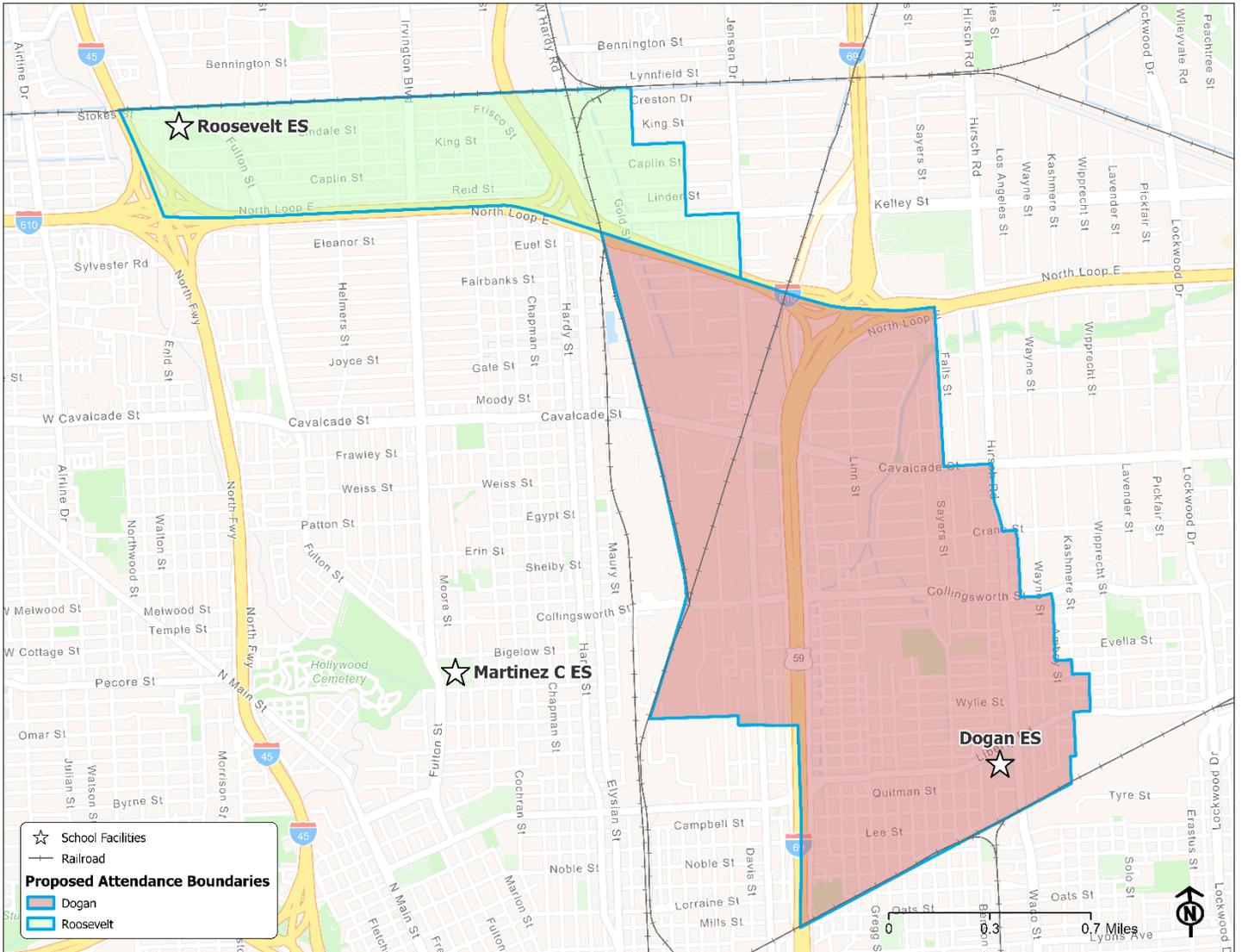
Betsy Ross Elementary, Roosevelt Elementary, Matthew W. Dogan Elementary and Clemente Martinez

Proposal: Attendance zones for Roosevelt Elementary and Dogan Elementary will be adjusted to accommodate students currently zoned to Ross Elementary. Students from the current Ross elementary attendance zone living north of I-610 will be zoned to Roosevelt Elementary. Students from the current Ross Elementary attendance zone living south of I-610 will be zoned to Dogan Elementary. For the 2026-27 school year, students enrolled at Ross Elementary or living within the current Ross Elementary attendance zone will have the option to attend Roosevelt Elementary or Clemente Martinez Elementary school.

Current Attendance Zones



Proposed Roosevelt and Dogan Attendance Zones (with option to Clemente Martinez Elementary for 2026-27)





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3.

Office of the Superintendent of Schools

Office of the Chief of Schools

Approval To Convert Lucile Gregg And Clemente Martínez Elementary Schools Into Kindergarten-Grade Eight Future 2 Campuses

The Houston Independent School District (HISD) School Board is asked to approve the conversion of Lucile Gregg Elementary School (ES) and Clemente Martínez ES into Future 2 campuses for kindergarten through grade eight (K-8) students effective at the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year.

The district will provide bus transportation, pursuant to district policy, for students at the Future 2 campuses. During the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year, the district will facilitate visits to and transition activities for the new schools.

THIS ITEM DOES NOT ESTABLISH, MODIFY, OR DELETE BOARD POLICY.

RECOMMENDED: That the School Board approves the conversion of Gregg ES and C. Martínez ES into K-8 Future 2 campuses, effective February 27, 2026.



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4.

Office of the Superintendent of Schools

Office of the Chief of Schools

Approval To Consolidate And/Or Co-locate: Rufus Cage Elementary School Into Dora B. Lantrip Elementary School; Lamar Fleming, Jr., And John L. McReynolds Middle Schools Into Mickey Leland College Preparatory Academy for Young Men; And William P. Hobby Elementary School Into Audrey H. Lawson Middle School

The Houston Independent School District (HISD) School Board is asked to approve the closure of the Rufus Cage and William P. Hobby elementary school facilities and the Lamar Fleming, Jr., and John L. McReynolds middle school facilities, and to consolidate or co-locate these schools with other facilities at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

The board is also asked to approve attendance boundary changes to include the attendance zones of the facilities to be closed where necessary for the Martin Luther King, Jr., Early Childhood Center (MLK ECC), Dora B. Lantrip Elementary School, Audrey H. Lawson Middle School, and Mickey Leland College Preparatory Academy for Young Men. The changes will modify attendance boundaries for co-locations as follows:

- Cage Elementary School (ES) to Lantrip ES;
- Fleming Middle School (MS) and McReynolds MS to Mickey Leland College Preparatory Academy for Young Men; and
- Hobby ES grades one through five (1-5) to Lawson MS.

Hobby ES prekindergarten and kindergarten students will be zoned to and become students of the MLK ECC.

Board policy requires students to attend school within a designated attendance zone unless a transfer has been approved. Cage ES, Hobby ES, Fleming MS, and McReynolds MS are experiencing declining enrollment and shifting demographics while operating with funding that has not kept pace with inflation and rising costs, and managing aging, underutilized facilities that are increasingly expensive to maintain.

A co-location of two schools in one building is an arrangement in which separate, independently operated schools share a single facility while maintaining separate operations and academic programs. The schools coordinate the use of common spaces-such as cafeterias, gyms, libraries, and auditoriums-according to an agreed-upon schedule to ensure equitable access and efficient operations.

The district will provide bus transportation, pursuant to district policy, for the rezoned students. During

the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year, the district will facilitate visits to and transition activities for the new schools.

The proposed attendance boundaries are indicated in the attached maps.

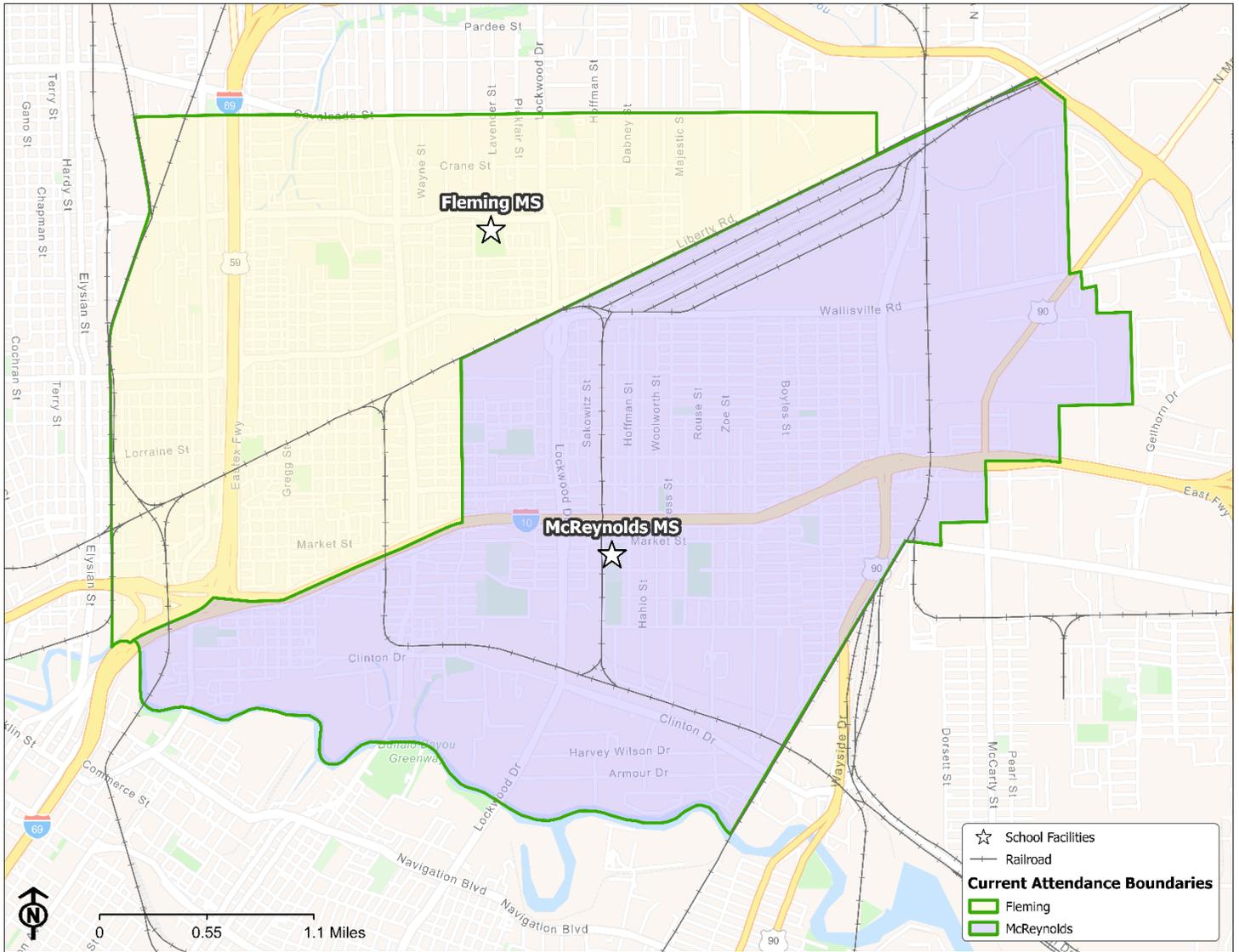
THIS ITEM DOES NOT ESTABLISH, MODIFY, OR DELETE BOARD POLICY.

RECOMMENDED: That the School Board approves the consolidation and/or co-location of Cage ES into Lantrip ES, Fleming MS and McReynolds MS into Mickey Leland College Preparatory Academy for Young Men, and Hobby ES into Lawson MS, and the modification of attendance boundaries where necessary, effective February 27, 2026.

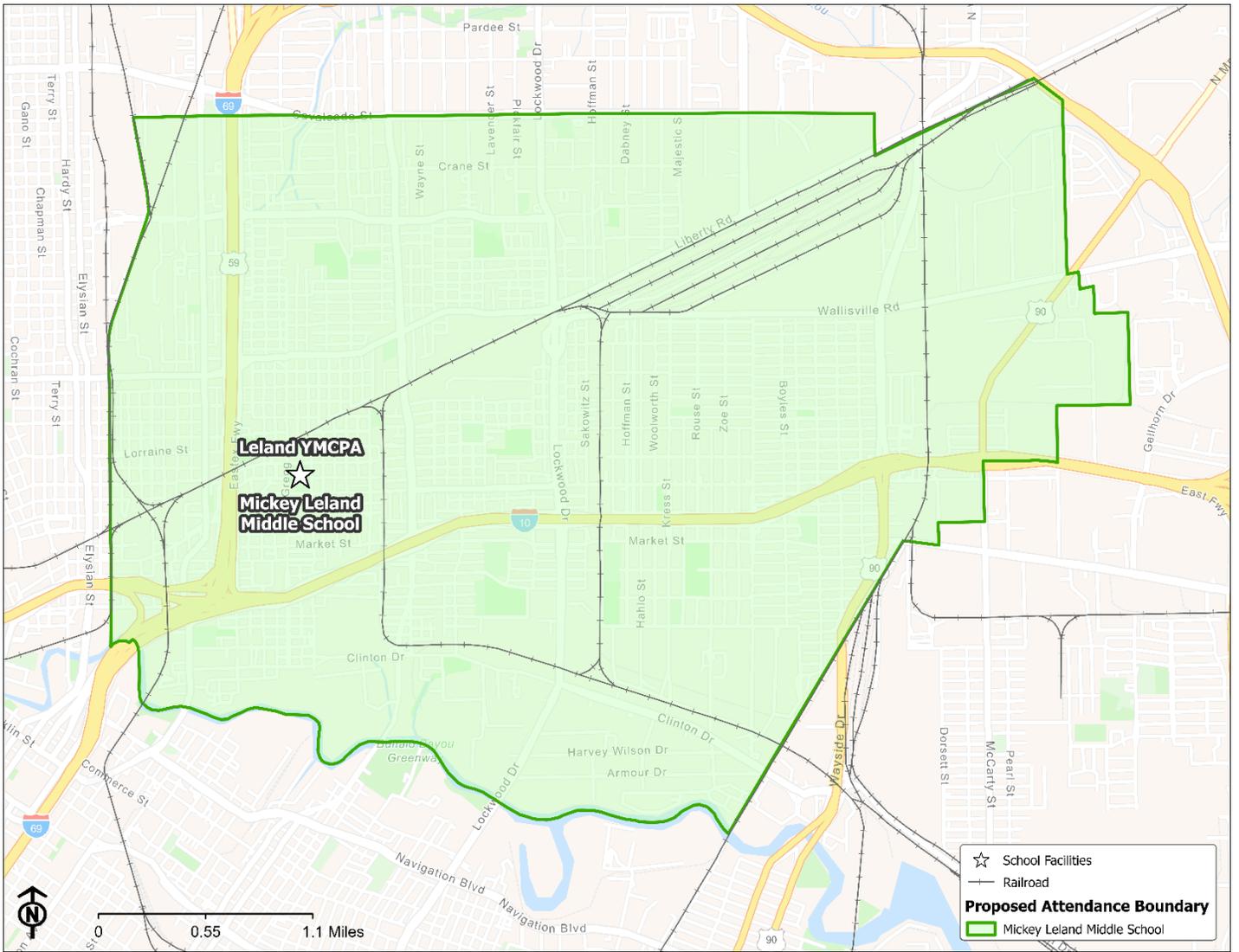
Lamar Fleming Middle School and John L. McReynolds Middle School

Proposal: The current Fleming Middle School and McReynolds Middle School attendance will merge to create one combined middle school attendance zone effective starting in the 2026-27 school year. Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students living in the merged zone will be assigned to the Mickey Leland Middle School, unless they have been approved for a transfer. Mickey Leland Middle School will be co-located with Mickey Leland Young Men's College Preparatory Academy.

Current Attendance Zones



Proposed Mickey Leland Middle School Attendance Zone





Consent Agenda

4400 WEST 18TH STREET
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77092

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5.

Office of the Superintendent of Schools

Office of Legal Services

Consideration And Adoption Of A Resolution Claiming An Exception To Texas Education Code Section 37.0814

The Houston Independent School District School Board is asked to formally adopt a resolution reflecting its September 2025 vote to renew the alternate standard of compliance adopted in September 2023 based on its determination that good cause existed (and continues to exist). The alternate standard of compliance adopted in September 2023 and reaffirmed in September 2025 continues to ensure the safety and security of all students, employees, and community members.

A copy of the above-referenced resolution is attached to this item.

THIS ITEM DOES NOT ESTABLISH, MODIFY, OR DELETE BOARD POLICY.

RECOMMENDED: That the School Board approves a resolution claiming a good cause exception and Alternative Plan for compliance with Texas Education Code section 37.0814 pursuant to the vote taken in September 2025, effective February 27, 2026.

**RESOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
THE HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AFFIRMING GOOD CAUSE
EXCEPTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 37.0814(d) OF THE TEXAS EDUCATION
CODE**

WHEREAS Section 37.0814 of the Texas Education Code requires that the board of each school district determine the appropriate number of armed security officers for each district campus;

WHEREAS Section 37.0814(a) of the Texas Education Code requires that the Board of Education ensure that at least one armed security officer is present during regular school hours at each district campus;

WHEREAS Section 37.0814(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that at least one armed security officer at each campus be a commissioned peace officer, namely a school district peace officer; a school resource officer; or a commissioned peace officer employed as security personnel under Section 37.081 of the Texas Education Code;

WHEREAS Section 37.0814(c) of the Texas Education Code provides that the board may claim a good cause exception if the district's is unable to comply with the section because of a lack of available funding or a lack of qualified personnel;

WHEREAS Section 37.0814(e) of the Texas Education Code requires the School Board to reaffirm the need for an exception and re adopt the alternative plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of the Houston Independent School District hereby determines that the District is unable to ensure that at least one armed security officer, as defined by law, is present during regular school hours at each district campus;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Board hereby renews it's claim for an exception under Section 37.0814(d) and reaffirms the alternative standard developed in September 2023, and reaffirmed in September 2025 by board vote as detailed below:

1. The safety of the students of the students of the Houston Independent School District is a top priority and the District will and continues to take steps to ensure that every student can learn in a safe educational setting.
2. The District's inability to comply with HB 3 is due to lack of available funding and a lack of available qualified personnel.
3. Hiring additional officers for compliance with HB3 (House Bill 3) will create an additional cost to the District of over 15 million dollars.
4. The Superintendent of Schools has developed a safety plan that best meets the District's needs.
5. The Superintendent of Schools will continue to refine and adapt the plan to ensure the security of students, employees, and visitors to HISD buildings.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Houston ISD School Board, continues to claim a good cause exception to Texas Education Code section 38.014 and reaffirms the alternative standard of compliance it adopted in 2023 and reaffirmed in September 2025.

Adopted this 26th day of February 2026, by the School Board.

President
School Board
Houston Independent School District

Attest:

Secretary
School Board
Houston Independent School District