

May 4, 2022

Dear Parent:

As a result of rapid growth and crowding at Bush Elementary and the physical limitations to accommodate portable classrooms, the District is making an immediate revision to the attendance boundary that will go into effect for the 2022-23 school year.

The area being moved is identified as attendance zone 83F and is on the west/southwest side of the utility easement in Foster's Ridge. This area will be zoned to Deretchin Elementary, which serves students in PK through grade 6. The school is located at 11000 Merit Oaks Drive in the Woodlands and currently serves the neighborhood for students in the PK program.

Families of students currently attending Bush Elementary may apply for a transfer on the following web site https://apps.conroeisd.net/studenttransfer/ by May 25, 2022. This application can also be found on the Conroe ISD website under the student/ parent tab. Students entering the fourth grade (and siblings) will automatically be granted transfers if the parent submits a transfer application. However, District transportation will not be provided.

We apologize for the disruption and change, but the safety of our students is our highest priority. We will work hard to insure a smooth transition for our families. Please expect to receive additional information about a Deretchin campus tour in the coming days.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Hines, Ed.D.

Deputy Superintendent

Why this area and why now?

The District's Attendance Boundary Committee studied several options during the 2018-19 rezoning process. Ultimately, the decision was made to carefully monitor Bush enrollment. One of the options considered during that process to relieve crowding was to split Foster's Ridge in to 2 or 3 portions. The area has grown more rapidly than anticipated. The District is unable to safely add any more portable

classrooms to the Bush location, so the decision is being made to move forward with moving this area to the Deretchin attendance zone.

How far is it to Deretchin?

Based on mapping software, Deretchin appears to be 6 miles from the Thunder Basin Parkway/Old Conroe Road entrance.

Bush is 4.7 miles and Mitchell is 3.7 miles from the Thunder Basin Parkway/Old Conroe Road entrance.

Why Deretchin and not Buckalew?

Buckalew has a fast growing subdivision called River's Edge that will be impacting that campus. This move will bring Deretchin to capacity (1075) and there is room on the site to safely accommodate additional portable classrooms, if needed.

What about Jr. High and High School?

This boundary adjustment does not impact junior high school or high school boundaries.

Will my child be automatically enrolled at Deretchin?

Yes. When the District rolls over the student files during the summer, your student will be transferred to Deretchin Elementary. Should you wish your student to finish at Bush, you will need to apply for a transfer by May 25.

Conroe Independent School District The Woodlands High School Elementary Feeder Map 22-23 School Year 83E 83D 75 1488 84B The Woodlands High School Elementary 4 Buckalew (excluding zone 84E) 5 Bush 43 Deretchin 9 Galatas (excluding Jacob's Reserve) 11 Glen Loch (excluding zone 70A) 18 Powell (excluding zone 47B, 47M and 84D) 40 Tough Intermediate 43 Deretchin 26 Mitchell 40 Tough 29 Wilkerson (only zones 97, 98, 99B) Junior High 39 McCullough High School 30 The Woodlands 9th Grade Campus 38 The Woodlands Cenzoe High School The Woodlands High School General High School Elementary 19 Richard 41 Cypar Junior High 56 Pet High School 33 Conros 9* Grade Campus 36 Conros Attn Zones 83F MOVE TO DERETCHIN BUCKALEW ELEMENTARY BUSH ELEMENTARY DERETCHIN ELEMENTARY GALATAS ELEMENTARY GLEN LOCH ELEMENTARY POWELL ELEMENTARY RICE ELEMENTARY TOUGH ELEMENTARY