



## Enrollment Management at CWE

Due to continued growth in the area, Commonwealth Elementary (Commonwealth ES) will continue to only enroll new students in grades 1 through 5 who live **within a two-mile driving distance** of the school – and therefore would be ineligible for bus transportation to Commonwealth ES. The cap and overflow on new enrollment was implemented in the 2018-19 school year and will continue for the 2022-23 school year. All newly enrolling students in grades 1-5 within the Commonwealth ES attendance boundary and who live beyond the **two-mile driving distance\*\*** will be re-directed to Settlers Way Elementary (Settlers Way ES), with transportation provided to Settlers Way ES. ***Kindergarten students inside and outside of the two-mile area will be allowed to enroll at Commonwealth ES.***

The 2018 Bond Program included funding for a new elementary school, Sonal Bhuchar ES (ES 53), which would relieve the overutilization of CWE. It is anticipated the cap and overflow to Settlers Way ES will remain in effect until the opening of Sonal Bhuchar ES anticipated in August 2023, unless unexpected growth requires additional relief at Commonwealth ES.

Originally implemented in 2018-19 and continuing in 2022-23 until further notice:

- Kindergarten students who enroll (within and outside of the two-mile area) will attend Commonwealth Elementary.
- All newly enrolled first through fifth-grade students who live within two miles of the school will attend Commonwealth Elementary.
- All newly enrolled first through fifth-grade students who live outside of the two-mile area will attend Settlers Way Elementary.

**\*\*NOTE: The two-mile driving distance (area) is defined as two or more miles from the assigned school as measured through the FBISD Transportation routing system. The distance a student lives from their assigned school is determined by measuring the shortest route that may be traveled on public roads as defined by the FBISD Transportation routing system, [www.fortbendisd.com/busroutelocator](http://www.fortbendisd.com/busroutelocator).**

## **CWE ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT FAQs**

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I currently do not reside in the Commonwealth ES attendance boundary. I am moving into the Commonwealth ES attendance boundary but will live outside of the two-mile area of Commonwealth ES. Where will my child attend school? >

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I live within the Commonwealth ES attendance boundary and have a student who will enter Kindergarten in the 2022-23 school year. Where will my kindergartner attend school? >

I am moving into Avalon at Riverstone and am currently zoned to Commonwealth. Have I been rezoned to another elementary school? >

When will Fort Bend ISD establish attendance boundaries for the new elementary school? >

For students redirected to Settlers Way ES, what happens if they are rezoned to another campus in the future? >

How is the two-mile area determined? >

**Commonwealth ES's enrollment has continued to grow throughout the last few years. What safety measures are in place for students and staff who are housed in temporary buildings?** >

**Why was Settlers Way ES designated as the overflow campus?** >

**Why did the District choose to limit students living outside of the two-mile area from attending Commonwealth ES?** >

## HELPFUL LINKS

### Let's Talk

# A MESSAGE ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*from Board President Jason Burdine*



**February 28, 2020**

TO OUR COMMONWEALTH ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY:

Earlier this week, FBISD released an announcement regarding the “cap and overflow” plan that will continue for Commonwealth Elementary (CWE) in the 2020-21 school year. Cap and overflow for CWE was originally implemented in the 2018-19 school year. At the Regular Board Meeting on February 24, the Board was clear in our intent to continue cap and overflow in a limited manner and only for students who are not currently enrolled at CWE. I am writing to you now on behalf of the Board of Trustees to ensure clear communication about how cap and overflow will be implemented.

At our February 24 Board Meeting, we were notified that, due to the overutilization at CWE,

the district will continue to limit new enrollment at CWE until the opening of a new elementary school to relieve student enrollment. Accordingly, cap and overflow will continue to be implemented in the 2020-21 school year for all first through fifth grade students enrolling at CWE, and who do not reside within the two-mile driving distance of CWE. Those newly enrolled students who live outside the two-mile driving distance of CWE will attend Settlers Way Elementary.

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To summarize, originally implemented in 2018-19 and continuing in 2020-21 until further notice:

- Kindergarten students who enroll (within and outside of the two-mile area) will attend Commonwealth Elementary.
- All newly enrolled first through fifth grade students who live within two miles of the school will attend Commonwealth Elementary.
- All newly enrolled first through fifth grade students who live outside of the two-mile area will attend Settlers Way Elementary.

Unless unanticipated growth requires additional relief at CWE, we expect the cap and overflow to Settlers Way Elementary to remain in effect until the opening of Elementary School 53, which is scheduled to open August 2022.

We understand that these decisions do affect families, which is why we are determined to ensure you have the most accurate information. To assist with this goal, we have created a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document that is posted on the FBISD website at [www.fortbendisd.com/enrollmentmanagement](http://www.fortbendisd.com/enrollmentmanagement).

Please be assured that our Board will continue to work closely with FBISD district administrators to ensure the very best learning experiences for all of our students. If the FAQ does not answer all your questions, please submit questions via **Let's Talk**.

Sincerely,

Jason Burdine  
President, Board of Trustees  
Fort Bend Independent School District