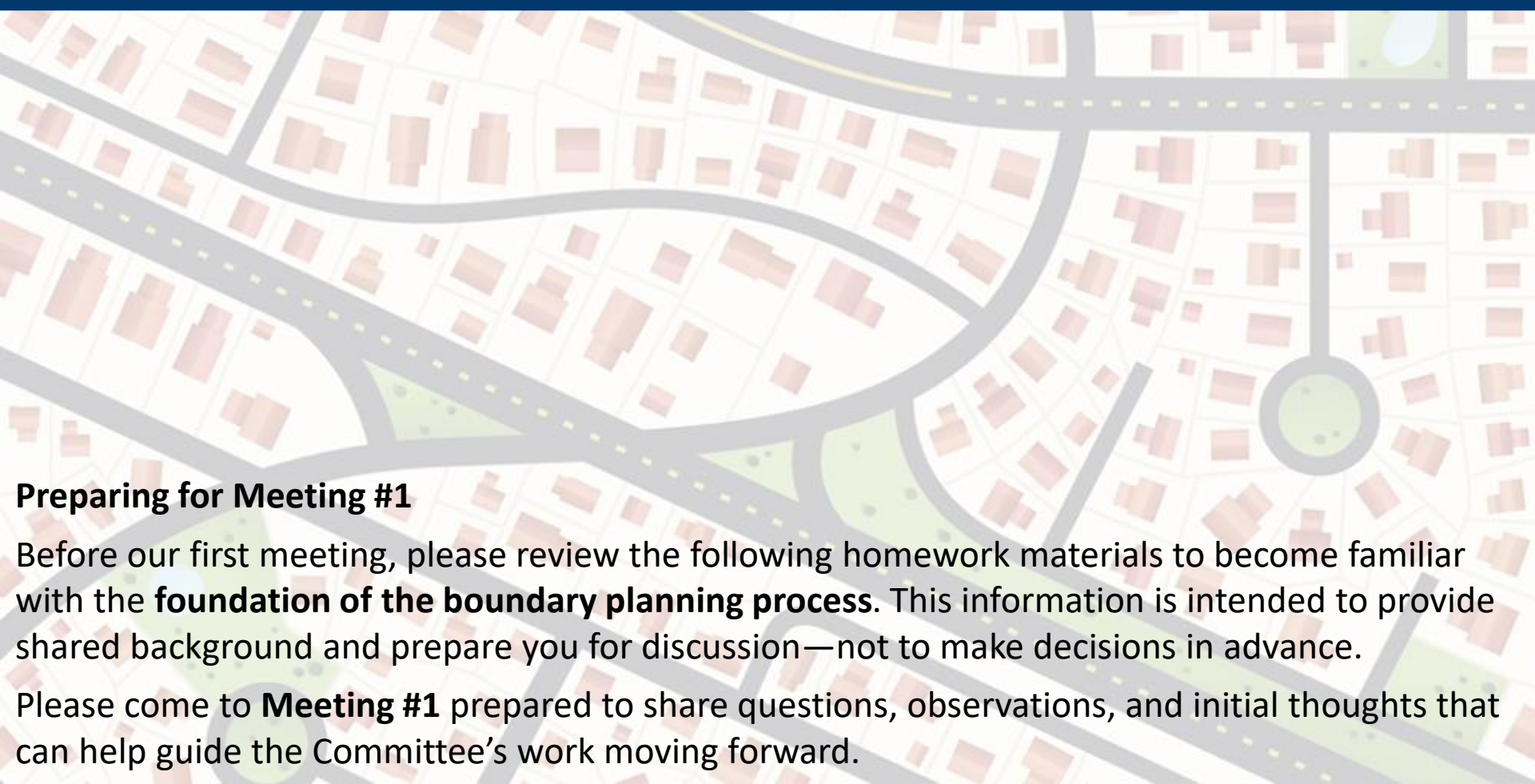




Planning for the Future

Boundary Committee Homework Packet
Leavenworth USD 453 | October 1, 2026



Preparing for Meeting #1

Before our first meeting, please review the following homework materials to become familiar with the **foundation of the boundary planning process**. This information is intended to provide shared background and prepare you for discussion—not to make decisions in advance.

Please come to **Meeting #1** prepared to share questions, observations, and initial thoughts that can help guide the Committee's work moving forward.

The Process

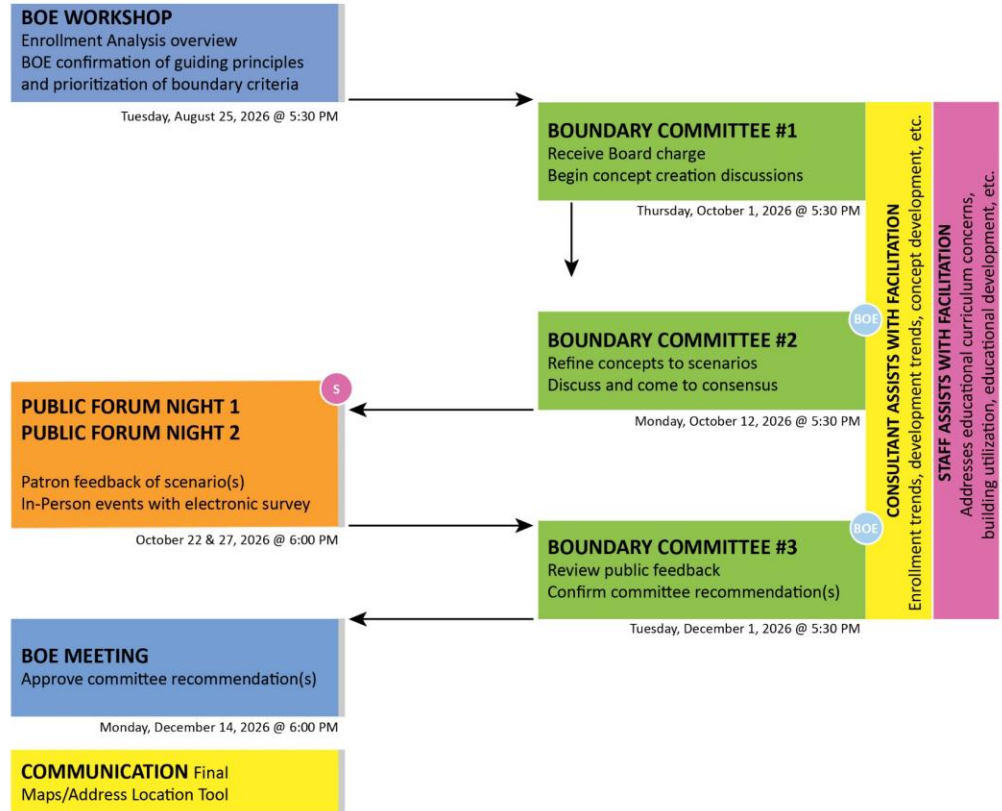
The process will kick off with the Committee on October 1, 2026

Includes:

- 3 Committee meetings
- 2 Public Input meetings
- 2 Board meetings

RSP will present the committee recommendation(s) to the full Board for consideration on December 14, 2026.

Facilitated Boundary Process 2026/27 School Year



IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Utilize 2025/26 Enrollment Analysis
- Includes retirement of David Brewer Elementary
- Implementation for 2027/28

KEY:

- Board of Education
- Public Input
- Committee
- Consultant
- District Staff
- BOE Update
- District Survey

BOE Results: Approved Guiding Principles

Guiding Principles

- District Administration will consider this facility planning work as part of district-wide **long-range planning**.
- The focus of this process will be at the **elementary school level** to be implemented for the **2027/28 school year**.
- **Key objectives** for the committee include:
 - **Retire and repurpose David Brewer Elementary**
 - Redraw boundary lines to appropriately divide students into **Henry and Anthony Elementary** (1-5th grade)
- The future facility plan should provide even better **educational opportunities** at each school to ensure an **equitable student experience** at each school:
 - The facility plan proposed should continue to **effectively utilize District resources**.
 - The facility plan will **utilize district administration-provided** capacity for each school building.
- Any potential boundary concept(s) will utilize **administration guidance, committee feedback, and RSP best planning practices** in their creation:
 - *Neighborhoods/RSP Planning Areas should influence how attendance areas are created*
 - *Potential boundaries should anticipate future changes at the neighborhood level*
 - *Boundary lines that follow natural/manmade boundaries are desired in how attendance areas are adjusted*
- Grandfathering/Student Options will be a **recommendation from Administration to the Board** according to Board policy.

BOE Results: Prioritized Boundary Criteria

1

Transportation Considerations

- Boundaries consider **transportation costs, student travel time, walkability, routing efficiency, and overall transportation logistics.**

2

Contiguous/Natural Boundaries

- Boundaries generally **remain connected and follow recognizable natural or man-made features** that create logical, easy-to-understand attendance areas within the community.

3

Fiscal Considerations

- Boundaries consider both capital and operational costs and seek to avoid unnecessary expenses while supporting a fiscally responsible, sustainable plan.

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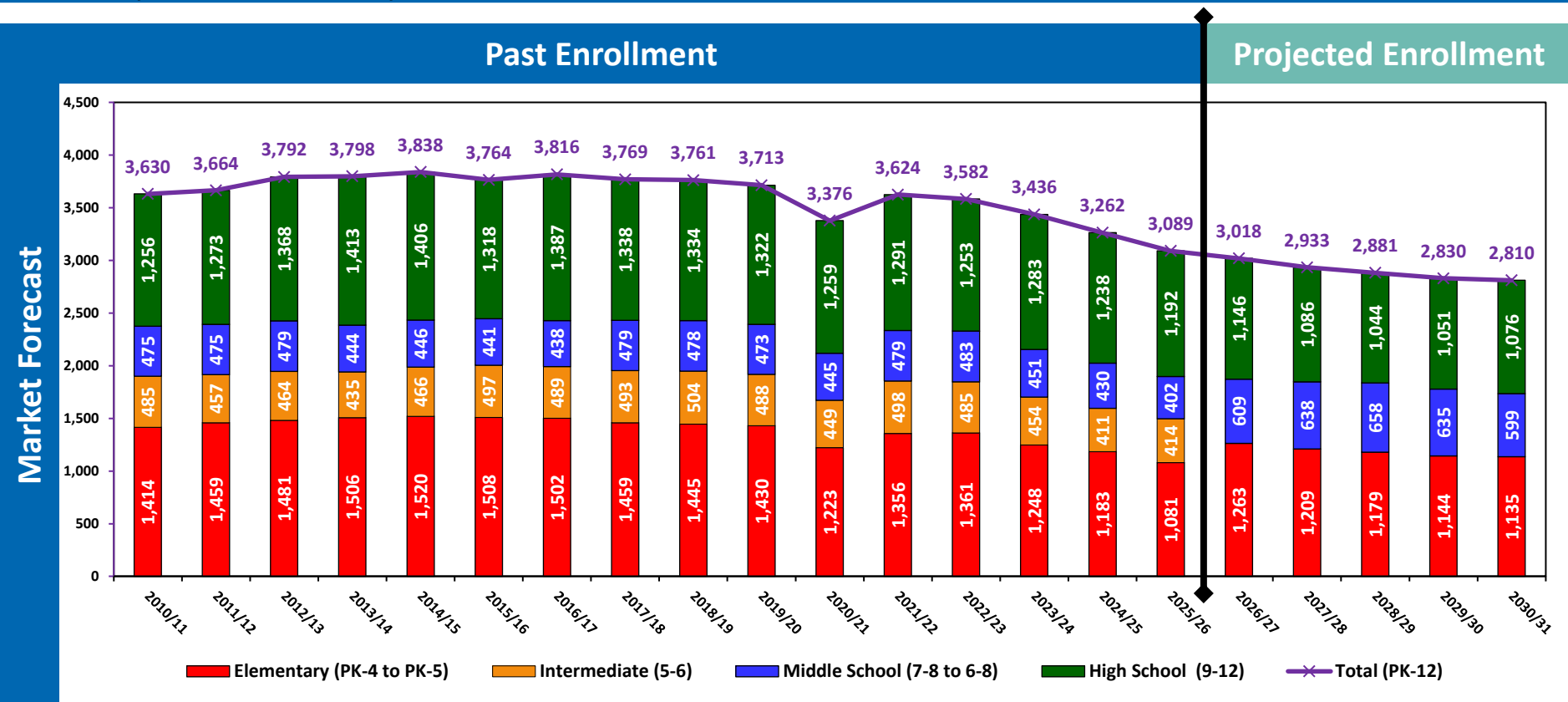
Neighborhoods Intact

- Where possible, boundaries seek to **keep established neighborhoods together within the same school attendance area**, using RSP planning practices and committee input to define neighborhood connections.

Boundary Criteria Prioritization Activity	BOE Member 1	BOE Member 2	BOE Member 3	BOE Member 4	BOE Member 5	BOE Member 6	BOE Member 7	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	Weighted Score	RANK
9. Transportation Considerations	3	1	1	1	2	3		3	1	2	13	1
1. Contiguous/Natural Boundaries	1		2					1	1	0	5	2
4. Fiscal Consideration - Capital		3	3			2		0	1	2	4	3
5. Fiscal Consideration - Operational		3	3	2				0	1	2	4	3
6. Neighborhoods Intact					3	1		1	0	1	4	3
2. Demographic Considerations		2		3				0	1	1	3	6
7. Projected Enrollment/Building Utilization					1			1	0	0	3	6
8. Students Impacted by Boundary						1		1	0	0	3	6
3. Duration of Boundaries	2							0	1	0	2	9

Source: RSP & Associates

Past, Current, & Future Enrollment (Updated Grade Configuration)



Source: RSP & Associates – January 2026; visual updated 8/20/2026 to align with 2026/27 grade configuration.

Observations: Total District enrollment is forecasted to decrease to 2,810 students by 2030/31 (-279 students, -9.0%)

- ↓ **Elementary:** Transitions from PK-4 to PK-5 in 2026/27; grade decreases from 1,273 to 1,141 students over the projected time period
- ↓ **Intermediate:** Transitions offline starting in 2026/27 (5th grade moved to elementary and 6th grade moved to middle school)
- ↓ **Middle School:** Transitions from 7-8 to 6-8 in 2026/27; grade decreases from 609 to 599 students over the projected time period
 - Grade band peaks in 2028/29 with 658 students
- ↓ **High School:** Maintains 9-12 grade configuration; grade decreases from 1,146 to 1,076 over the projected time period

Current Elementary Boundary Map



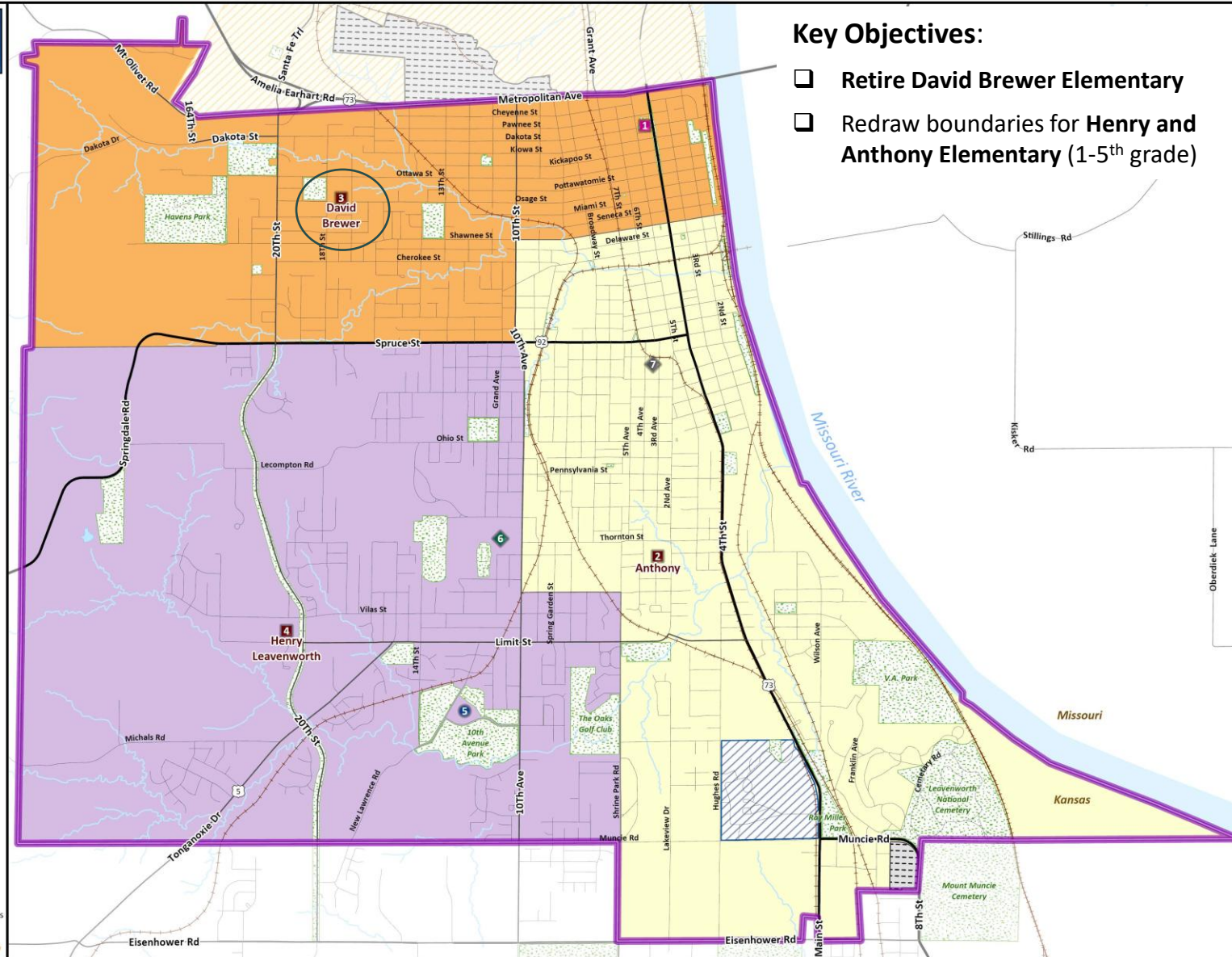
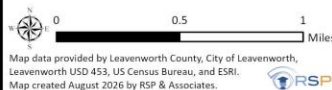
Current Elementary Attendance Areas

Legend & Mapping Elements

- District Boundary
- Fort Leavenworth
- University of Saint Mary
- Penitentiary/Detention Center
- Parks and Green Space
- 1 Early Education Center
- 2 Elementary School
- 3 Middle School
- 4 High School
- 5 Education Center

List of Schools

1. Earl Lawson Early Education Center
2. Anthony Elementary
3. David Brewer Elementary
4. Henry Leavenworth Elementary
5. Richard Warren Middle
6. Leavenworth High
7. Nettie Hartnett Education Center



Key Objectives:

- ☐ Retire David Brewer Elementary
- ☐ Redraw boundaries for Henry and Anthony Elementary (1-5th grade)