



DATE: February 22, 2023

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Shawna Warren, Superintendent

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GOVERNANCE POLICY: [Policy 200 – Attendance Areas](#)

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE: *Alberta Education Funding Manual for School Authorities*
Education Act: Sections 3(1), 4(1)(8), 7(1), 11(1), 13(1)
Assurance Domain – [Governance](#)

SUBJECT: Attendance Areas 2023-2024

PURPOSE:

For approval. Motion required.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

- a) That, effective the 2023-2024 school year, the Board of Trustees approve:
 - a. The creation of a Legal Attendance Area for Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 4; and
 - b. Changes to current attendance areas for Bon Accord, Camilla, Gibbons, Morinville, Namao, Redwater and Sturgeon Heights.
 as presented at the February 22, 2023, Public Board Meeting.

BACKGROUND:

Attendance Areas

A board shall direct a resident student of the board to enrol in and attend a particular school operated by the board (Education Act, Section 10(1)).

[Policy 200 Attendance Areas](#), states that resident students are designated to attend schools in attendance areas as established by the Board:

- While resident students are designated to attend schools in attendance areas established by the Board, educational or programming needs of students or student/parent preferences may warrant consideration of allowing attendance at a school other than the designated school.
- Resident students may register in schools other than their designated school providing there are sufficient resources and facilities available to accommodate the student. Resident students may register in Programs of Choice (e.g. Logos, French Immersion) at Division schools.



- When a student attends a school outside a designated attendance area, transportation may become the parent(s)/ guardian(s)/ independent student’s responsibility.

Sturgeon Public School Division Attendance Areas have not been updated since the Division gained access to both the Town of Morinville and the Town of Legal in 2011; the current Attendance Areas reflect the Board approved attendance areas prior to the addition of the two towns to our School Division Attendance Boundary.

All proposed attendance areas have the boundary lines running through fields rather than down roadways wherever possible. This would help to reduce the conflict between people living across the road from each other and residing in different catchments.

Administration has proposed boundaries that follow natural boundary lines, such as rivers, and provide more clear internal attendance boundary lines. The attendance areas changes have also been established to support transportation services' current routing and were created with minimal family disruption.

In summary, if the Board approves the proposed attendance areas changes and the students remain at their current school locations for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year:

1. New Legal Attendance Area (Pre-K-Grade 4 only):
 - a) There would be three students who would change from Designated School to School of Choice to attend Bon Accord Community School (BACS). This means that, as per policy 200, the students may continue to attend BACS for the 2023-2024 school year providing there are sufficient resources and facilities available to accommodate the student(s) and transportation may become the parent(s)/ guardian(s)/ independent student’s responsibility (please see notes below regarding transportation for Legal Attendance Area).
2. With the changes in the attendance boundary lines across other designated school catchments:
 - a) There would be 12 students who would change from School of Choice to Designated School to continue at their current school; seven of these students are currently accessing transportation services; and
 - b) There would be five students who would change from Designated School to School of Choice to continue at their current schools; all five are currently accessing transportation services.

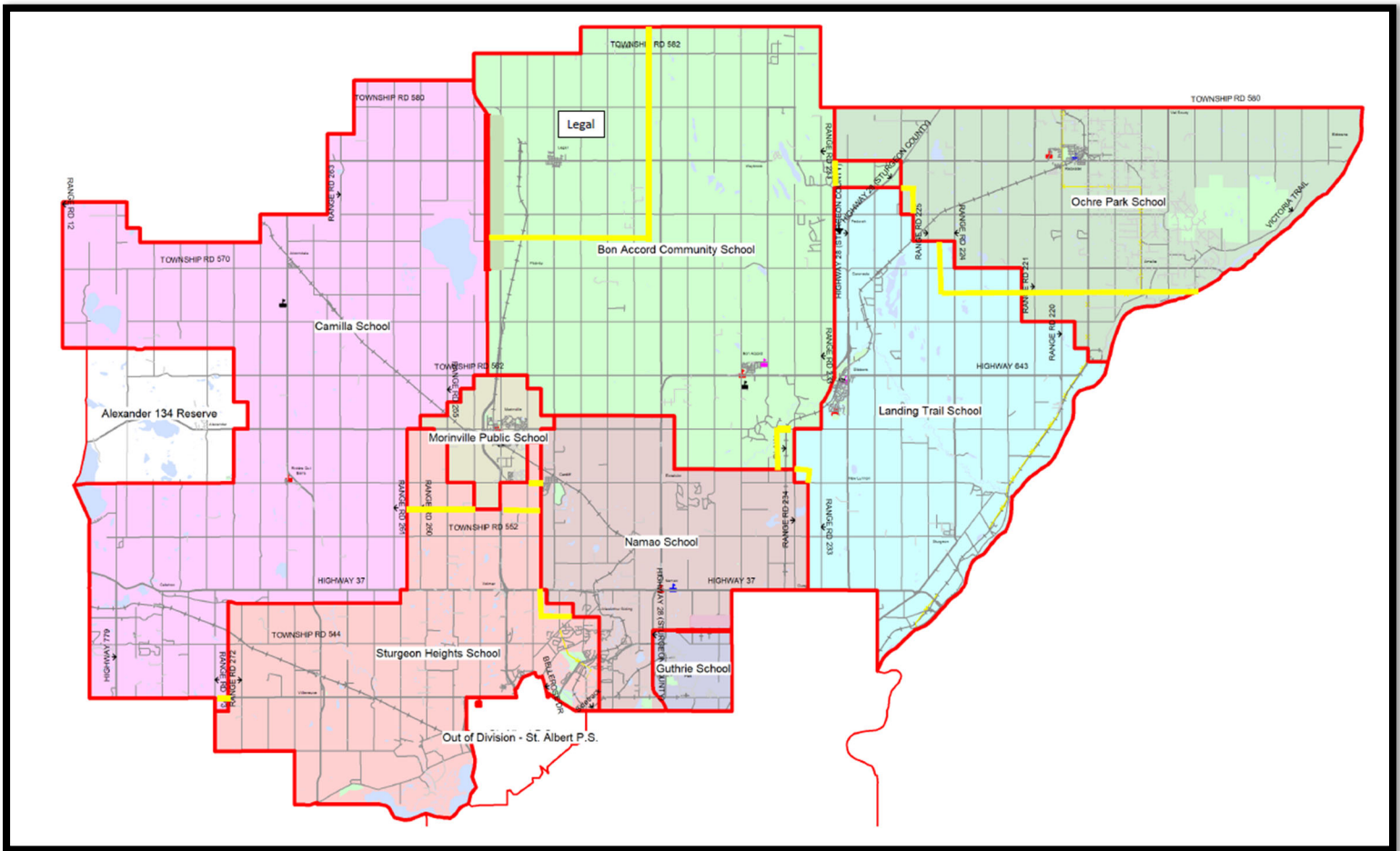
Administration is prepared to respond to questions at the February 22, 2023, Public Board meeting.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. 2023-2024 Attendance Boundary Recommendations.

2023-2024 Attendance Areas Proposed Changes February 22, 2023

Division Map with Proposed Attendance Area Changes for 2023-2024



**Yellow lines are proposed attendance boundary changes*

Utilization Rates based on January 5, 2023, Frozen Count - 2022-2023 Enrolment

School	Capacity	22-23 Enrolment Headcount (Frozen Count)	Utilization rate	*Adjusted Utilization for Severe
BACS	325	239	62.8%	76%
Legal Public	57	30	52.6%	74%
Lilian Schick	387	221	60.7%	61%
ÉMPS	724	530	73.2%	74%
FWPS	545	453	86.2%	88%
Camilla	640	517	75%	82%
St. Heights	518	461	89%	93%

**Alberta Education has confirmed that Code - Severe - gets 3 times the space*

Enrolment and Capture Rates

Monthly enrolment reporting for January 26, 2023:

School	Enrolment	Grade Configuration
Bon Accord Community School	240	Pre-K to Grade 4
Legal Public School	15	Pre-K to Grade 4
Lilian Schick School	227	Grades 5 - 9
École Morinville Public School	533	Pre-K to Grade 4
Four Winds Public School	448	Grades 5 - 9
St. Heights School	467	Kindergarten - Grade 9
Camilla School	517	Pre-K to Grade 9

Capture Rates - Based on September 30, 2022, Enrolment Count

BACS – (4x4) (Currently the Town of Legal is in the Bon Accord Attendance Area)

- **BACS** captured **39%** of the students living in the Bon Accord catchment for 21-22
- **BACS** captured **45%** of the students living in the Bon Accord catchment for 22-23
 - o **62** K-4 Regular Program students are currently attending other SPS schools
 - 14 ÉMPS
 - 4 Camilla
 - 3 St. Heights
 - 15 Namao
 - 3 Guthrie
 - 8 Gibbons
 - 7 Redwater
 - 8 Legal Public School

Lilian Schick – (4x4) (Currently the Town of Legal is in the Bon Accord Attendance Area)

- **LS** captured **41%** of the students living in the catchment for 21-22 both regular program and LOGOS
- **LS** captured **34%** of the students living in the catchment for 22-23 both regular program and LOGOS
 - o **75** 5-9 Regular Program students are currently attending other SPS schools
 - 26 Gibbons
 - 24 FWPS
 - 22 Namao
 - 1 Guthrie
 - 2 Redwater

École Morinville Public School

- **ÉMPS** captured **48%** of the students living in the catchment for 21-22 both regular program and French Immersion.
- **ÉMPS** captured **50%** of the students living in the catchment for 22-23 both regular program and French Immersion.
 - o **14** K-4 Regular Program students are currently attending other SPS schools
 - 2 Legal Public
 - 2 Camilla
 - 3 St. Heights
 - 6 Namao
 - 1 Guthrie

Four Winds Public School

- **FWPS** captured **41%** of the students living in the catchment for 21-22 both regular program and French Immersion (which has increased since the opening of the new school: 18/19 – 33%, 19/20 – 38%, 20/21 – 38%)
- **FWPS** captured **44%** of the students living in the catchment for 22-23 both regular program and French Immersion
 - **13** Grades 5-9 Regular Program students are currently attending other SPS schools
 - 8 Namao
 - 1 St. Heights
 - 3 Guthrie
 - 1 Camilla

St. Heights

- **St. Heights** captured **40%** of the students living in the catchment for 21-22 regular program
- **St. Heights** captured **26%** of the students living in the catchment for 22-23 regular program
 - **70** K-9 Regular Program students are currently attending other SPS schools
 - 4 ÉMPS
 - 24 Camilla
 - 39 Namao
 - 3 Guthrie

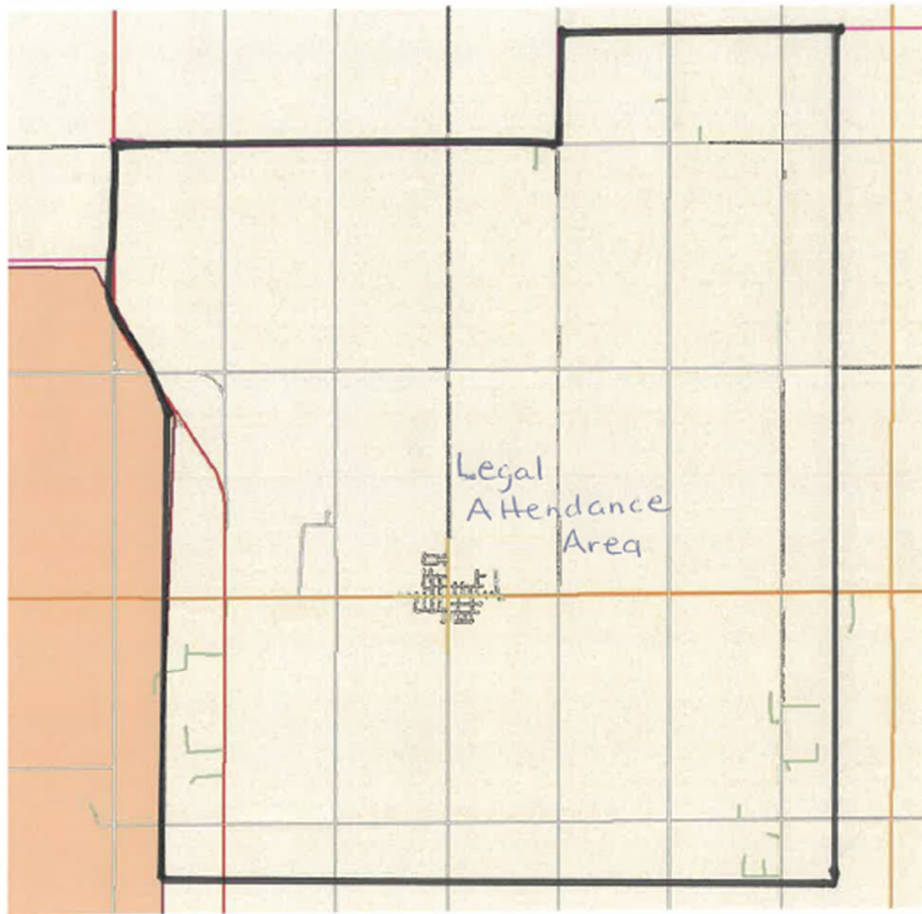
Camilla

- **Camilla** captured **79%** of the students living in the catchment for 21-22 regular program
- **Camilla** captured **73%** of the students living in the catchment for 22-23 regular program
 - **20** Pre-K-9 Regular Program students are currently attending other SPS schools
 - 4 ÉMPS
 - 14 St Heights
 - 2 Namao

Legal Public School

- **LPS** captured **3%** of the students living in the catchment for 22-23.
- **249** Kindergarten to Grade 4 aged students are currently living in the Legal Public School Attendance Area (Proposed Attendance Area)
 - **12** K-4 Regular Program students are currently attending other SPS schools
 - 3 BACS
 - 6 ÉMPS
 - 2 Camilla
 - 1 St. Heights

NEW PROPOSED Legal Attendance Area for Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 4 ONLY



Legal Attendance Area

One year ago, at the February 23, 2022, Public Board Meeting:

The Board of Trustees approved that, effective the 2022/2023 School Year, the Bon Accord Catchment boundary (Attendance Area) would be applied.

Resident students may register in schools other than their designated school providing there are sufficient resources and facilities available to accommodate the student. Resident students may register in Programs of Choice (e.g. Logos, French Immersion) at Division schools. When a student attends a school outside a designated attendance area, transportation may become the parent(s)/guardian(s)/ independent student's responsibility (Policy 200 – Attendance Areas).

Currently, if there is room and resources at École Morinville Public and Four Winds Public Schools, because transportation is available, Town of Legal families may choose to attend the Morinville schools but are charged the Choice Rider Transportation Fee to attend. (This does not include French Immersion students).

Where Legal Attendance Area Students Currently Attend for Regular Programming

Based on January 26, 2023 Enrolment Report

Student Counts by Grade of Where Study Area Residents Attend																	
Program: Regular																	
Study Area: Legal Attendance Area Boundary 23-24																	
Year: 2022-23																	
Sum of All Study Components																	
School of Attendance	Enrolment														Subtotals		
	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	PK-4	5-9	10-12
Sturgeon Composite High School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	6	0	0	24
Four Winds Public School	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	3	1	5	4	0	0	0	0	20	0
Legal Public School	0	2	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0
Ecole Morinville Public	0	0	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0
Lilian Schick School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	0
Camilla School	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Bon Accord Community School	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Sturgeon Heights School	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Total by Grade	0	3	2	4	5	4	5	3	2	5	5	7	8	5	22	26	24

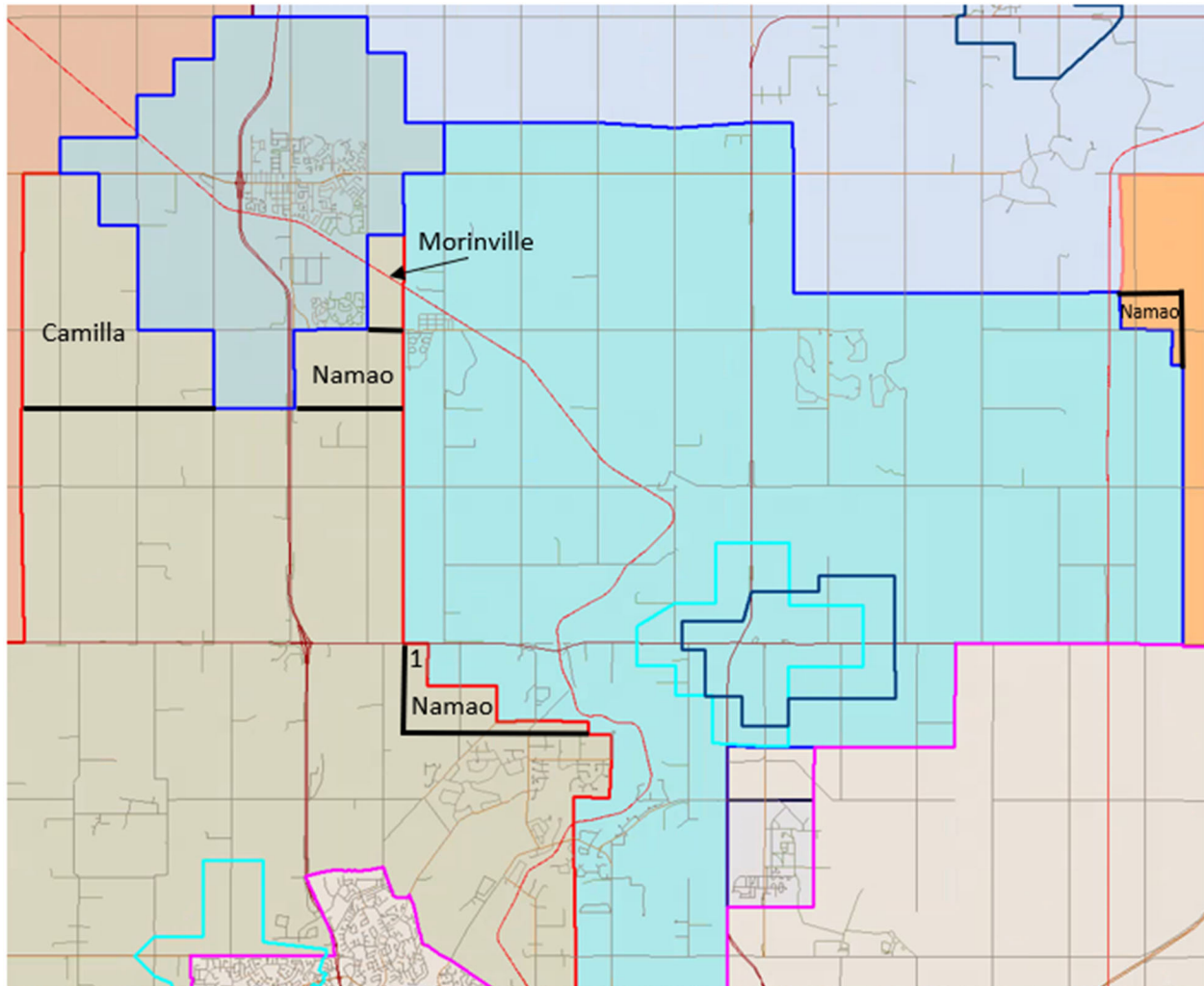
French Immersion - Division Program

7 Legal Attendance Area students attend Morinville Schools for French Immersion programming = 2 ÉMPS, 5 FWPS

Transportation

Transportation Services for the 2023-2024 school year for Legal Public School are still in the planning stages. Administration is working to ensure there will be Transportation Services for Legal Public School students for the upcoming school year and will bring forward information as part of the 2023-2024 budget process.

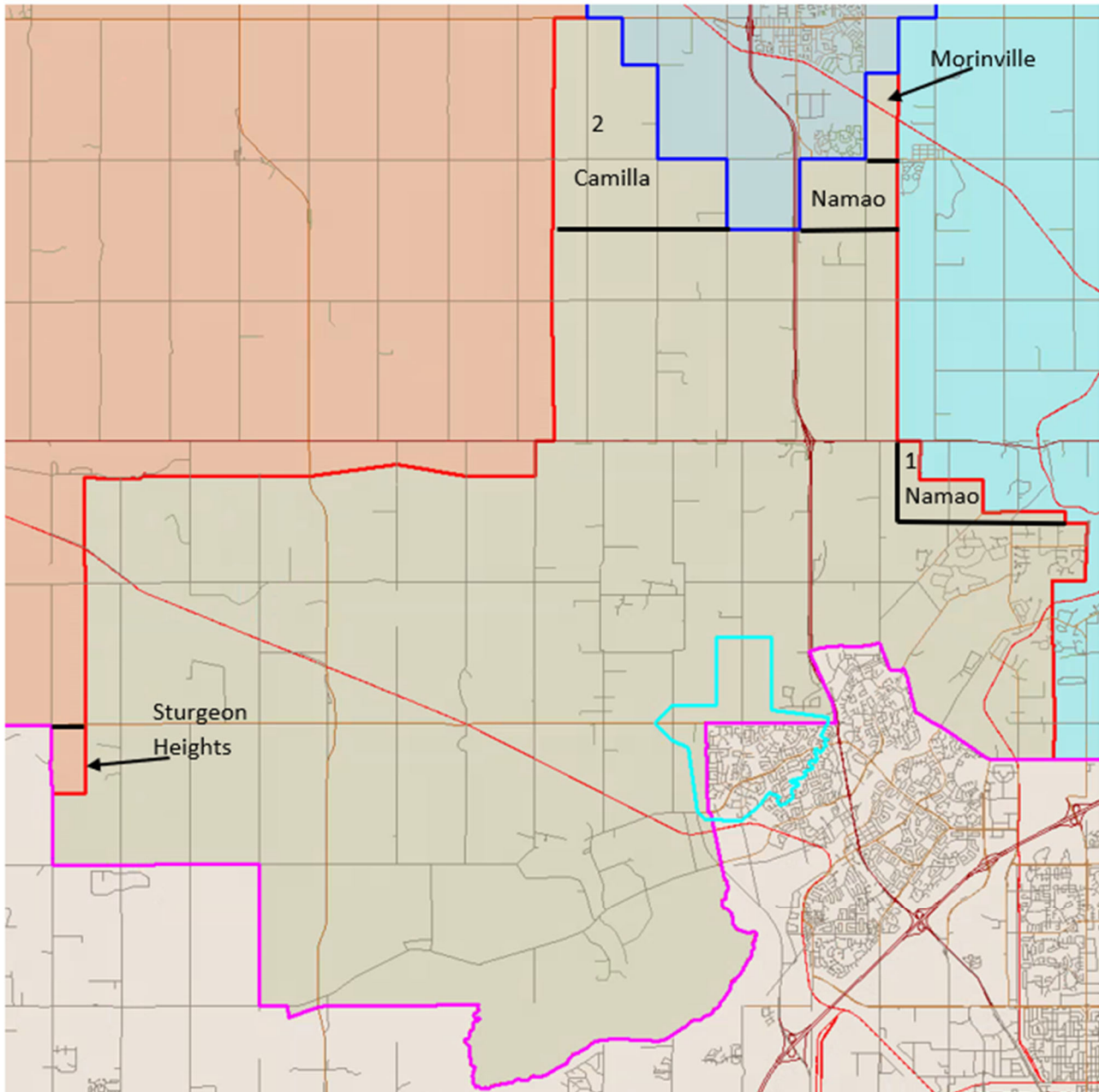
Namao Attendance Area



The changes presented create 2 squared corners in the Northeast and Southwest sections of the Namao Attendance Boundary.

- Part of Sturgeon Heights would become Namao
 - This is in the Southwest corner of the boundary. The West boundary line would continue South across Hwy 37 and connect to the South boundary line to create a more defined boundary between Hwy 37 and Twp Rd 544. **1 student in grade 1 at Sturgeon Heights would become a School of Choice rider to continue at Sturgeon Heights, rather than a Resident rider. If this change was implemented the SH route would become shorter, and the SCHS bus would be picking the student up to attend at Namao instead with no routing changes.**
 - This is also on the West side of the boundary which would connect Morinville and Namao along Cardiff Road, removing the small section of Sturgeon Heights. **No students would be affected by this change.**
- Part of Gibbons would become Namao
 - **No students would be affected by this change.**
 - This is in the Northeast corner of the boundary. The North boundary line would continue following Twp Rd 554 to connect to the East boundary line between range road 234 and 233.

Sturgeon Heights Attendance Area



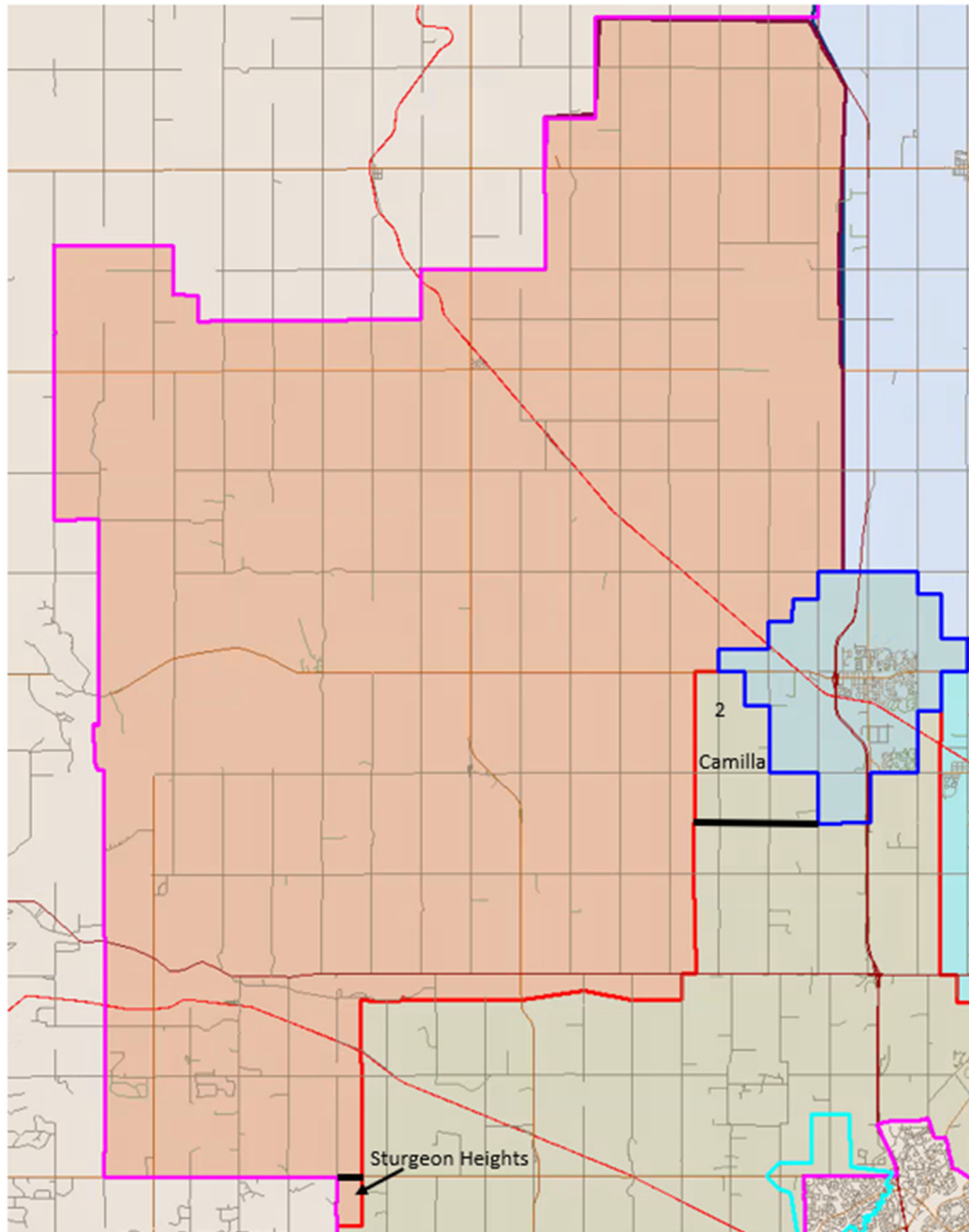
Proposed Sturgeon Heights Attendance Area

- Part of Sturgeon Heights would become Camilla
 - **2 students (1 family) would become School of Choice instead of resident students to continue at Sturgeon Heights.** These students are in grade 4 and Kindergarten. They would not have access from home to be transported to Sturgeon Heights School. There would be no route changes to have them attend their designated school - Camilla School.
- Part of Sturgeon Heights would become Namao
 - **There is 1 student in grade 1 affected as listed above in the Namao attendance area change.** This is to create clear corners as addressed above in the Namao Attendance Area section.

- Part of Camilla would become Sturgeon Heights
 - **There would be no students affected by this change.**
 - This is along the West boundary of Sturgeon Heights. This would have the current boundary of Camilla continue along Hwy 37 to connect between range road 273 and 272. The result would be a clearer corner, with the small portion of Camilla becoming Sturgeon Heights for a more defined boundary.

- Part of Sturgeon Heights would become Morinville.
 - **There would be no students affected by this change.**
 - This is North of Cardiff Road (Twp Rd 554) including the section between Rge Rd 252 and mid-way to Rge Rd 251.

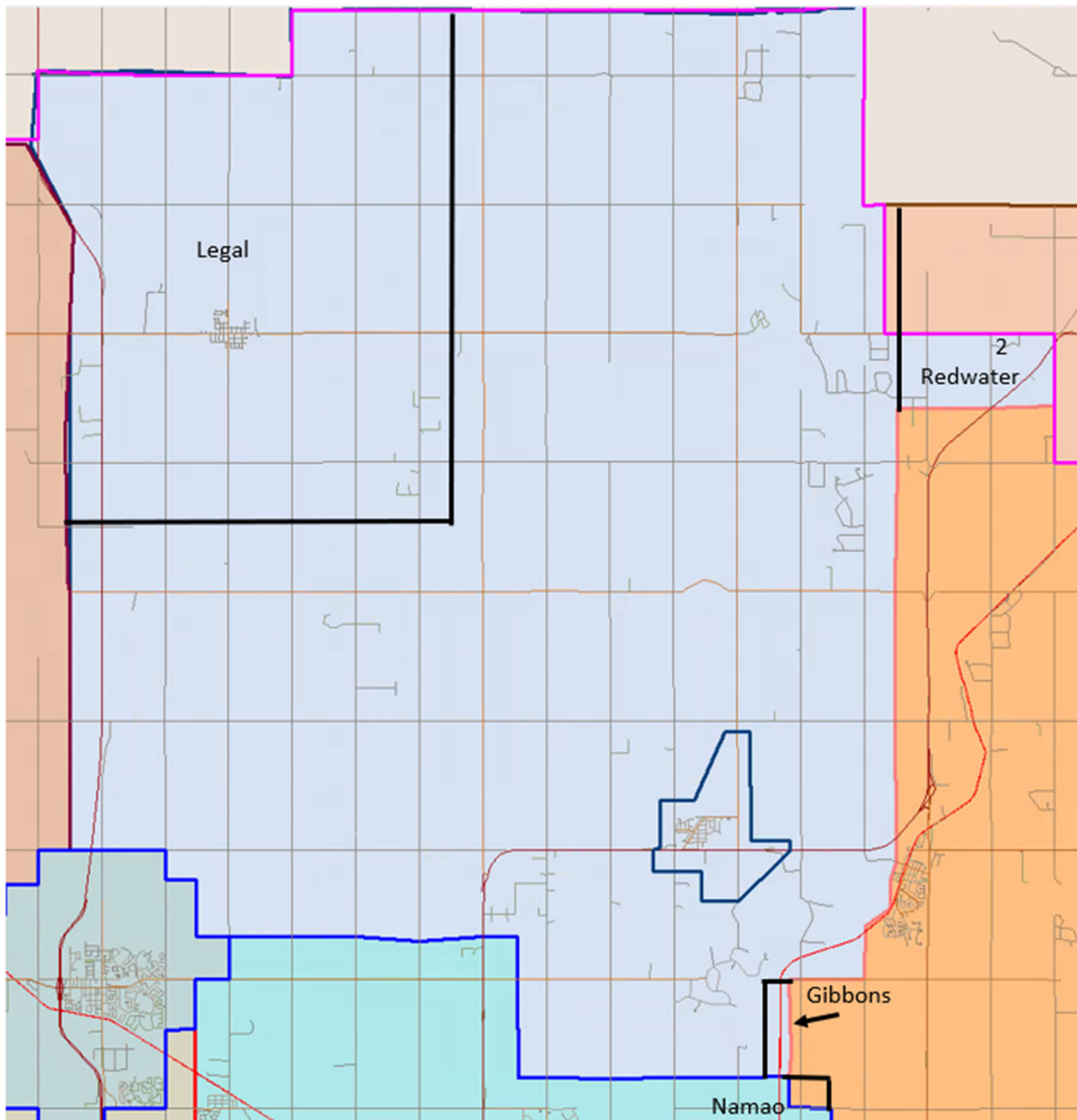
Camilla Attendance Area



Proposed Camilla Attendance Area

- Part of Camilla would become Sturgeon Heights.
 - **No students would be affected by this change.** This is to create a clear corner as addressed above in the Sturgeon Heights Attendance Area Section
- Part of Sturgeon Heights would become Camilla.
 - **2 students in Kindergarten and Grade 4 would become School of Choice rather than resident students. These students are noted above in the SH section.** This is to create a clear boundary connecting Camilla and Morinville.

Bon Accord Attendance Area

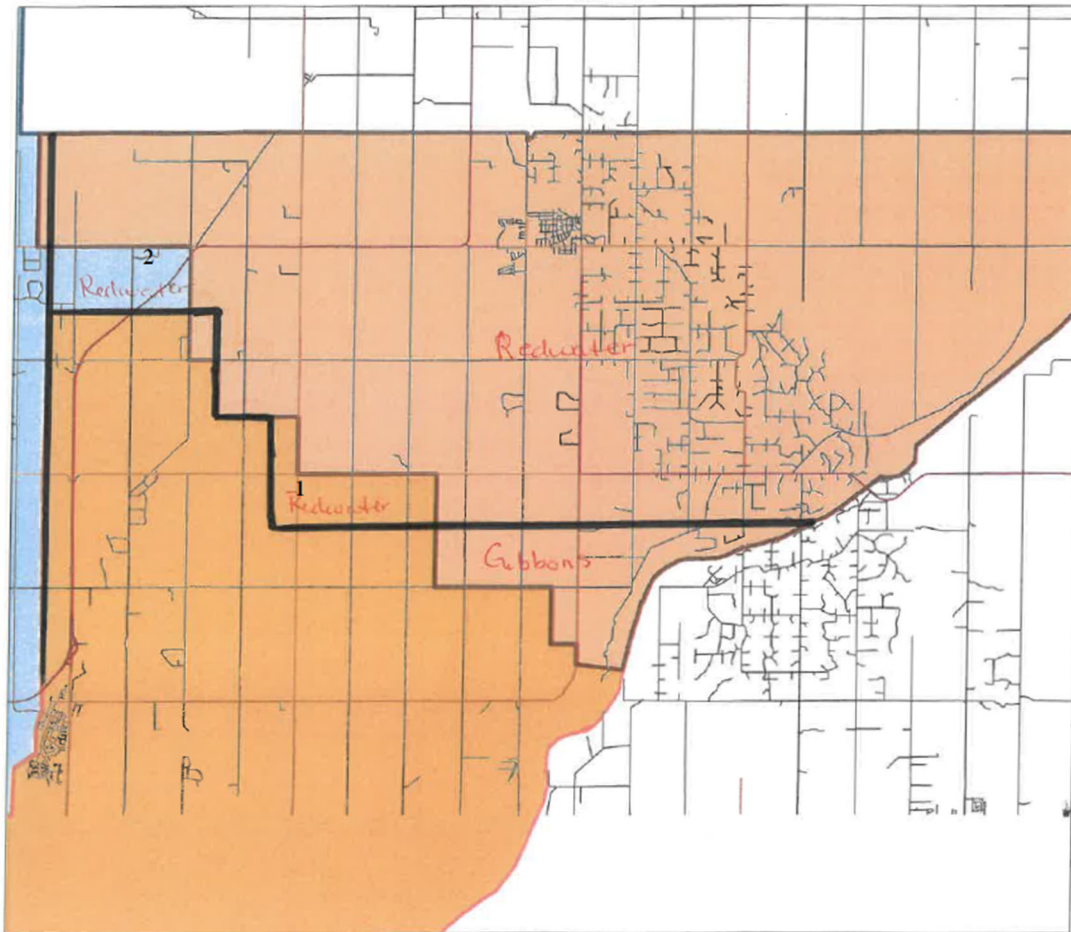


Proposed Bon Accord Attendance Area

- Part of Bon Accord Attendance Area would become Redwater Attendance Area
 - **2 students in grades Pre-K and grade 1 would become resident riders to continue at Ochre Park rather than being School of Choice riders.** Along the East boundary, there would be one clear line from Twp Rd 580 South to the town of Gibbons between Hwy 28 and Rge Rd 233. This would remove a section of the Bon Accord attendance area, moving it to Redwater. The section affected is between Hwy 651 halfway to Twp Rd 572 from range road 230 to just past range road 232.
- Part of Bon Accord Attendance Area would become Gibbons
 - **There are no students affected by this change.** The boundary line would continue between Rge Rd 234 and Rge Rd 235 to create a squared corner next to the Namao Attendance Area.

Redwater Attendance Area

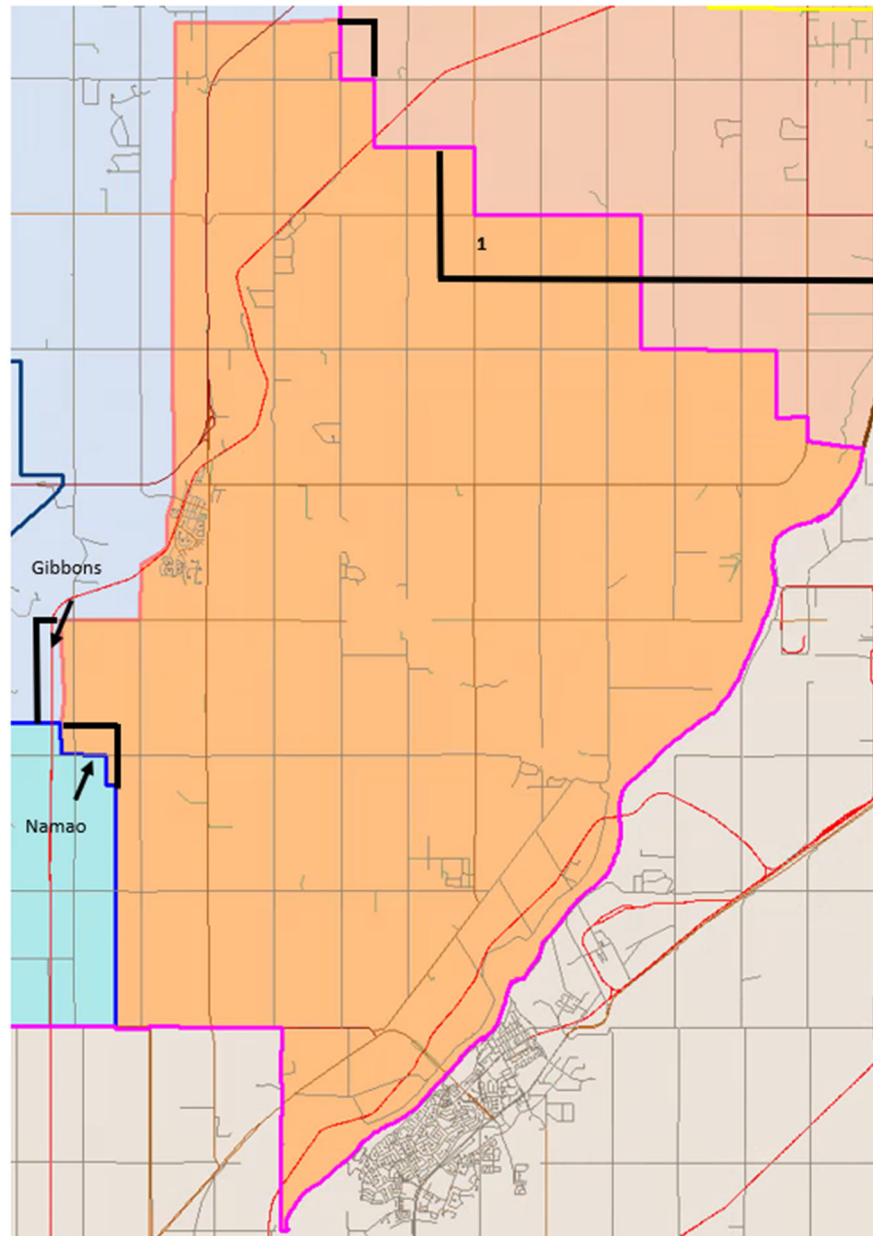
Sturgeon School Division No. 24 District Map



Redwater

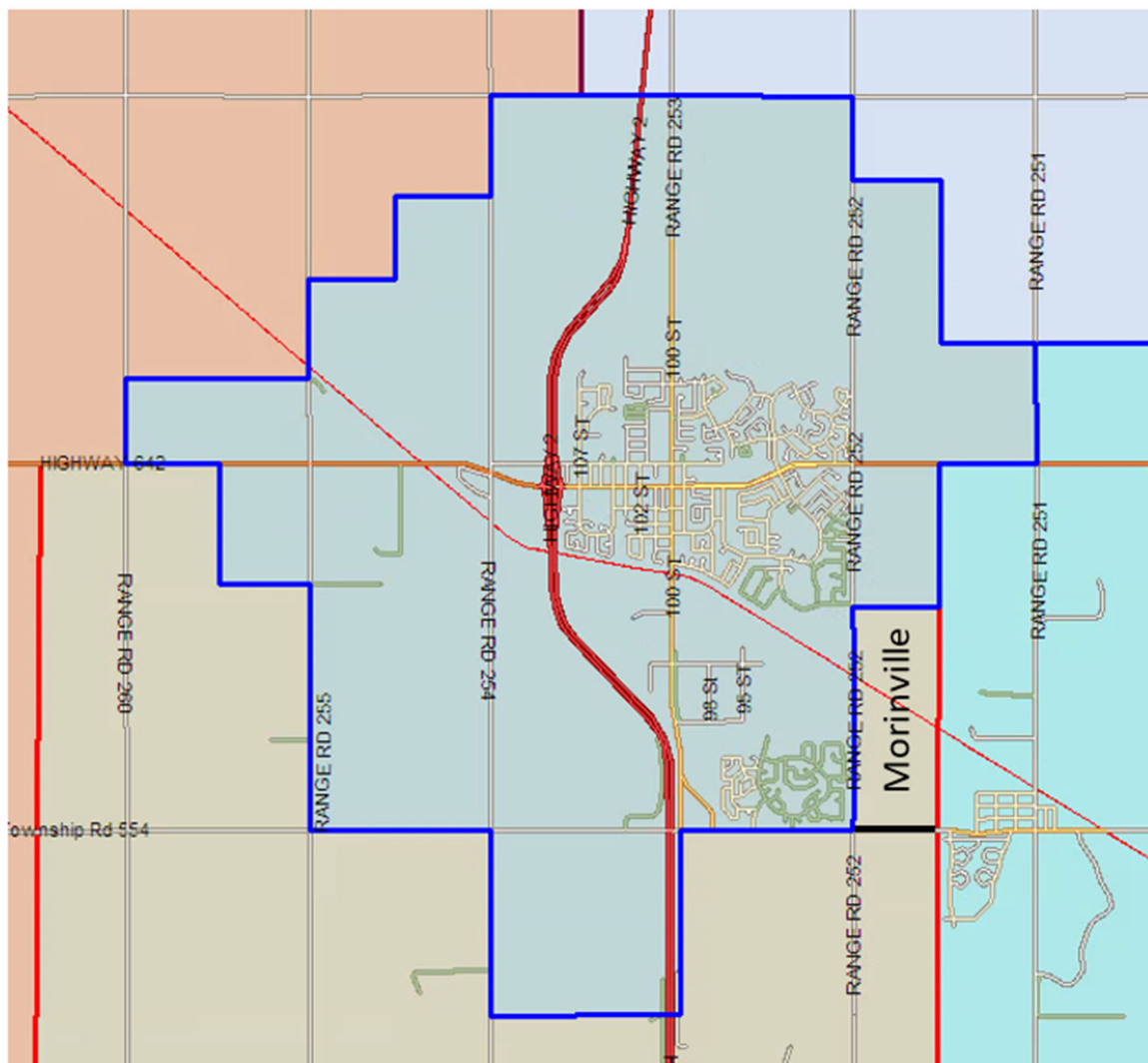
- Part of Bon Accord would become Redwater
 - This is to create one long boundary line as addressed above in the Bon Accord Attendance Area.
 - **2 students would be affected as noted above in the Bon Accord attendance area. An additional 2 students would be affected becoming Redwater students, rather than SCHS designated students. These students will be in grade 10 and grade 12 and have the option to be transported to SCHS.**
- Part of Redwater would become Gibbons
 - **No students would be affected by this change.**
- Part of Gibbons would become Redwater
 - **1 student in grade 8 would change from School of Choice while attending Redwater to resident student if continuing at Redwater.** For both of the two bullets above this is to create a clearer boundary line on the South side of Redwater. Connecting at the West corner the boundary would head East between Hwy 28 and Twp Rd 572 up to the mid-point of range road 230 and 225. The boundary would then head South to between Twp Rd 572 and 570 and travel East to between Rge Rd 224 and 225. The boundary then would head South again down to the midway point between Twp Rd 564 and 57 where it would continue East to the outside boundary line.

Gibbons Attendance Area



- Part of Redwater becomes Gibbons
 - **No students would be affected by this change.**
- Part of Gibbons becomes Redwater
 - Both are addressed above in the Redwater Attendance Area section. The goal is to create a more defined boundary line without impacting many families.
 - **1 student in grade 8 would be affected as noted in the Redwater section.**
- Part of Bon Accord would become Gibbons
 - This is addressed above in the Bon Accord Attendance Area section.
 - **No students would be affected by this change.**
- Part of Gibbons would become Namao
 - This is addressed above in the Namao Attendance Area section.
 - **No students would be affected by this change.**

Morinville Attendance Area



- Part of Sturgeon Heights would become Morinville
 - **No students would be impacted by this change.** This is to slightly expand Morinville, to include the section of land that is just Southeast of Four Winds Public School. This is North of Cardiff Road (Twp Rd 554) including the section between Rge Rd 252 and mid-way to Rge Rd 251.