

During the Spring of 2018, The Habersham County School System will be making minor adjustments to elementary school attendance zones due to the following reasons:

- 1) The Habersham County School System has reviewed bus routes and is making adjustments to these bus routes where student safety can be improved.
- 2) The Habersham County School System has demonstrated a commitment to keeping Hazel Grove and Woodville Elementary Schools open and is currently in the process of renovating both of these schools. The renovations include new kitchens and cafeterias, as well as additional classrooms. To justify keeping these schools open, the enrollment at these schools must be increased.
- 3) Adjustments to current elementary attendance zones will address overcrowding at some schools.

The adjustments being made do not constitute what is typically considered “redistricting”. The minor adjustments being made to elementary school attendance zones will only impact 3 percent of the school system’s student population. Schools affected include Cornelia, Demorest, Hazel Grove and Woodville. Clarkesville Elementary has only four students affected. Baldwin, Level Grove, and Fairview are not affected in any way. Middle and high schools are not affected by the adjustments. During the week of April 16th, elementary school principals are having personal conversations with the parents affected by the adjustments being made to elementary school attendance zones. In addition, a special open house is being held at Demorest, Hazel Grove, and Woodville on Thursday, April 19th at 5:00 p.m. for students and parents affected by the changes. At this point, if a parent has not been contacted by their school, then they are likely not affected by the changes. The adjustments being made to elementary attendance zones were discussed in detail at the April 12th Habersham County Board of Education work session.

The Habersham County School System believes that the adjustments being made will benefit all students and schools involved, and will allow the school system to continue making progress towards accomplishing its mission of success for all students. If parents have any questions related to the changes, they are encouraged to contact their school’s principal for more information.