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I. The Board, with advice of the Superintendent, will establish schools, and determine the attendance boundaries of all schools.

- II. If the Superintendent recommends redistricting, then the Superintendent will present the recommendation to the Board following receipt of the September 30 enrollment figures but no later than the first Board Meeting in December of the school year in which action is to be considered. At the meeting when the Superintendent presents a recommendation, or at any meeting thereafter but before the end of January, a Board member may propose that a school or schools be redistricted.
- III. The Board will review the Superintendent's recommendation and any Board member proposals and determine, no later than the end of January in each school year that such action is to be considered, which school(s) will go forward to public hearing for school redistricting.
- IV. The Board of Education will publicly announce its intention to consider redistricting and will conduct a public hearing(s).
- V. At a meeting of the Board subsequent to the public hearing but not later than April 30 of any school year, the Board will make and announce its decision in public session. The Board reserves the right to utilize all information received during the redistricting process to formulate a final decision on redistricting, which may differ from the recommendations or proposals that the Board initially moved to public hearing. If a revision of the recommendations or proposals occur, then the Board shall hold an additional public hearing on the revision prior to a final decision.

VI. Emergencies

A. An emergency circumstance is one where the decision to redistrict a school because of unforeseen circumstances cannot be announced at least 90 days before the date a school is scheduled to redistrict or before April 30 of any school year. Emergencies include natural and manmade disasters (e.g., fire, flood, safety hazards, etc.).

State Law: Educ. Art. §§4-101, 4-108, 4-109 Adm. Reg.: State Reg.: COMAR 13A.02.09 Neg. Agr.:

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B. In an emergency the Superintendent will take immediate and temporary action until the Board meets to address the situation and adopts a plan of action to handle the emergency.