

**March 9, 2010  
Committee/Community Questions**

1. How many students are in the boundary in the area bounded by 12 Mile, Milford Road, 11 Mile, and South Hill Road?

Answer: 21 (K-4)

2. How many students reside within 1 mile of each school? 2 miles? 3 miles?

Answer:	<u>School</u>	<u>&lt;1 mile</u>	<u>&lt;2 miles</u>	<u>&lt;3 miles</u>
	Bartlett	99	259	259
	Brummer	95	215	303
	Dolsen	32	123	196
	Hardy	44	131	169
	Kent Lake	5	173	266
	Salem	25	37	53
	Sayre	154	328	391

3. What is the furthest student from each elementary school?

Answer: (Distances are by road)

Bartlett	1.98
Brummer	3.94
Dolsen	4.12
Hardy	4.88
Kent Lake	3.75
Salem	10.18
Sayre	3.5

4. What is the farthest bus route (time and distance) for each elementary school with the proposed boundary changes?

Answer: We know they will be within the established guidelines of the District; however, the actual runs will not be created until a Board decision is made.

5. Can you convert the additional requirements for drivers and driver layovers in the models to approximate cost?

Answer: Dolsen Model #1:	5 drivers x \$7,500 =	\$37,500
	3 layovers x \$21,900 =	<u>\$65,700</u>
		\$103,200
Salem Model #1:	3 drivers x \$7,500 =	\$22,500
	1 layover x \$21,900 =	<u>\$21,900</u>
		\$44,400

6. How many students are there in Livingston County?

Answer: Brummer target student count = 443  
Livingston County Students (K-4) = 386\*  
Shortfall = 57 students  
57 students divided by 26.1 students/classrooms = 2.2 classrooms short  
\* Includes SOC students attending other schools today

7. A modified "green" option for closing Salem was received by email. A copy of this option is provided to the committee. What if we moved the Salem central area to Bartlett?

Answer: The modified option recommends moving the Salem central area to Bartlett. The problems with this are:

- (a) It would create transportation inefficiencies
- (b) It would create an "island" boundary, disconnected from the home school
- (c) We believe that there are concerns with socio economic equity in this model.

8. Is someone from the Transportation Department involved in the committee decision making process, and if so who is the person?

Answer: The Director of Operations, Mike Casey is on the committee. Transportation is one of his departments. He has spent considerable "hands-on" time with the Transportation Department and works closely with the Transportation Manager and the dispatchers.

9. What if the newly established routes are not feasible from the "under 1 hour commute" standpoint?

Answer: This will not happen. As you can see from the answer in #3 above, even for the elementary students that live more than 10 miles from their school, ride time is less than one hour.

10. What is the longest bus route both in miles and minutes currently for this school year?

Answer: (a) For miles, see #3 above: more than 10 miles  
(b) For time: Salem 42 minutes

11. What is the current percentage of growth in South Lyon?

Answer: 0.5%

12. What is the percentage of growth at each school over the last ten years?

Answer: This is not available, particularly since schools have been added.

13. In the Dolsen #1 model, could the Lyon Trail subdivision be redistricted to Salem (34 students) and redistrict the Nichwaugh Lake Estates subdivision to Sayre to satisfy some parent requests from Nichwaugh Lake Estates?

Answer: This kind of redistricting decision is up to the committee; however, this would raise the targeted student counts by approximately 7 students at Sayre. In addition, the students who reside in the Lyon Trail area are closer to Sayre than the students who reside in Nichwaugh Lake Estates.

14. Due to the geographical size of Salem, if Salem were to close wouldn't many students have longer bus rides to other schools?

Answer: Some students would have a longer bus ride, but the majority would have bus rides of roughly equal time or much shorter time.

15. Why do we have an elementary school that is located in Washtenaw County?

Answer: This occurred years ago when the boundaries were established. The South Lyon Community School District is in three counties. We also have an elementary school in Livingston County.

16. Is in district School of Choice required to be filled out every year or if it is granted to your child they are grandfathered until they are out of that school?

Answer: In district SOC must be applied for each year. The Q&A which explains this is attached.

17. Is out of district school of choice the same?

Answer: Section 105/105C (part of the state school code) allows students who come into a district via this legislation to stay their entire public school career (K-12).

18. What has been the growth rate by grade and elementary school per year since 2000? (# of Kids Entering/ # of Kids Exiting/ Total # of Kids per School)

Answer: We have not created a document that tracks this type of request. However, due to buildings opening and redistricting numerous students have entered or exited schools.

Here is a 2004 to 2009 student total enrollment comparison.

	Bartlett	Brummer	Dolsen	Hardy	Kent Lake	Salem	Sayre
9.04	452	534	336	421	552	425	553
9.09	392	452	354	660	586	302	532

19. Are there open classrooms at any of the elementary schools (grades 1-5)?

Answer: Bartlett 6  
Brummer 5  
Dolsen 5  
Kent Lake 1  
Salem 6  
Sayre 5  
Hardy 1

20. Who decided the 20 % growth factor and why did they choose that %?

Answer: That is what has been established by administration and has worked in the past. We believe it will minimize the need to redistrict for at least the next four years. Using this assumption, we have not needed to redistrict for six years.

21. Will Salem still be allowed to be used as a voting precinct if closed?

Answer: Yes.

22. Are Salem and Dolsen buildings and athletic fields utilized to create revenue for the district?

Answer: The fields are not. Last year Dolsen had 12 revenue generating indoor activities and Salem had 3 revenue generating indoor activities.

23. How do the proficiency scores compare?

All of our schools have received an "A" from the Michigan Department of Education based on established State guidelines and parameters.

Although the MEAP data from this fall is embargoed by the State we can share that in averaging the 7 MEAP assessments (3 math, 3 reading, 1 science) both Salem's and Dolsen's total average is 93%. All elementary buildings average in the 90's. At both Salem and Dolsen the trend data showing the number of students at the proficiency level is increasing.

**South Lyon Community Schools  
In-District Schools of Choice Program  
2010-2011 School Year**

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

- Q. *How is information about the Schools of Choice Program made available to parents?*  
A. There are articles in the *Spirit of South Lyon*, which is published bi-monthly by the South Lyon Community Schools; flyers from elementary schools; information in elementary school newsletters; and informational packets are available at Kindergarten Registration.
- Q. *May I choose a school outside of the South Lyon Community Schools?*  
A. Not through this process.
- Q. *How will the decision be made whether or not my child will be selected to attend our school of choice?*  
A. If requests do not exceed spaces, families will automatically receive approval upon the receipt of the application. If requests exceed spaces, a random selection process will be used. We will reserve 25% of the available spaces per grade per school, for students who have participated in the program the previous year.
- Q. *Will transportation be provided for my child?*  
A. No. Parents are expected to provide transportation.
- Q. *Must I complete a separate application for each child?*  
A. Yes. A Schools of Choice Application must be completed for each child in order to allocate available space in a fair and consistent manner.
- Q. *My child is not attending his/her attendance area school now. Do I need to apply for Schools of Choice to stay in that school building?*  
A. Yes. An application needs to be made each year.
- Q. *What if I move into the District after March 30, 2010? Can I apply to the Schools of Choice Program?*  
A. If space is available, you may be granted permission. However, the deadline for the 2010-2011 school year is March 30, 2010, and all requests made prior to that date receive priority.
- Q. *Do I receive priority in the following year (2011-2012), if I am selected in the Schools of Choice Program this year (2010-2011)?*  
A. We will reserve 25% of the available slots per grade, per school for students who have participated in the program the previous year. You need to reapply each year. Since our district is experiencing rapid growth, we need to assess the number of students in each attendance area every year.