

# 10 enrollment & real estate realities about...



Mounds View  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## 4 No new school for Rice Creek Commons

District officials have been working closely with Arden Hills and Ramsey County to determine the scope and speed of the Rice Creek Commons development. For several reasons, there are no plans to build a new elementary school to serve future residents of the development.

- The District is experiencing enrollment growth across all schools. Adding capacity throughout the District is needed.
- By itself, the development will not result in enough sustained elementary enrollment to warrant the construction of a new elementary school. Building a new school at TCAAP would be “overbuilding.”
- To efficiently occupy a new elementary school, Mounds View Public Schools would have to impose District-wide boundary changes which would impact thousands of families with attendance area shifts.

## 1 Open enrollment will remain closed

Years ago, the School Board closed enrollment to new non-resident students in many schools. Today, **all schools are closed** to new open enrollment. All schools will remain closed to new open enrollment for the foreseeable future.

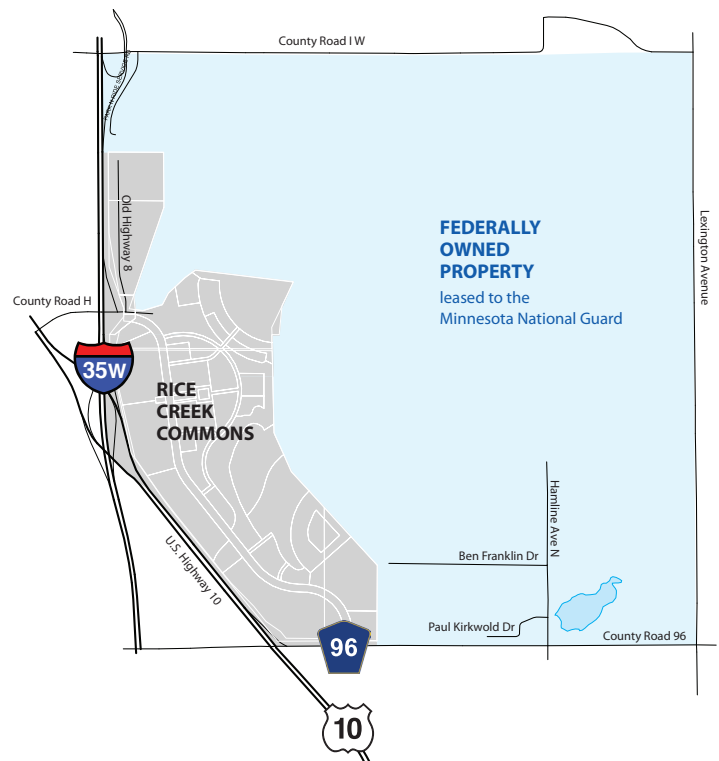
## 2 In-district transfers will remain closed

As with open enrollment, new in-district transfer options are closed and will remain closed for the foreseeable future. Exceptions include siblings of students currently attending a school outside of their attendance area, families with verifiable daycare in the requested school area or students with a documented and compelling educational need.

## 3 Movers must move

The District has discontinued its practice of offering currently attending families the option to have their students stay enrolled through open enrollment should they choose to move out of the District. There are two exceptions. If a family move occurs on or after April 1, the students will be allowed to continue through a temporary non-resident agreement until the end of the school year. Families with students currently in 11th or 12th grade are offered the option to stay through graduation.

## TCAAP map in Arden Hills



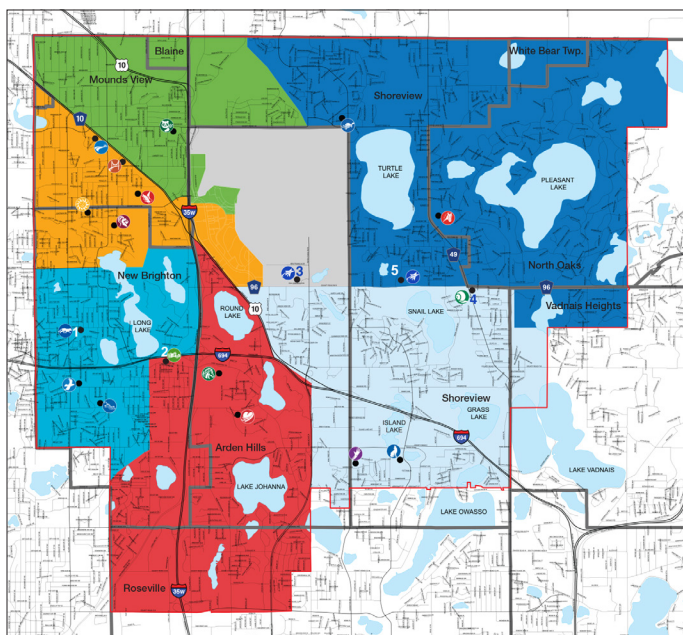
## 5 Future Rice Creek Commons residents will go to Irondale

The Rice Creek Commons development is focused on a small percentage of the open property, located in the southwest corner. Because of the location of the development, residents will attend Pinewood or Sunnyside Elementary Schools, Edgewood Middle School and Irondale High School. These are the elementary schools, the middle school and the high school with the lowest enrollments in the District.

## 6 Pike Lake and Snail Lake will not reopen as elementary schools

Returning the Pike Lake and Snail Lake sites to elementary schools would not solve the space crunch.

- When other districts were scrambling to add classroom spaces to accommodate the state's all-day, every day kindergarten statute, Mounds View was able to use these two sites to house kindergarten and relieve space issues in the elementary schools.
  - Housing kindergartners in Pike Lake and Snail Lake has relieved the six elementary schools of more than 800 students and 34 classrooms.
- Even though all elementary schools are now serving only grades 1-5, all are filled at or beyond their capacities.
- It would not alleviate the need to serve the growing number of pre-K and kindergarten students currently housed at Pike Lake (nearly 800 students) and Snail Lake (more than 700 students).
- Returning these two sites to traditional elementary schools would force boundary changes for all elementary schools, impacting 5,000 students throughout the District.



## 7 More residents are choosing Mounds View

For years, the District consistently enrolled 80 percent of all possible resident students. Today, the District's capture rate is at 84 percent—an all-time high. This market share is higher than a typical Twin Cities suburban school district.

## 8 Growth is happening across the District

Enrollment is rising in all areas of the District, and is not concentrated in one particular area.

Several new housing developments in the District will ultimately produce more Mounds View students. These include:

- **The Enclave, New Brighton**  
(Schools = Bel Air Elementary School, Highview Middle School, Irondale High School)
- **Charley Lake Preserve, North Oaks**  
(Schools = Turtle Lake Elementary School, Chippewa Middle School, Mounds View High School)
- **Rapp Farms, North Oaks**  
(Schools = Turtle Lake Elementary School, Chippewa Middle School, Mounds View High School)
- **Autumn Meadows, Shoreview**  
(Schools = Turtle Lake Elementary School, Chippewa Middle School, Mounds View High School)
- **Rice Creek Commons, Arden Hills**  
(Schools = Pinewood Elementary School, Sunnyside Elementary School, Edgewood Middle School, Irondale High School)
- **The McMillan, Shoreview**  
(Schools = Island Lake Elementary School, Chippewa Middle School, Mounds View High School)

## 9 More students are enrolling than leaving

The number of resident students moving into District schools is larger than the number of resident students moving out of District schools. The District has netted a gain of 745 resident students over the past five years.

## 10 Housing turnover will likely increase in the next five years

The District has many single-family houses (2,400+) with at least one person 75 years of age or older. Historically, this eventually produces “turnover” to younger families with school-age children.

## Search school boundaries

Unsure of which school serves a property?

Visit [www.moundsviewschools.org/enroll](http://www.moundsviewschools.org/enroll) and search

to find the school based on a street address, or

call the Student Information Department at 651-621-6013.