School Attendance Zone Review- School Board Discussion

March 3, 2026

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Alachua County Public Schools

Board Requests- Elementary Option D

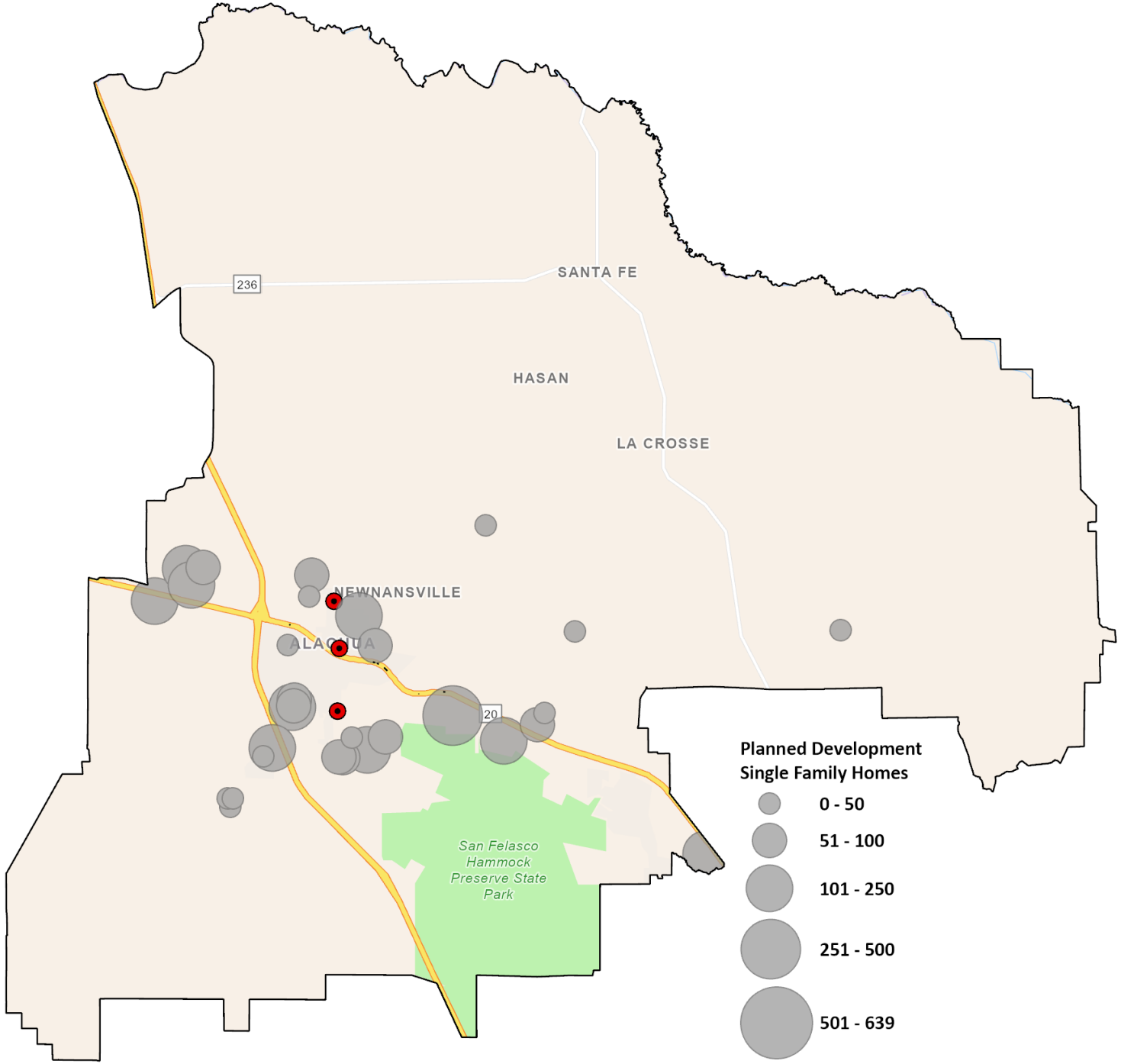
- Stephen Foster, Alachua, and Williams remain potential closures
- Creation of a Mebane/Irby/Alachua K-8
- Foster students zoned to two elementary schools
- Foster STEM magnet relocate to Metcalfe/Rawlings
- Longleaf neighborhood zoned from Terwilliger to Wiles
  - Required an additional shift of students to Idylwild
- Fletcher’s Mill/ South Pointe from Meadowbrook to Terwilliger

Alachua/Irby Mebane K-8

- 834 total elementary students in zone
- 528 total middle students in zone
- Current attendance would be 950

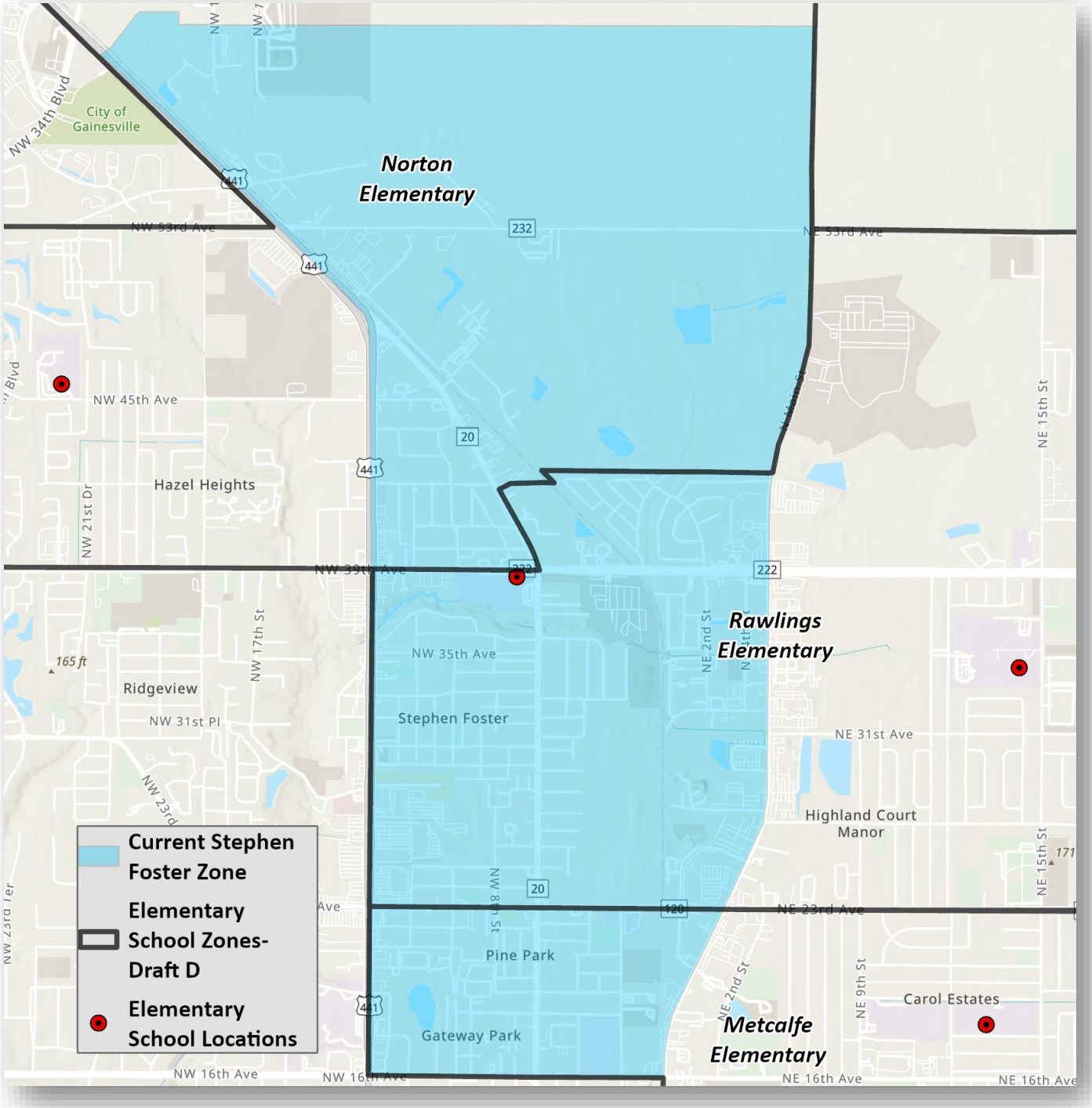
Concurrency estimates

- 286 elementary school students
- 142 middle school students



Stephen Foster Elementary Zone

- Students north of NW 39th Avenue and west of 6th Street zoned to Norton (46)
- Rawlings to receive largest number of students (139)
- Metcalfe receives 18 students



Elementary Option D

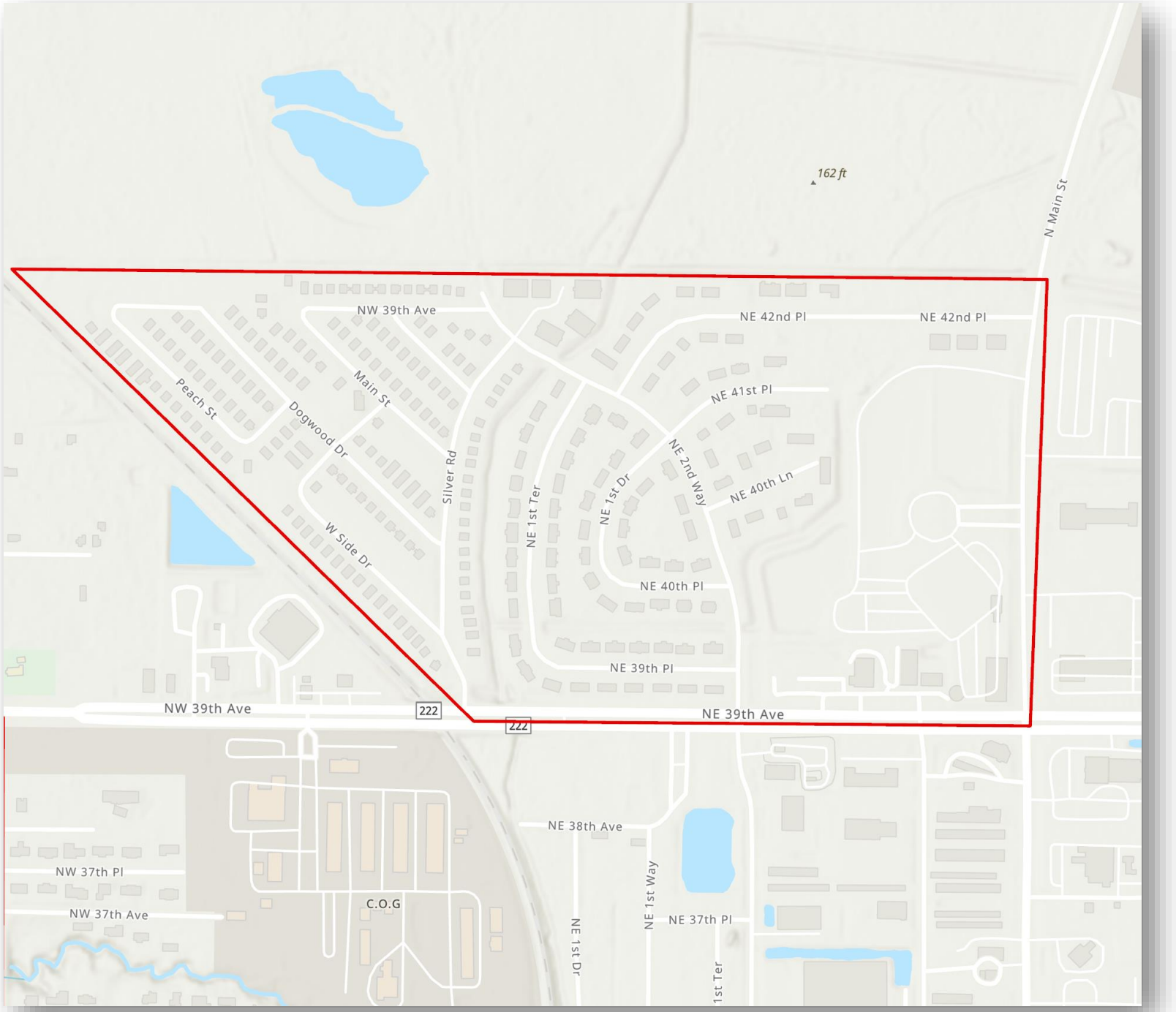
- Pine Forest Estates
- Belle Vista

- Between NW 6th Street and N. Main Street

- North of NW 39th Avenue

- **Added to Rawlings from Norton zone**

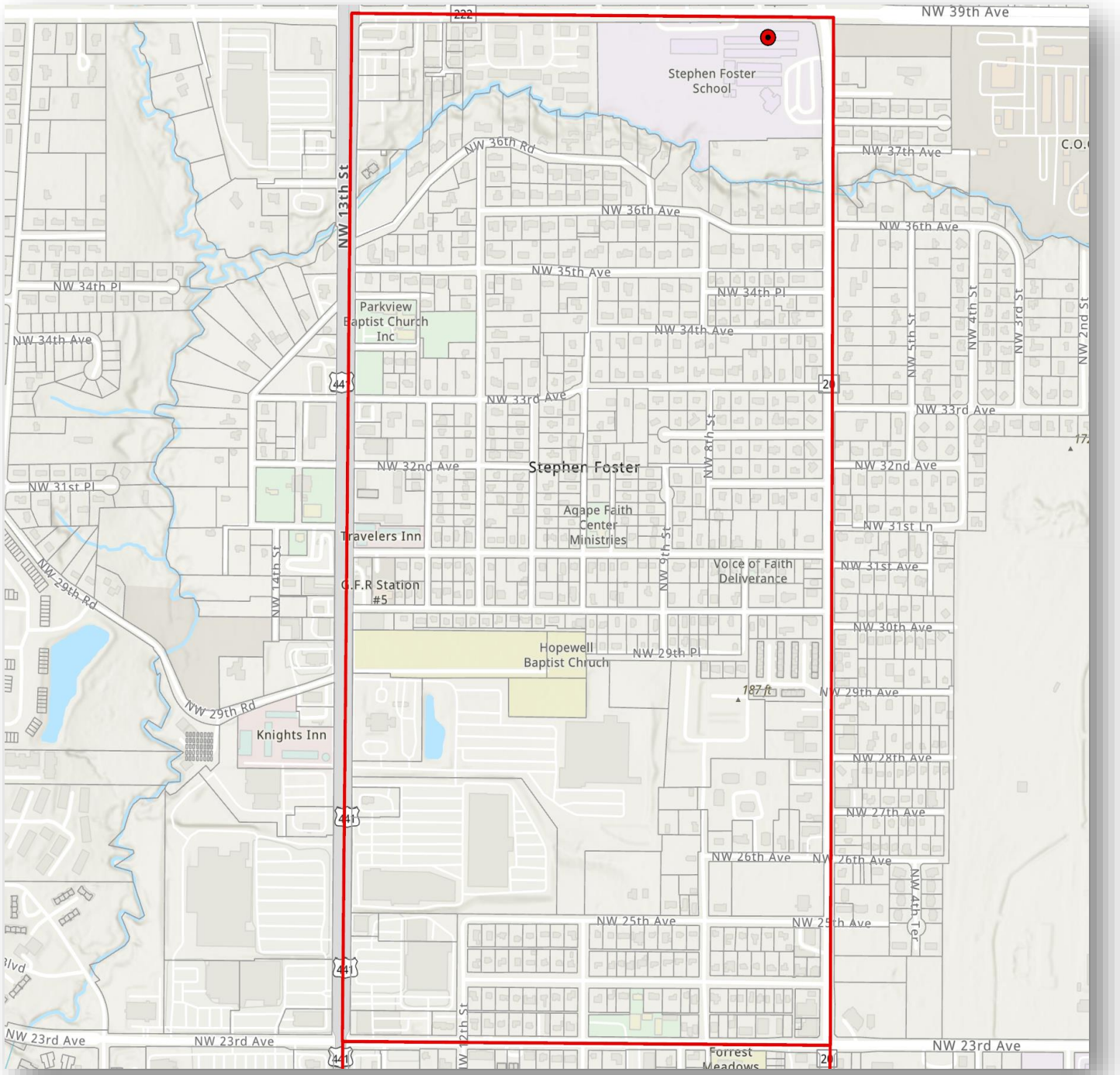
- **73 Students Affected**



Elementary Option D

- Between NW 39th Ave to NW 23rd Avenue
- Between US 441/NW 13th Street to NW 6th Street

- **Added to Rawlings from Glen Springs zone**
- **66 Students Affected**



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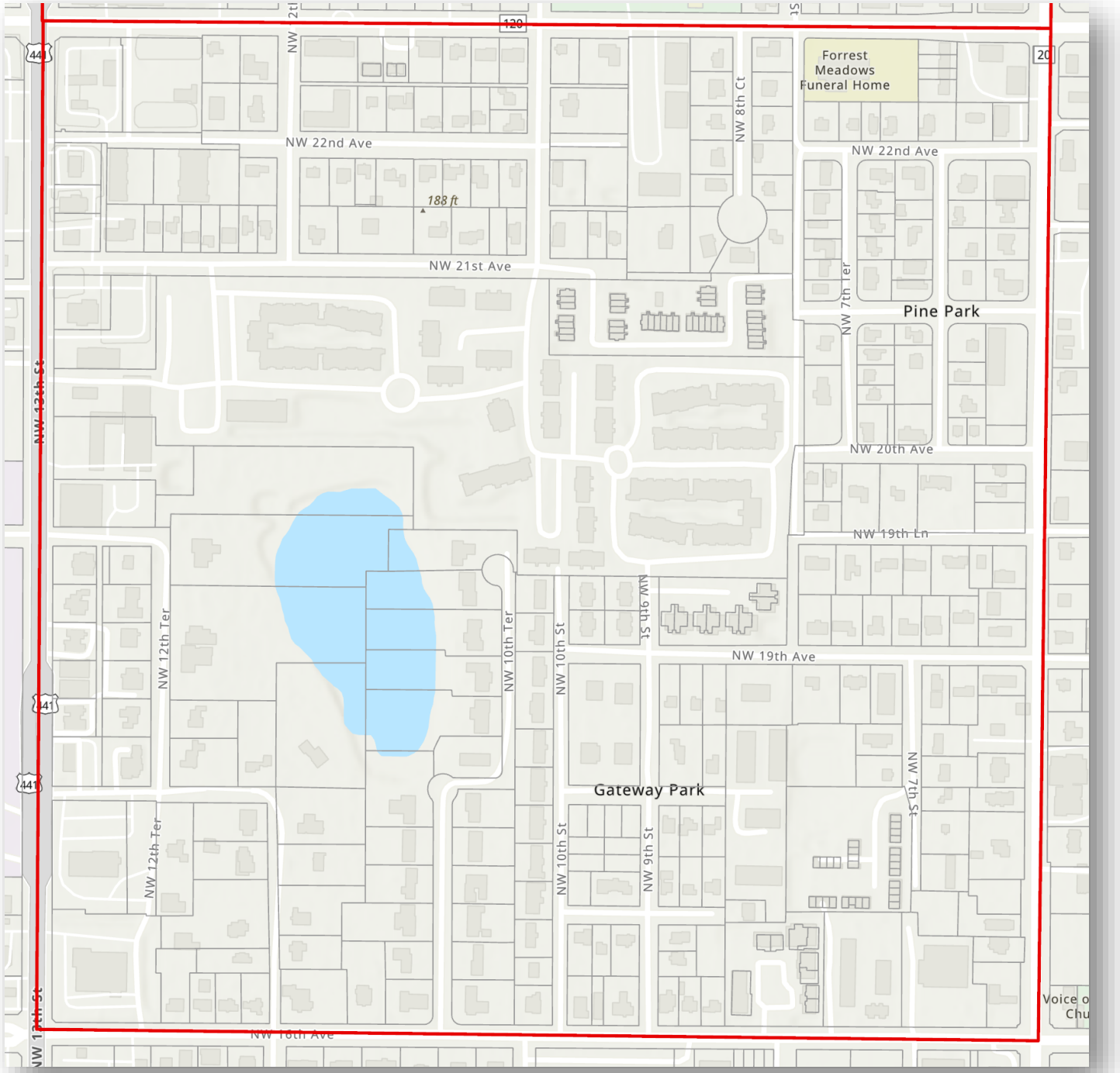
- Pine Park
- Gateway Park

- Between US 441/NW 13th Street and NW 6th Street

- Between NW 23rd Avenue and NW 16th Avenue

- **Added to Metcalfe from Parker zone**

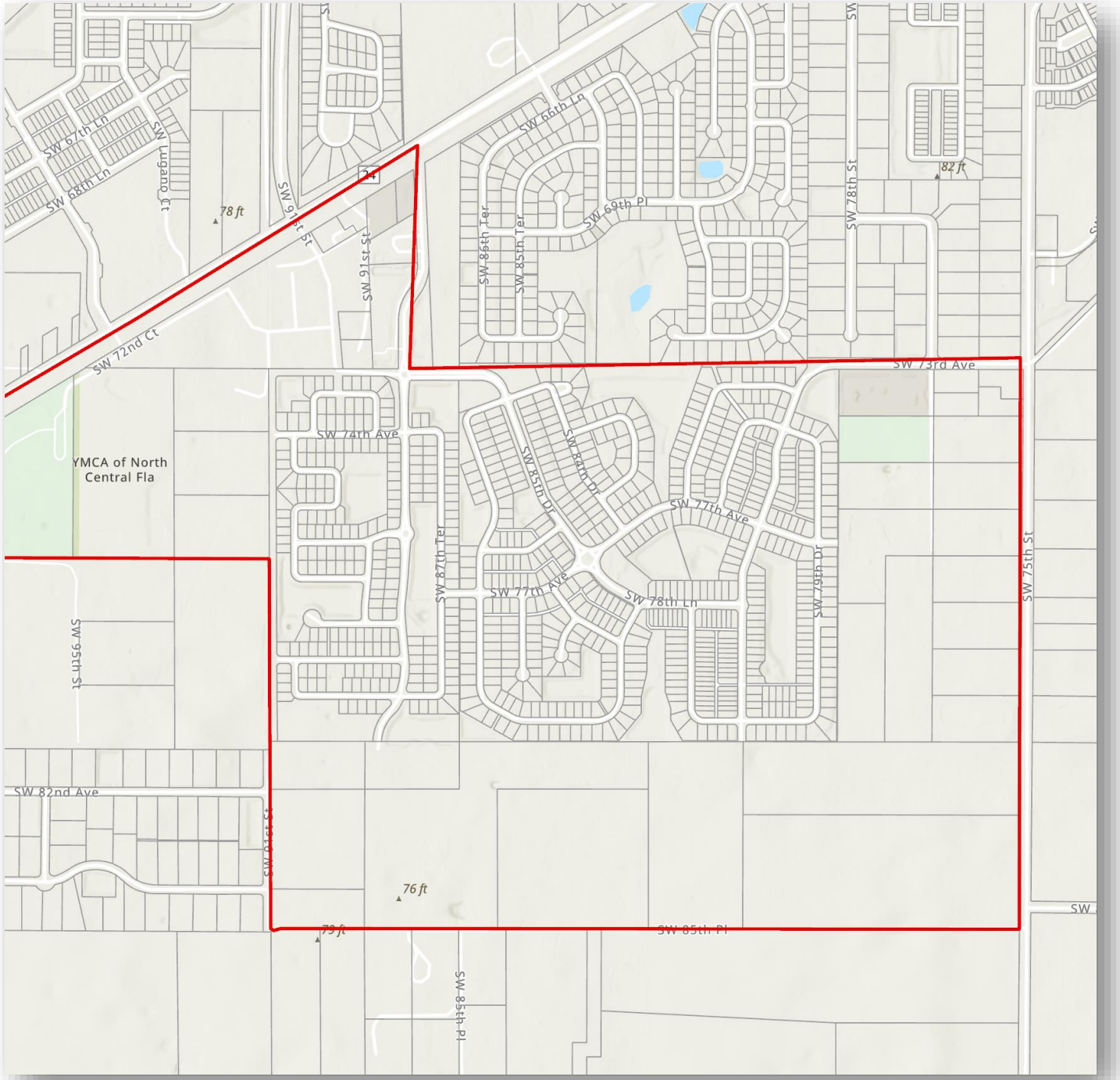
- **18 Students Affected**



Elementary Option D

- Longleaf Neighborhood

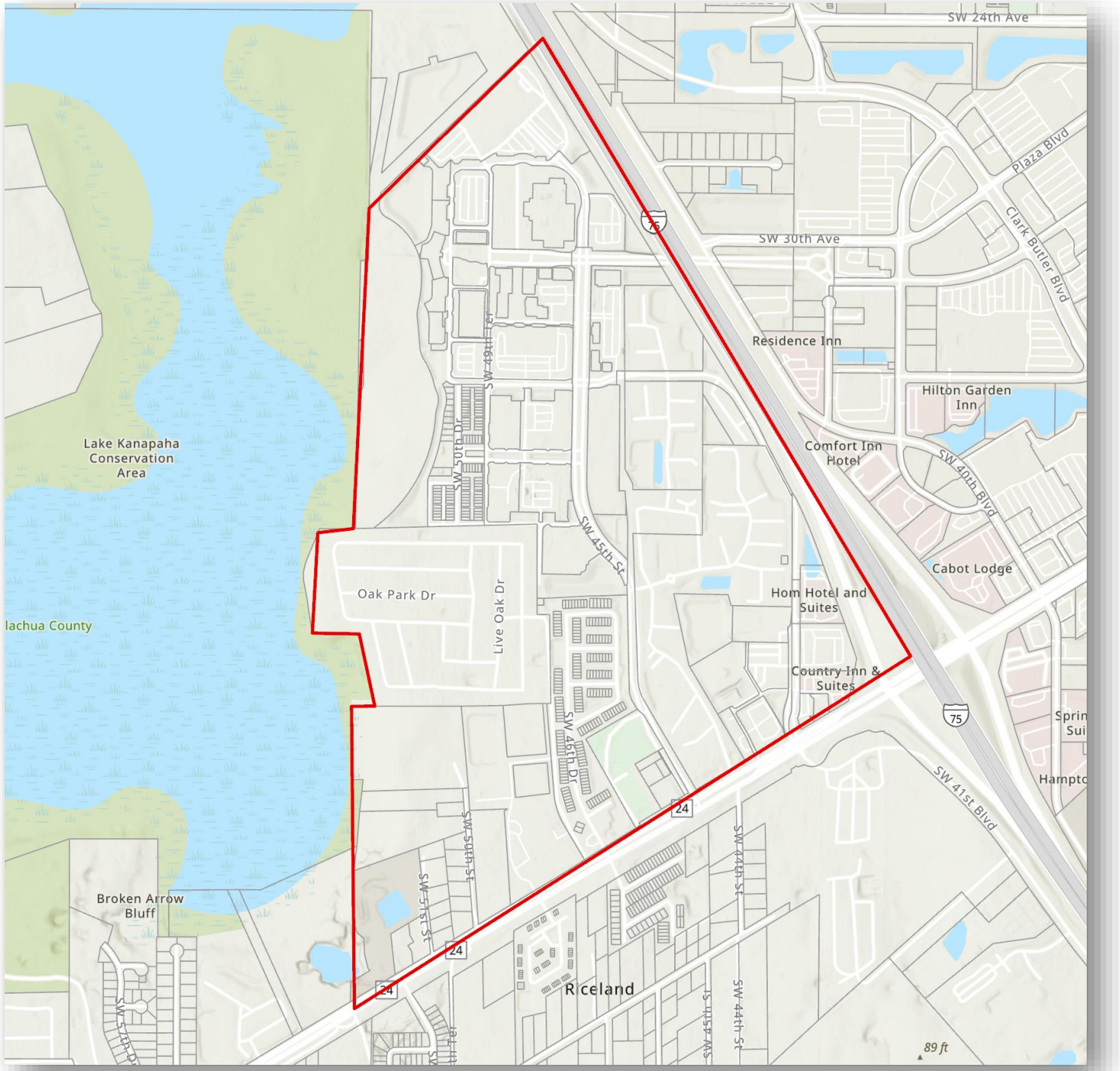
- **Added to Wiles from Terwilliger zone**
- **131 Students Affected**
- **Requires additional zone update for Wiles**



Elementary Option D

- The Gables
- Reserve at Kanapaha
- Element at Celebration Pointe

- **Added to Idylwild from Wiles zone**
- **135 Students Affected**
- **Broken Arrow Bluff and Oaks of Kanapaha remain in Wiles (40 students)**



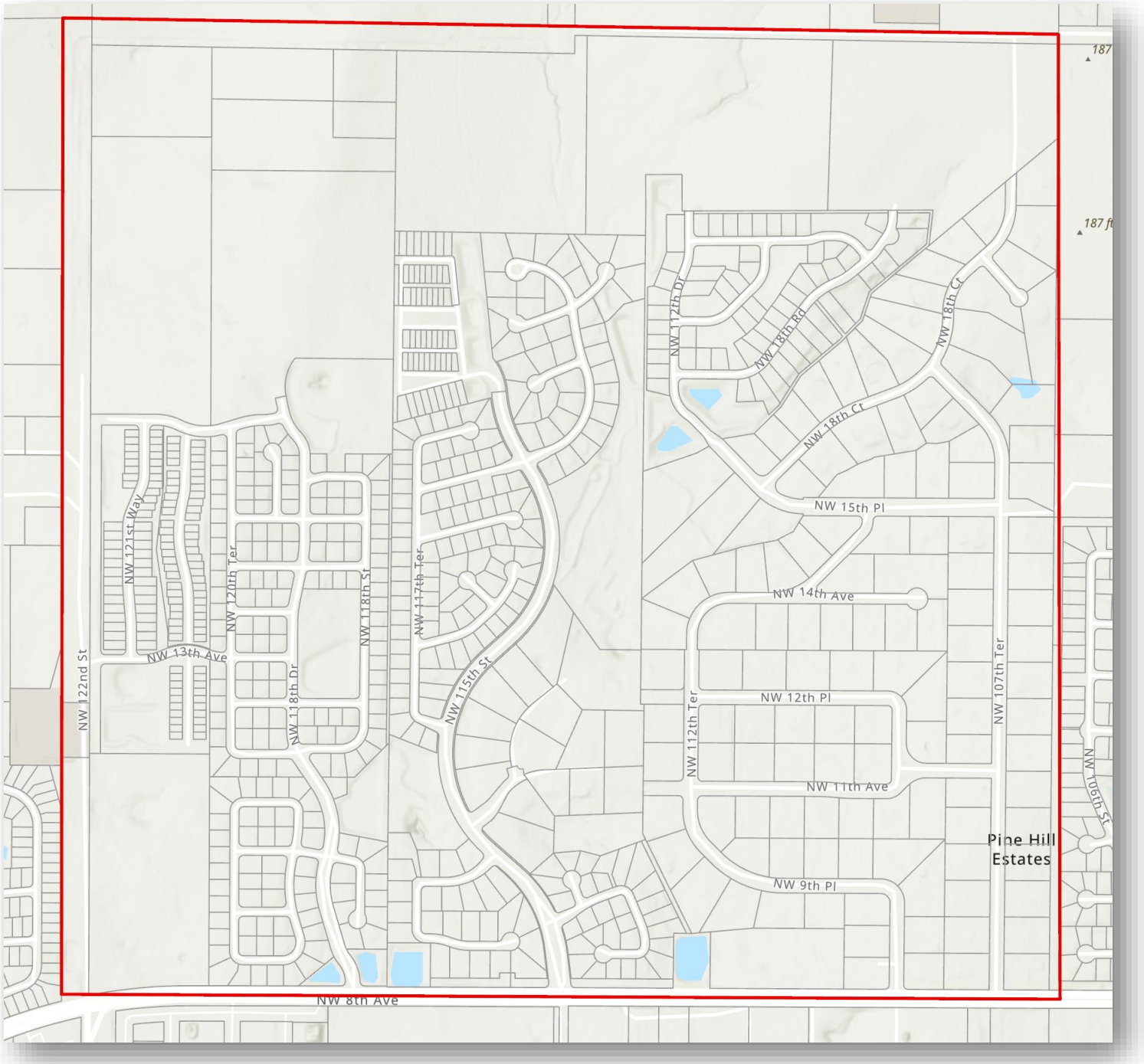
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- Ridgemont
- Pine Hill Estates
- Fletcher's Mill
- South Pointe

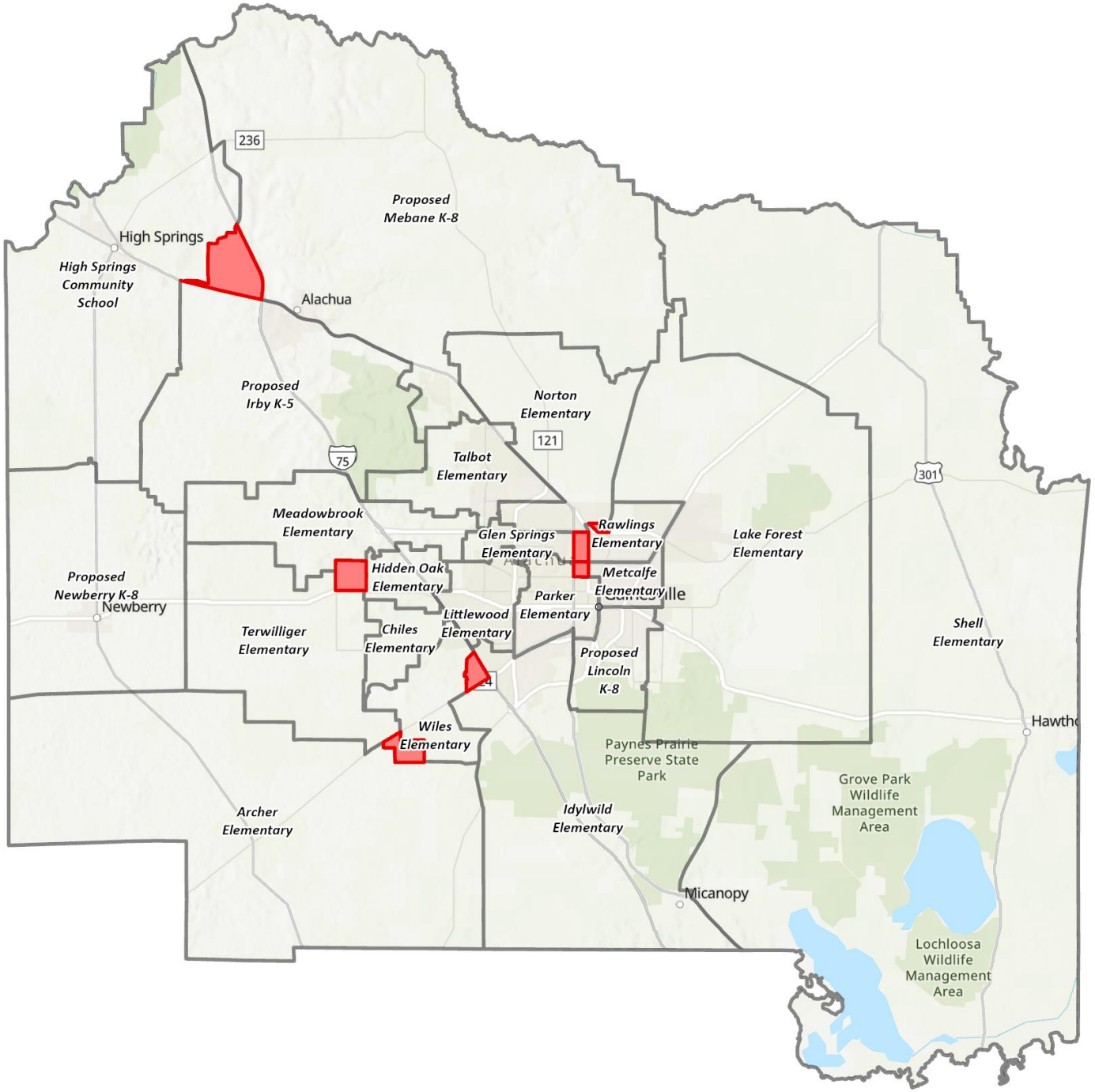
- Between NW 122nd Street and NW 107th Terrace
- North of Newberry Road

- **Added to Terwilliger from Meadowbrook zone**

- **89 Students Affected**



Elementary Option D Updates



2025 Students Current- October 40-Day Count

Elementary School	Maximum # of Students	Zoned Students	Magnet Students	Zoning Exceptions In	% Zoning Exceptions	# of Students Now	% Enrollment of School
Alachua Elementary	525	489		13	4%	317	60%
Archer Elementary	489	382	104	164	43%	381	78%
Chiles Elementary	727	608		74	12%	613	84%
Glen Springs Elementary	463	380		105	27%	390	84%
Hidden Oak Elementary	744	614		67	11%	611	82%
High Springs Community School	1009	549		63	13%	499	87%
Idylwild Elementary	655	968		22	3%	655	101%
Irby Elementary	536	345		33	9%	372	69%
Lake Forest Elementary	598	477		35	13%	267	45%
Littlewood Elementary	822	809		76	10%	760	92%
Meadowbrook Elementary	758	884		30	4%	764	101%
Metcalfe Elementary	624	464	19	103	27%	382	61%
Norton Elementary	679	454	74	133	27%	485	71%
Newberry Elementary	484	816		30	5%	606	125%
Parker Elementary	489	360		160	34%	465	95%
Rawlings Elementary	463	687	2	26	8%	318	69%
Shell Elementary	366	363		20	8%	237	65%
Stephen Foster Elementary	467	245	74	240	61%	393	84%
Talbot Elementary	726	513		67	13%	529	73%
Terwilliger Elementary	962	673	98	191	26%	723	75%
Wiles Elementary	725	817		50	7%	706	97%
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Meadowbrook Elementary	758	641	552	30	582	77%
Metcalfe Elementary	624	573	327	103	430	69%
Norton Elementary	679	351	275	293	568	84%
Parker Elementary	489	421	316	160	476	97%
Proposed Lincoln/Williams K-8	590	637	444	78	522	88%
Proposed Alachua/Irby/Mebane K-8	1,061	834	600	17	617	57%
Rawlings Elementary	463	582	313	26	339	73%
Proposed Newberry/Oak View K-8	484	691	480	30	510	105%
Shell Elementary	366	326	226	20	246	67%
Talbot Elementary	726	681	580	67	647	89%
Terwilliger Elementary	962	674	538	191	729	76%
Wiles Elementary	725	851	710	50	760	105%

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Duval VPK Relocation Scenarios (Estimate of 120 Additional Students)					
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Elementary Summary

- Alachua/Irby/Mebane K-8 almost 1,000 current students
- Lake Forest, Shell, Norton, Metcalfe and Rawlings under 75% capacity
- Capacity at Rawlings/Metcalfe/Norton for the STEM magnet
- Capacity at Rawlings/Metcalfe for the VPK program
- Idylwild over capacity adding areas west of I-75
- Wiles over capacity with the addition of Longleaf
- Room for future development in Meadowbrook and Terwilliger

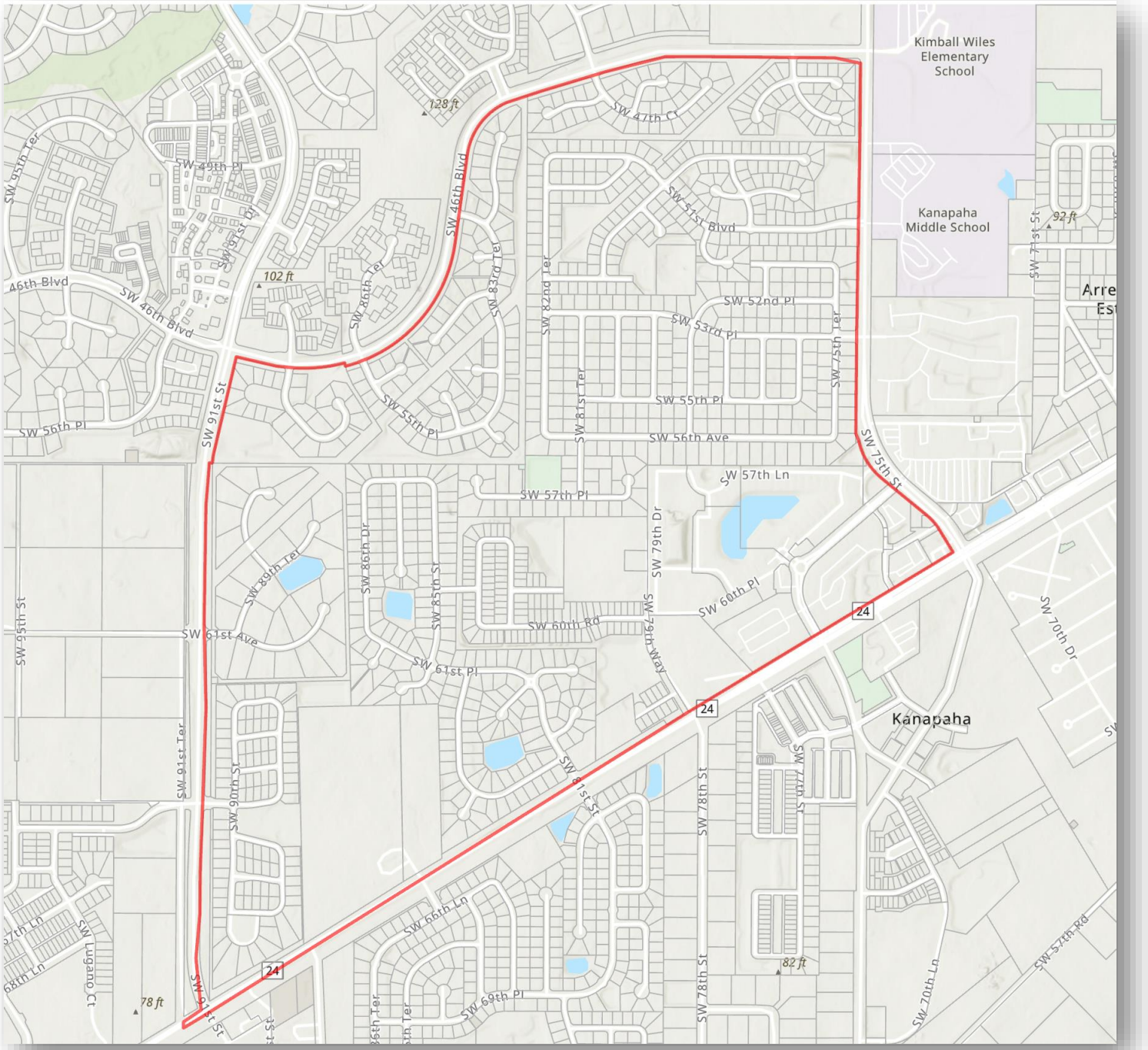
Board Requests- High School Option D

- Restore portions of Haile Plantation to Buchholz
- Restore area south of Newberry Road to Buchholz

High School Option D Update

- Haile Plantation
- Between SW 91st Terrace and SW 75th Street (Tower Road)
- Between SW 46th Boulevard and SW Archer Rad (SR 24)

- **Added back to Buchholz from Gainesville High School zone**
- **146 Students Affected**

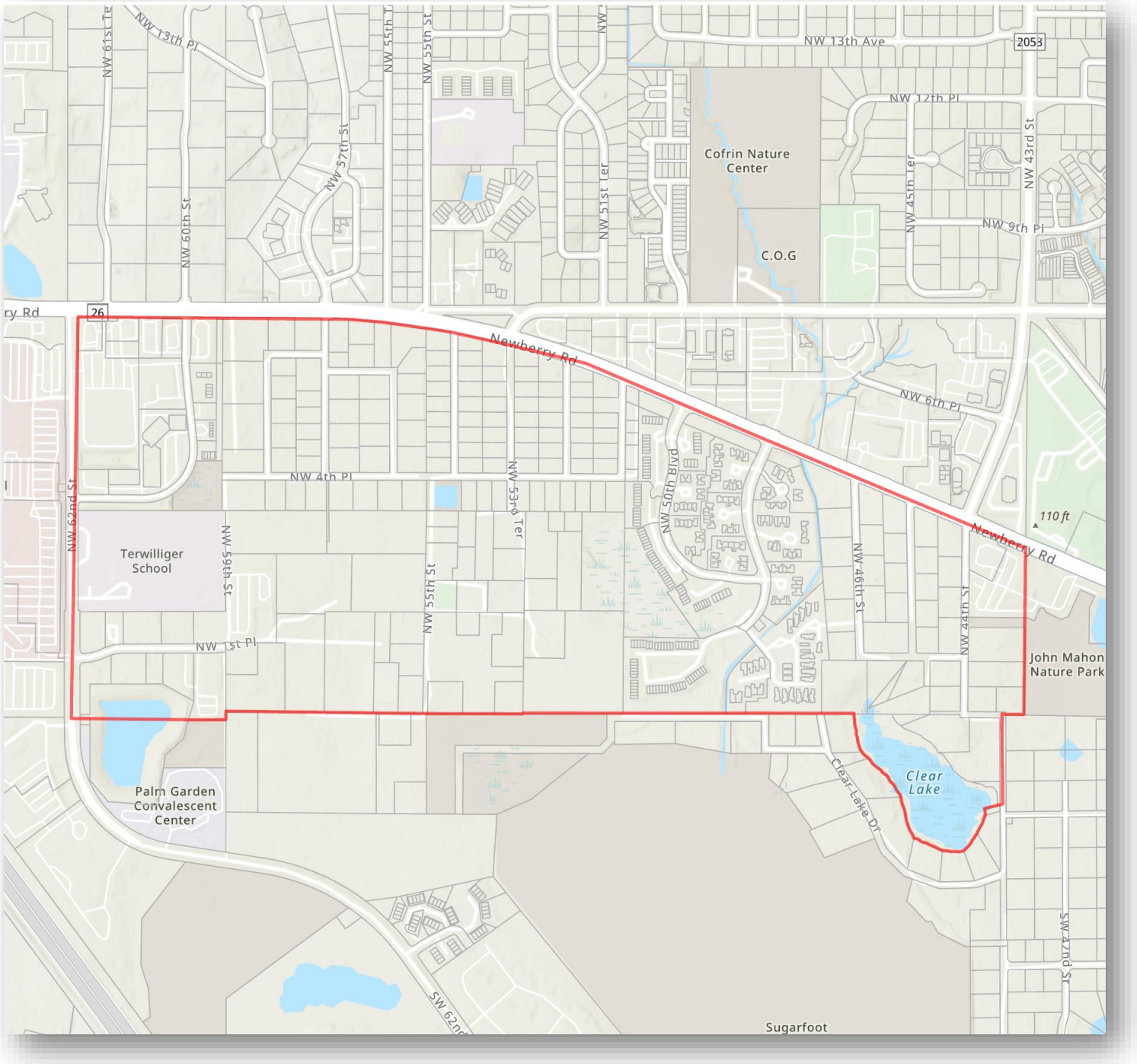


High School Option D Update

- Durant Estates
- Beville Heights
- Mill Pond Condominiums
- Portions of Gwynn Oaks

- **Added back to Buchholz zone from Gainesville High School**

- **21 Students Affected**



High School Option D Updates



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Eastside High	1,952	1,543	481	424	32%	1,327	68%
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Hawthorne Middle/High	660	283	19	39	10%	409	62%
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High School Summary

- Returning a portion of Haile to Buchholz increases capacity > 100%
- Hawthorne at approximately 50% capacity total
- Need to consider future development in Newberry and Santa Fe zones
- Potential to redistribute programs and magnets to address capacity

Next Steps

- Board Discussion tonight
- Update to Interactive Map tomorrow, March 4
- Thursday, March 12, Special School Board Meeting