

NESPELEM SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 14

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Director District Boundary Changes Proposed *Affects school board elections only, not schools*

Nespelem, Wash. – Every ten years, after each U.S. Census is completed, school districts must review the boundaries of their Board of Director districts to ensure equitable geographic representation. Nespelem School District is divided into four geographic regions or districts, one for each Board seat, and one At Large. Candidates for School Board must run for the seat of the director district they live in. By creating four equal director districts, geographic diversity is ensured on the School Board. Each position is elected by all district voters, so each of the four directors represents the entire district in their Board actions.

These boundaries are completely unrelated to school attendance boundaries: this process will not change neighborhood school boundaries.

In October 2021, the district contracted with Sammamish Data Systems to develop a proposal for new director district boundaries based on the latest census data. Since the last realignment of director districts, there has been a shift in population growth. Currently, our director districts vary in population.

The proposed new director district boundaries would balance these populations so all four districts would have approximately the same percentage of residents.

| District | Population under the Proposal |
|----------|-------------------------------|
| 1st | 297 |
| 2nd | 324 |
| 3rd | 300 |
| 4th | 354 |

A presentation and public hearing on this proposal will be held at the May 23, 2022 School Board Meeting, which begins at 6 pm. Current and proposed maps are also available on the district website. The first reading of the proposal is scheduled for the June 27, 2022 Board Meeting. The second reading of the proposal and potential adoption of the proposal is scheduled for the July 25, 2022 Board Meeting. The Board must adopt new director districts by November 15, 2022.

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