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Mayor Edward J. Kennedy, Jr.
and
Members of the City Council

REFERENCE: **11.8. 3/21/17 C. Leary** - Req. City Mgr. work with the Lowell Public Schools Superintendent in order to determine the potential busing costs for all Lowell High School students; report to include busing costs if school redistricting is implemented.

Dear Mayor Kennedy and Members of the City Council:

Attached, please find a copy of the presentation made by Lowell Public School administrators at Joint Subcommittee meeting of Finance and Student Support Services March 29, 2017. Items discussed at the subcommittee are below.

- Student Population by Zip Codes
- Projected Transportation Costs to Cawley
- Factors Impacting Rezoning Schools
- Current Zones and Draft Rezoning Proposal.

Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

FINANCE AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES
MARCH 29, 2017

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PROJECTED TRANSPORTATION COSTS TO CAWLEY

- Examination of data: City of Lowell Parking Department, Lowell Regional Transit Authority, LPS student population numbers, and LHS data including survey results.
- Projected 46 additional buses needed to transport approximately 2,000 students to LHS.
- In 2021, the cost of 46 buses would be \$3.2 million dollars in year one.
- Factoring incremental contractual steps, that figure is projected to increase to \$3.8 million dollars by year 12 if there are no additional factors considered to defray costs.
- The Lowell Regional Transit Authority is non-committal in assuming a significant role with the Cawley proposal due to federal guidelines and time constraints at this time, but remains open to ongoing discussion over the course of the next five years.

REZONING LOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Factors Impacting Rezoning:

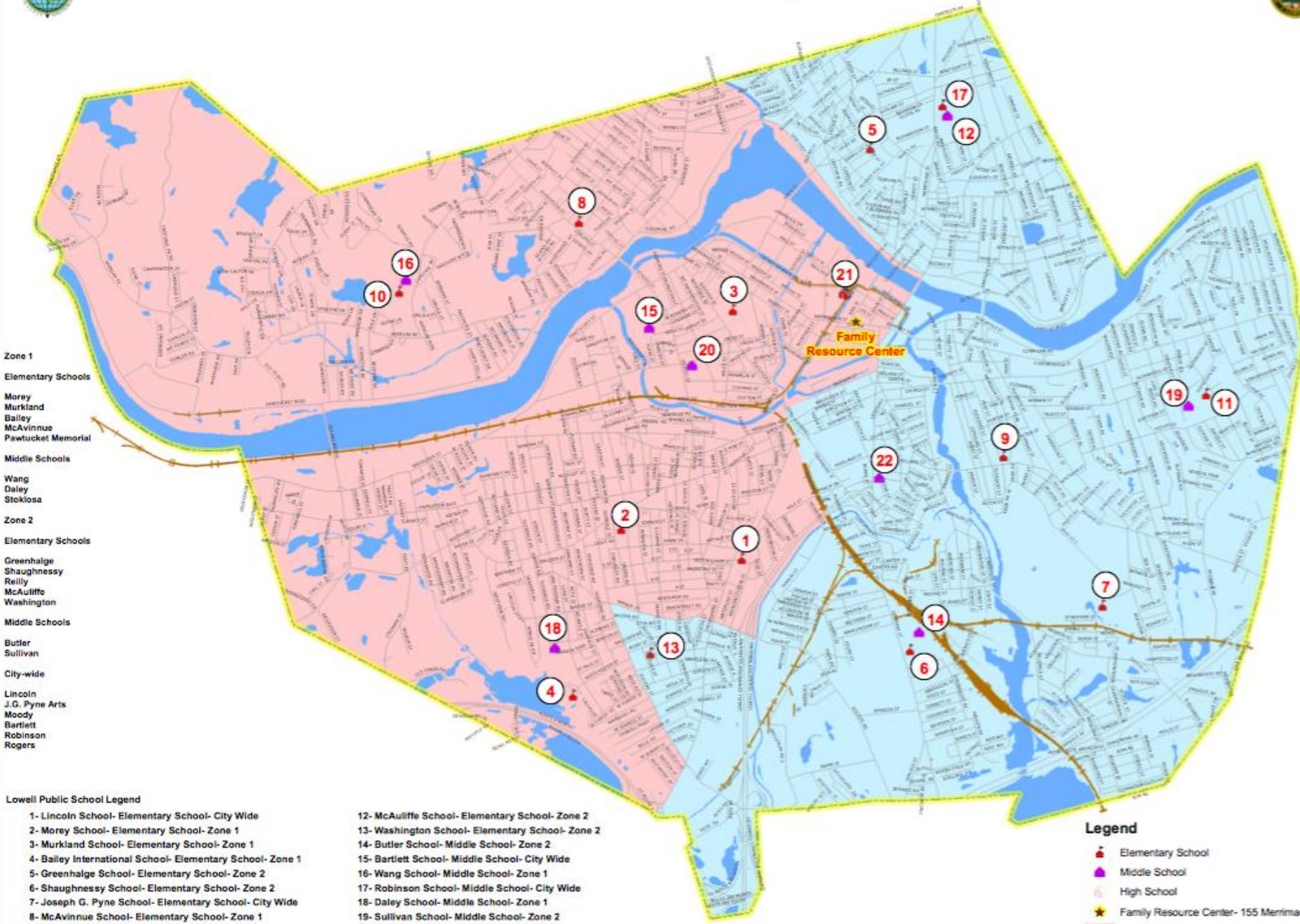
- **Maintaining Desegregation Compliancy**
- **Maintaining Parity in Zones**
 - ✓ **Designing Consistent Grade Configurations**
 - ✓ **Planning for Neighborhood Considerations**

Draft Preliminary Plan Includes:

- **Eliminating Citywide Schools**
- **Reconfiguring School Bell Times**



Lowell Public Schools By Zone



- Zone 1**
Elementary Schools
 Morey
 Murkland
 Bailey
 McAvinnue
 Pawtucket Memorial
- Middle Schools**
 Wang
 Daley
 Stoklosa
- Zone 2**
Elementary Schools
 Greenhalge
 Shaughnessy
 Reilly
 McAuliffe
 Washington
- Middle Schools**
 Butler
 Sullivan
- City-wide**
 Lincoln
 J. G. Pyne Arts
 Moody
 Bartlett
 Robinson
 Rogers

- Lowell Public School Legend**
- 1- Lincoln School- Elementary School- City Wide
 - 2- Morey School- Elementary School- Zone 1
 - 3- Murkland School- Elementary School- Zone 1
 - 4- Bailey International School- Elementary School- Zone 1
 - 5- Greenhalge School- Elementary School- Zone 2
 - 6- Shaughnessy School- Elementary School- Zone 2
 - 7- Joseph G. Pyne School- Elementary School- City Wide
 - 8- McAvinnue School- Elementary School- Zone 1
 - 9- Moody School- Elementary School- City Wide
 - 10- Pawtucketville Memorial School- Elementary School- Zone 1
 - 11- Reilly School- Elementary School- Zone 2

- 12- McAuliffe School- Elementary School- Zone 2
- 13- Washington School- Elementary School- Zone 2
- 14- Butler School- Middle School- Zone 2
- 15- Bartlett School- Middle School- City Wide
- 16- Wang School- Middle School- Zone 1
- 17- Robinson School- Middle School- City Wide
- 18- Daley School- Middle School- Zone 1
- 19- Sullivan School- Middle School- Zone 2
- 20- Stoklosa Middle School- Middle School- Zone 1
- 21- Lowell High School- High School- City Wide
- 22- Rogers School- Middle School- City Wide

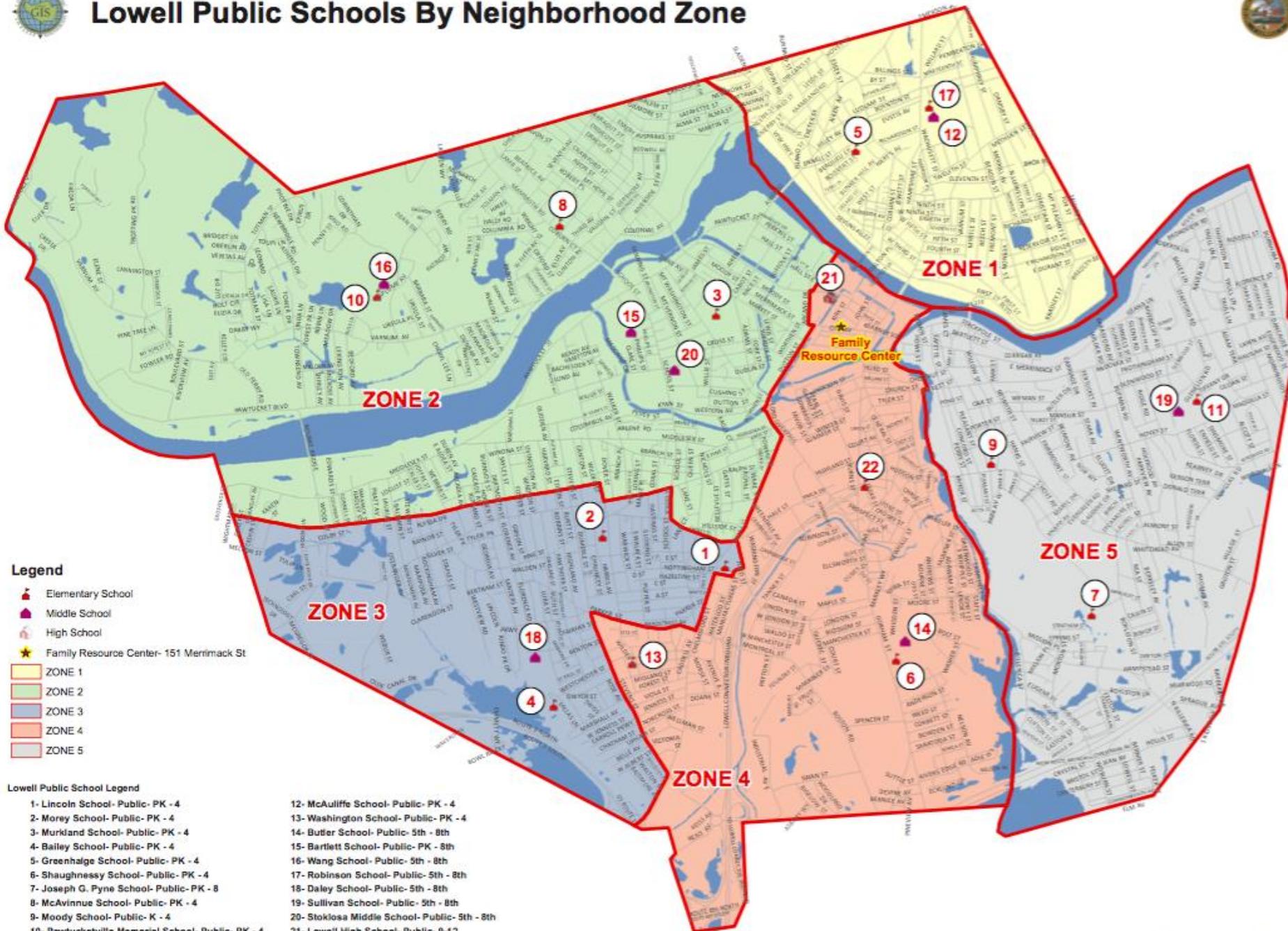
- Legend**
- Elementary School
 - Middle School
 - High School
 - Family Resource Center- 155 Merrimack St
 - Zone 1
 - Zone 2

1 inch = 3,000 feet

Map Updated January 23, 2015



Lowell Public Schools By Neighborhood Zone



Legend

- Elementary School
- Middle School
- High School
- Family Resource Center- 151 Merrimack St
- ZONE 1
- ZONE 2
- ZONE 3
- ZONE 4
- ZONE 5

Lowell Public School Legend

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| 1- Lincoln School- Public- PK - 4 | 12- McAuliffe School- Public- PK - 4 |
| 2- Morey School- Public- PK - 4 | 13- Washington School- Public- PK - 4 |
| 3- Murkland School- Public- PK - 4 | 14- Butler School- Public- 5th - 8th |
| 4- Bailey School- Public- PK - 4 | 15- Bartlett School- Public- PK - 8th |
| 5- Greenhalge School- Public- PK - 4 | 16- Wang School- Public- 5th - 8th |
| 6- Shaughnessy School- Public- PK - 4 | 17- Robinson School- Public- 5th - 8th |
| 7- Joseph G. Pyne School- Public- PK - 8 | 18- Daley School- Public- 5th - 8th |
| 8- McAvinue School- Public- PK - 4 | 19- Sullivan School- Public- 5th - 8th |
| 9- Moody School- Public- K - 4 | 20- Stoklosa Middle School- Public- 5th - 8th |
| 10- Pawtucketville Memorial School- Public- PK - 4 | 21- Lowell High School- Public- 9-12 |
| 11- Reilly School- Public- K - 4 | 22- Rogers STEM Academy- Public- PK-4 |

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Map Updated March 20, 2017

ZONE 1	CURRENT TIME	PROPOSED TIME
ROBINSON 5-8	7:20-2:10	8:00-2:50
MCAULIFFE 5-8		8:00-2:50
MCAULIFFE K-4	9:10-3:30	8:30-2:50
GREENHALGE K-4	7:40-2:00	9:10-3:30
ZONE 2	CURRENT TIME	PROPOSED TIME
STOKLOSA 5-8	7:20-2:10	8:00-2:50
WANG 5-8	8:00-2:50	8:00-2:50
BARTLETT 5-8	7:20-2:10	8:00-2:50
MCAVINNUE 5-8		8:00-2:50
BARTLETT K-4	7:50-2:10	8:30-2:50
MCAVINNUE K-4	9:10-3:30	8:30-2:50
MURKLAND K-4	8:30-2:50	9:10-3:30
PAWTUCKET K-4	9:10-3:30	9:10-3:30
ZONE 3	CURRENT TIME	PROPOSED TIME
DALEY 5-8	7:20-2:10	8:00-2:50
MOREY 5-8		8:00-2:50
MOREY K-4	7:30-1:50	8:30-2:50
BAILEY K-4	8:30-2:50	9:10-3:30
LINCOLN K-4	8:30-2:50	9:10-3:30
ZONE 4	CURRENT TIME	PROPOSED TIME
BUTLER 5-8	8:00-2:50	8:00-2:50
ROGERS 5-8		8:00-2:50
ROGERS K-4	9:10-3:30	8:30-2:50
SHAUGHNESSY K-4	9:10-3:30	9:10-3:30
WASHINGTON K-4	8:30-2:50	9:10-3:30
ZONE 5	CURRENT TIME	PROPOSED TIME
SULLIVAN 5-8	7:20-2:10	8:00-2:50
PYNE 5-8	8:40-3:30	8:00-2:50
PYNE K-4	9:10-3:30	8:30-2:50
MOODY K-4	8:30-2:50	9:10-3:30
REILLY K-4	8:30-2:50	9:10-3:30

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

DRAFT PLAN

Benefits of Draft Plan:

- Maintains the integrity of the Desegregation Order.
- Guarantees that students attend a school close to their home/neighborhood.
- Changing bell times provides an added potential benefit for busing LHS students. No matter where the high school is located, an additional bus run can be added to accommodate LHS students without incurring additional transportation costs.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This is a preliminary plan and there are a number of additional factors that must be taken into consideration to ascertain if the plan remains one of the viable options for the Lowell Public Schools moving forward (i.e. middle school STEM expansion, building capacity/additional facilities, population growth, etc.).