



The Northside ISD
School Boundary Advisory Committee
invites you to attend a

Public Hearing

on the proposed attendance zone for

Sonia Sotomayor High School

Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Harlan High School Cafeteria

14350 Culebra Road, 78253

Citizens wishing to address the School Boundary Advisory Committee will have an opportunity to sign up during the public hearing. Individuals will be asked to limit their remarks to three minutes.

Note: Masks are required and social distancing will be in effect.

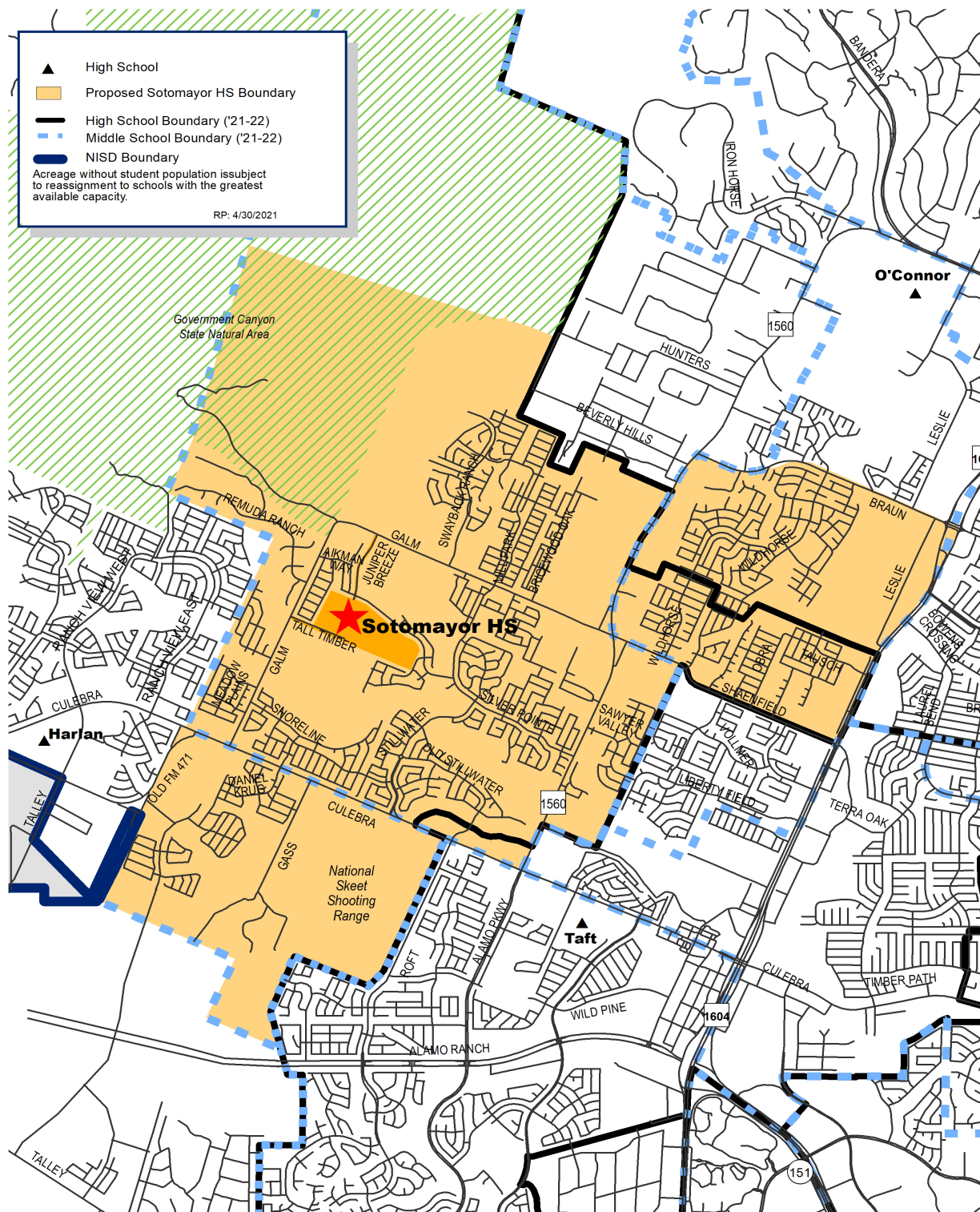
To watch the public hearing live, go to <https://www.nisd.net/live>.

You may also mail your input in writing to Communications Department, Northside ISD, 5900 Evers Road, San Antonio, TX 78238, or FAX your comments to 210-706-8772, or e-mail your comments to boundary@nisd.net. Comments must be received by October 5.



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Not all streets are shown; this drawing is for illustrative purposes only. A detailed presentation will be made at the public hearing

Communities in the proposal:

From Harlan HS:

Bricewood
 Canyon Park Estates
 Cobblestone
 Cross Creek
 Davis Ranch
 Gramercy Village*
 Hills of Shaenfield

Junipers Edge Apts.
 Laura Heights
 Paso Fino Apts.
 Prescott Oaks
 Remuda Ranch
 Shaenfield Place
 Silver Canyon
 Silver Oaks

Stillwater
 Talise de Culebra
 Tribute Ranch
 Vantage at Helotes*
 Wildhorse at Tausch Farm
 Wildhorse Vista
 Winding Brook

From O'Connor HS:

Oasis
 Wildhorse

From Taft HS:

Arroyo Seco Villas
 Culebra Creek Apts.

* Coming Soon

What principles guided the development of the proposed Sotomayor HS plan?

Many factors were considered when developing the Sotomayor HS plan. Because our primary concern is managing enrollment growth, we first look at:

- enrollment projections
- campus capacity

Other factors include:

- geographic proximity
- middle school feeder patterns
- community unity (i.e., not splitting a neighborhood)
- frequency of change for students
- program accommodations and student needs
- cost effectiveness

Has this proposal already been approved?

No. Boundary changes are not adopted until the Board of Trustees approves them. Once approved, notification will be posted on the NISD web site (www.nisd.net).

What is the timeline for this proposal?

1. **Aug. 17, 2021:** The administrative proposal is presented to the Board of Trustees as an information item.
2. **Sept. 16, 2021:** The administrative proposal is presented to the School Boundary Advisory Committee (SBAC) for discussion/review.
3. **Oct. 7, 2021:** A public hearing is held at the Harlan High School Cafeteria (14350 Culebra Road) at 6:30pm. The SBAC hosts this public hearing so community members can review the administrative proposal, ask questions, comment, and submit written feedback.
4. **Oct. 26, 2021:** The chairperson of the SBAC presents the SBAC Recommended Boundary and Report to the Board of Trustees as an action item. Following discussion, the Board may vote to approve/disapprove and/or modify the SBAC's recommended boundary. **Only the Board of Trustees can establish attendance areas for District schools.**
5. **Aug. 2022:** Sotomayor HS opens.

How can I provide my feedback?

The administrative proposal is announced to the public through various methods and feedback is requested:

- Information packets are emailed to affected students' primary guardian email address for students in grades 7-11. A link and written response form is included in this packet which can be returned via mail, e-mail, or fax.
- The proposal is published on the NISD web site (www.nisd.net) so community members can respond.
- Community members are invited to attend the public hearing at the Harlan HS Cafeteria (14350 Culebra Road) on Oct 7, 2021, as well as Board meetings.

Who is the School Boundary Advisory Committee (SBAC) and what is their role?

The SBAC is a committee composed of two parents from each middle school attendance area in NISD and approved by the Board of Trustees. Members are parents of elementary, middle or high school students who normally serve overlapping two-year terms.

BOUNDARY CHANGE FAQ

The SBAC meets to review the public's written feedback and comments made in the public forum. The SBAC discusses the needs of the District, the guiding principles for boundary changes, and desires of the community. After studying the details, the SBAC votes on a recommended boundary to present in a report to the Board of Trustees. The SBAC Committee process has been used in opening all Northside schools since March, 1996.

Will Sotomayor HS have a varsity athletic program when it opens?

Upon opening in 2022-23, Sotomayor will offer the same varsity athletic programs as other Northside high schools.

Who will be the principal of Sotomayor HS?

The principal of Sotomayor High School is Ada Bohlken. She is an experienced Northside Principal who has been on duty for Sotomayor HS since spring 2021.

If my address is included in the new Sotomayor HS attendance area, do I have options?

Once the Board approves a boundary, it applies to all students living within the attendance zone with the following exception:

- **Incoming seniors in the new Sotomayor HS attendance area will remain at their current high school.** NISD will open Sotomayor High School without a senior class.

Will transportation be provided to Sotomayor HS?

- Under District guidelines, students eligible for transportation to Sotomayor HS will receive transportation. 2022-23 seniors eligible to receive transportation to their current high school will continue to receive transportation. The transportation Department will evaluate neighborhoods within 2 miles of Sotomayor HS to determine those eligible to walk.

Will there be any boundary changes between two existing high schools with the opening of Sotomayor HS?

There are no associate boundary changes between existing high schools in the proposed Sotomayor HS plan. If this were to occur,

- **Students in a boundary change between two existing high schools may elect to remain at their current high school.** Under the "grandfather" clause of Board Policy FC (LOCAL), returning high school students and their concurrently enrolled siblings may continue at their current high school

Who can I contact if I have questions?

Boundary Questions..... (210) 397-8796
Secondary Administration (210) 397-8639
Secondary Instruction..... (210) 397-8637
Transportation Questions (210) 397-0874



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**Northside Independent School District
School Boundary Advisory Committee
Proposed Boundary for
Sonia Sotomayor High School**

Email address: _____

Guardian/Parent's first name: _____

Guardian/Parent's last name: _____

Home address: _____

Contact number: _____

School student is currently attending: _____

Name of neighborhood: _____

Circle one in regards to the proposed boundary change(s):

I am in favor

I am opposed

I am undecided

Comments regarding the proposed boundary change(s): _____

Return this form by October 5 to:
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