



# Middletown Public Schools

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Dear Parents and Colleagues,

Currently, Middletown Public Schools is working to address overcrowding, equity, and racial imbalances across our elementary schools. As a result, the Board of Education has established an Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee to explore options to address these issues. A redistricting plan is scheduled to go into effect during the 2016-2017 school year.

Our goal for redistricting is to create a long-term plan that will be in the best interest of Middletown's students and families, as well as comply with state laws regarding racial balance. While this is a large task, we strive to develop a plan that works well for the school community. The goals of the redistricting process are to improve education for all students by:

1. Increasing enrollment balance: racial, socioeconomic, and deployment of resources;
2. Minimizing negative impacts to students and families;
3. Maintaining grant funding and minimizing additional costs to the District;
4. Ensuring the long term sustainability of the Plan;
5. Striving for student and family proximity to assigned schools and building strong school communities; and
6. Maintaining flexibility for future programming opportunities.

We invite parents and guardians to attend one of the Redistricting Committee meetings to listen as options are discussed. While the public does not actively participate in these meetings, you have the opportunity hear from Committee's educators, principals, administrators, board members and parents on this topic. Meeting information and preliminary redistricting options are available at [www.middletownschoools.org](http://www.middletownschoools.org) under "District Info." Click on "[Redistricting & Racial Imbalance Plan](#)." The next two meeting dates are October 6 and November 9 at Central Office.

Parents and guardians are invited to attend an upcoming community forum to discuss elementary redistricting. This is the community's opportunity to provide input on the redistricting plans being considered. Here are the dates and the locations of the community forums:

- **Thursday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Middletown High School**
- **Thursday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Woodrow Wilson Middle School**

Let's figure out the best solution together. I hope you consider being part of this important process and join us for these conversations.

Sincerely,

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