

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY

## PACIFIC SOUTH DISTRICT

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## Dear Parents;

School enrollment zones are determined based on where students reside as well as the capacity of the schools. School officials work to balance the available school resources with the population we service. Periodically the schools must review the enrollment patterns and available assets to subsequently adjust the enrollment areas. We do this to maximize the use of facilities and transportation assets to provide the best possible service to our students. We have recently completed a review and found that McCool Elementary Middle School is at or nearing the capacity of students for which it was built. The Andersen Schools currently have space to house additional students.

In order to best utilize the available school space the attendance zones for the schools will be adjusted for school year 19-20. This change will reduce the enrollment at McCool Elementary Middle School by approximately 100 students. Although the bus commute for some students may increase, our intent is to keep bus rides to under an hour.

After careful consideration, the new attendance boundary lines will follow Route 4 beginning just north of the Chamorro Village across the island to the Pago River Bridge. A map is included for your reference. All of those elementary or middle school aged students who reside on the North Side of Route 4 will attend the Andersen Schools. All of those students who reside on the south side of Route 4 and beyond the Pago River Bridge will attend McCool Elementary Middle School. Transportation will be provided to elementary and middle school aged students based on these boundaries.

A waiver request process will be available for all families. Decisions regarding waivers will not be made until August 2019 when a more complete picture of enrollment at the schools is available. Priority will be given to those in hardship situations (i.e. single parent military member with child care only available in the requested school zone.)

For any questions about these changes please contact the Guam Field Office at 344-9571.

Educationally yours,

Community Superintendent

