



Glen Ellyn ABC
School District 41



Boundaries Advisory Committee Recommendation



December 18, 2006

Agenda

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Recommendation

No Boundary Change

The committee recommends no change to school attendance area boundaries, believing boundary changes will not mitigate overcrowding. The committee has put forward suggestions to the administration that may help it better utilize its existing space until a facility solution is implemented. Finally, while facilities are out of scope for the committee's work, we urge the Board of Education to make a facility solution a top priority.

Recommendation

Administrative steps to manage enrollment.

1. Address growth, especially in the north end of the district.
2. Establish choice zones.
3. Study space utilization
4. Examine programmatic balance
5. Increase space.

Minority viewpoint regarding a boundary adjustment

There is support among some committee members for making boundary adjustments for the upcoming school year. These members feel that while all schools are crowded, Abraham Lincoln urgently needs relief, and Churchill will need relief soon. The members who hold this viewpoint would like the administration to continue to work on developing a boundary adjustment to provide relief to Abraham Lincoln and Churchill schools.

Recommendation

Summary

The Boundary Advisory Committee examined a number of issues in this complex matter: current enrollment, projected growth, planned housing developments, program needs, facility use, transportation routes, and parent perspectives. The majority of the committee cannot support changing boundaries. All schools are crowded and there would be little if any benefit to justify the disruption to families and to our school communities that a boundary adjustment would entail. The committee began its work looking for a boundary solution; it concludes its work unanimous in its understanding that the district is facing a facility issue. As stated in the recommendation, the committee urges the Board of Education to make a facility solution a top priority.

Serving the district on such an important matter was rewarding and enlightening, and the committee members thank the Board of Education for the opportunity.

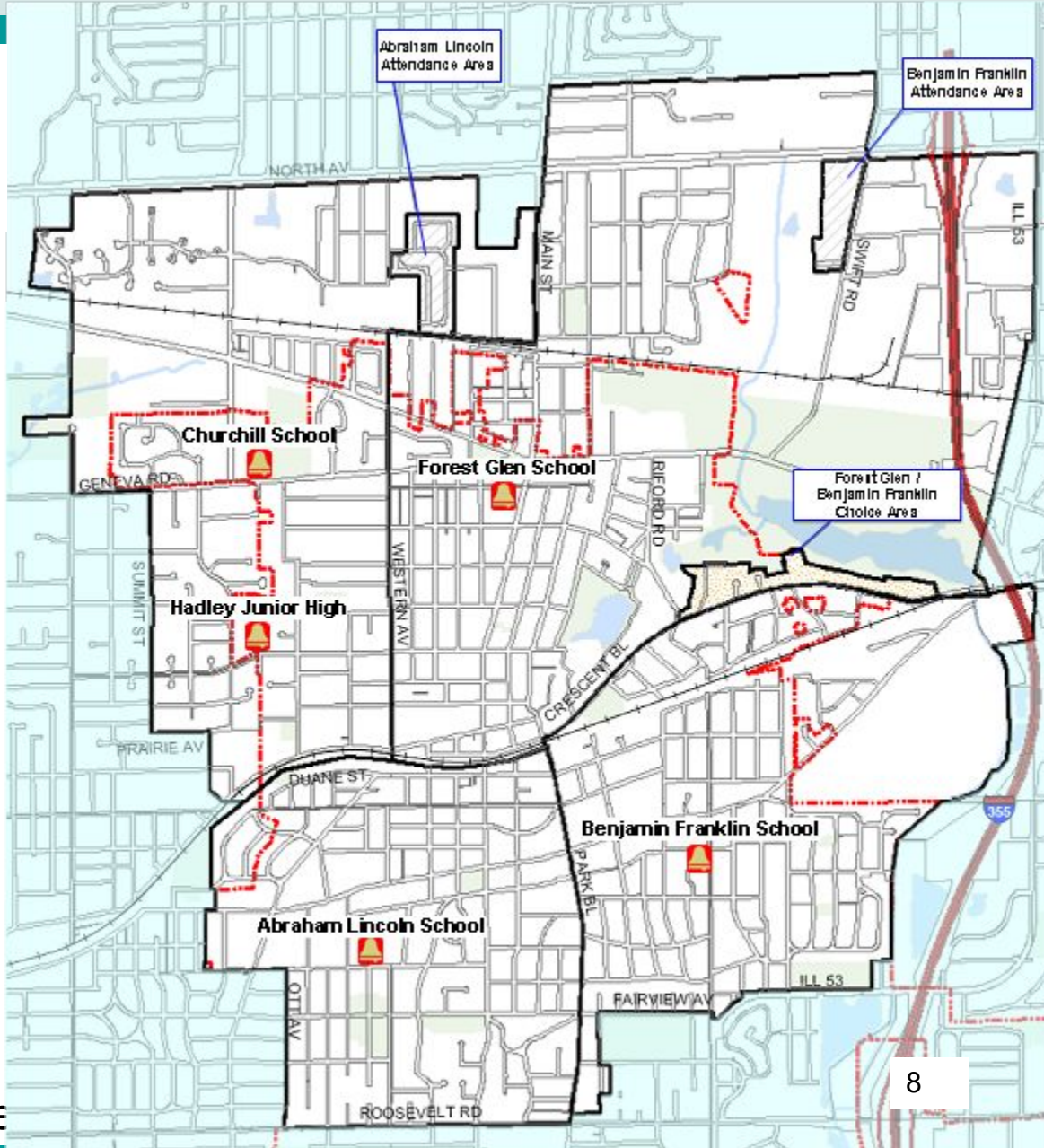
Overview of the 7 scenarios the committee analyzed.

Enrollment projections were provided to the committee; actual enrollment has tracked well with the projections district-wide, but has diverged from projections at the building level.

In analyzing the scenarios, the committee used enrollment as of Sept. 30, 2006, cross-referencing its numbers against bus route information and actual student addresses. The committee felt current enrollment provided a better picture of the impact of the scenarios.

1) Keep Current Boundaries

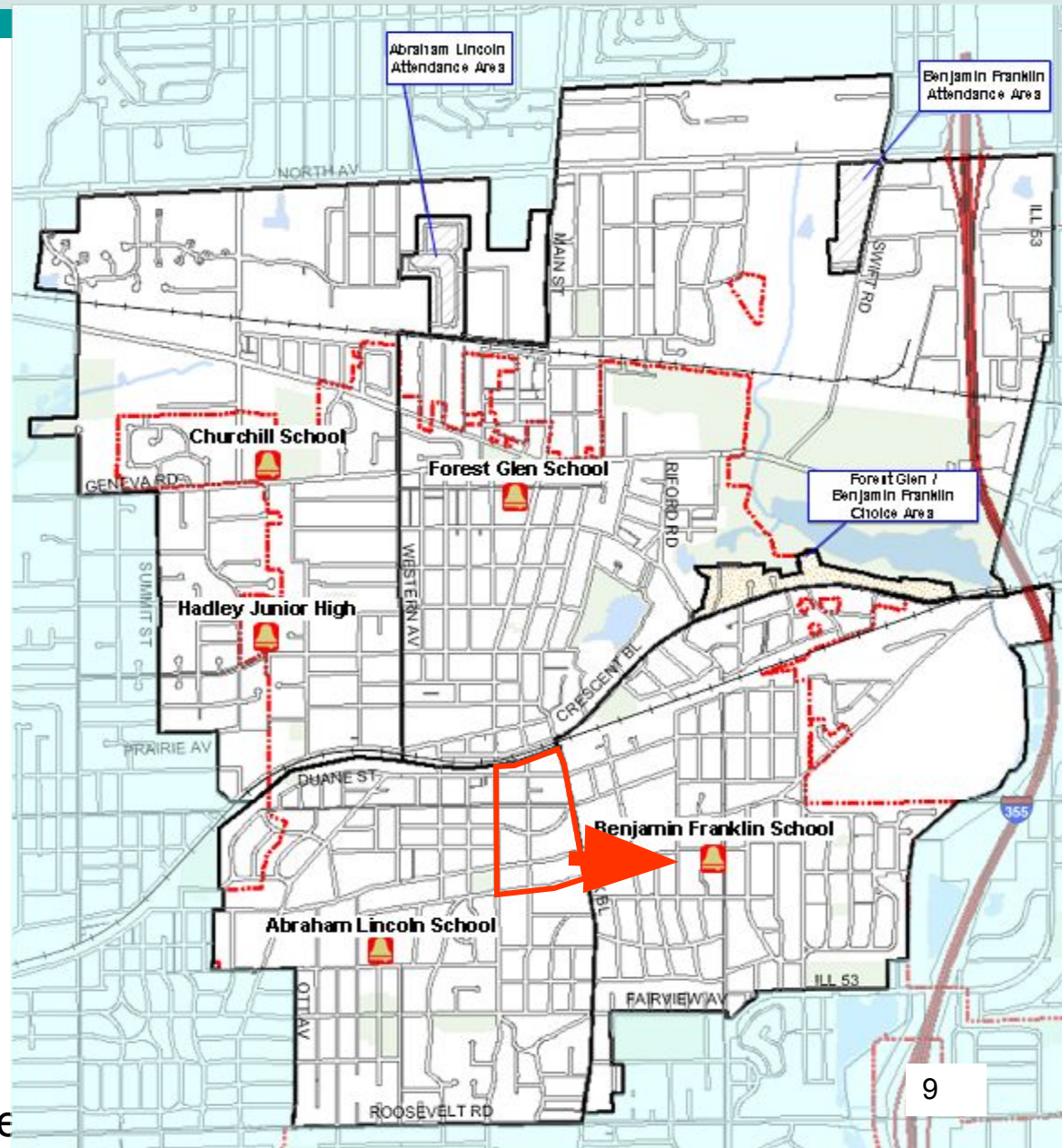
- Assumes boundary changes provide no clear benefit.



2) Shift selected area to Ben Franklin

- Shift the area defined by Park Blvd. and Main St. south from the RR tracks to Hill or Turner to Ben Franklin.
- Reduces enrollment at Lincoln; increases it at Ben Franklin.

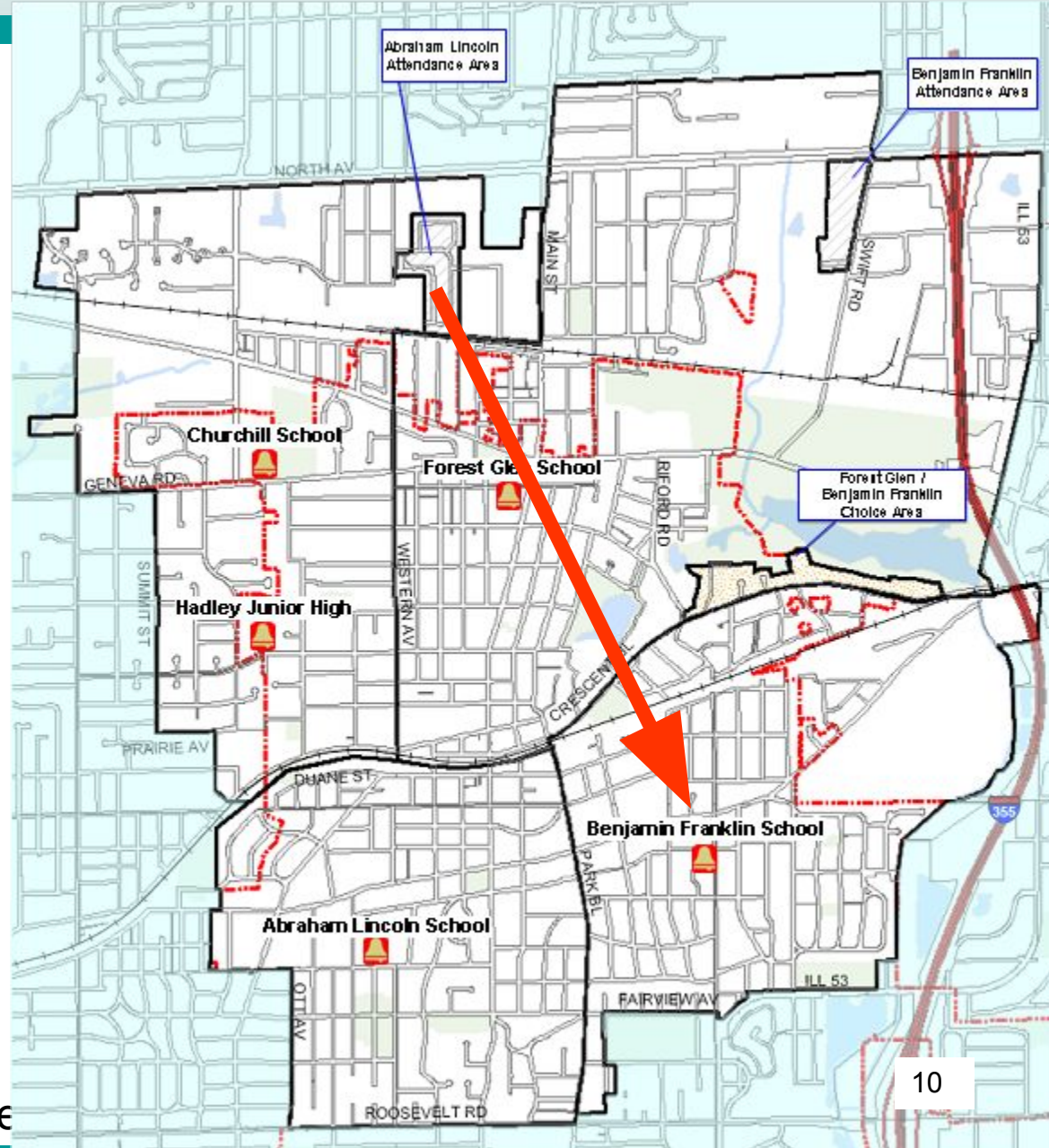
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BF	624	662
CH	624	624
FG	538	538



3) Hartz-Greenbrier area to Franklin

- Reduces enrollment at Lincoln; increases it at Ben Franklin.

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CH	624	624
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4) Northwest areas to Ben Franklin; Tanager area to Forest Glen

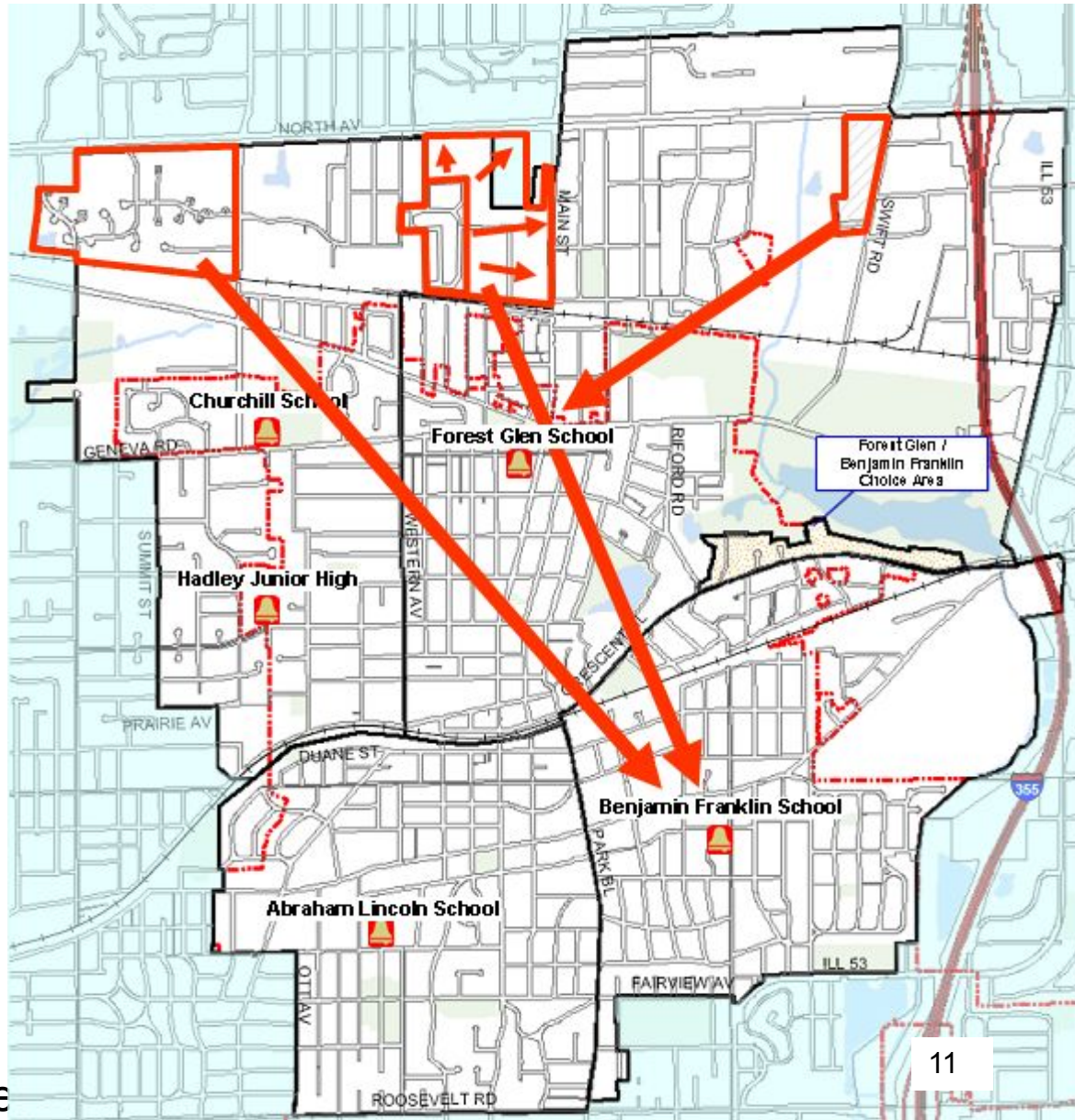
- Expand Hartz-Greenbrier subdivision east to Main, north to North Ave., and shift to Ben Franklin.
- Shift the area West of Bloomingdale Road to the western boundary of the district to Ben Franklin.
- Shift the Tanager pocket to Forest Glen from Franklin.
- Reduces enrollment at Lincoln and Churchill; increases it at Ben Franklin and Forest Glen.

	Current	Adjusted
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FG	538	568

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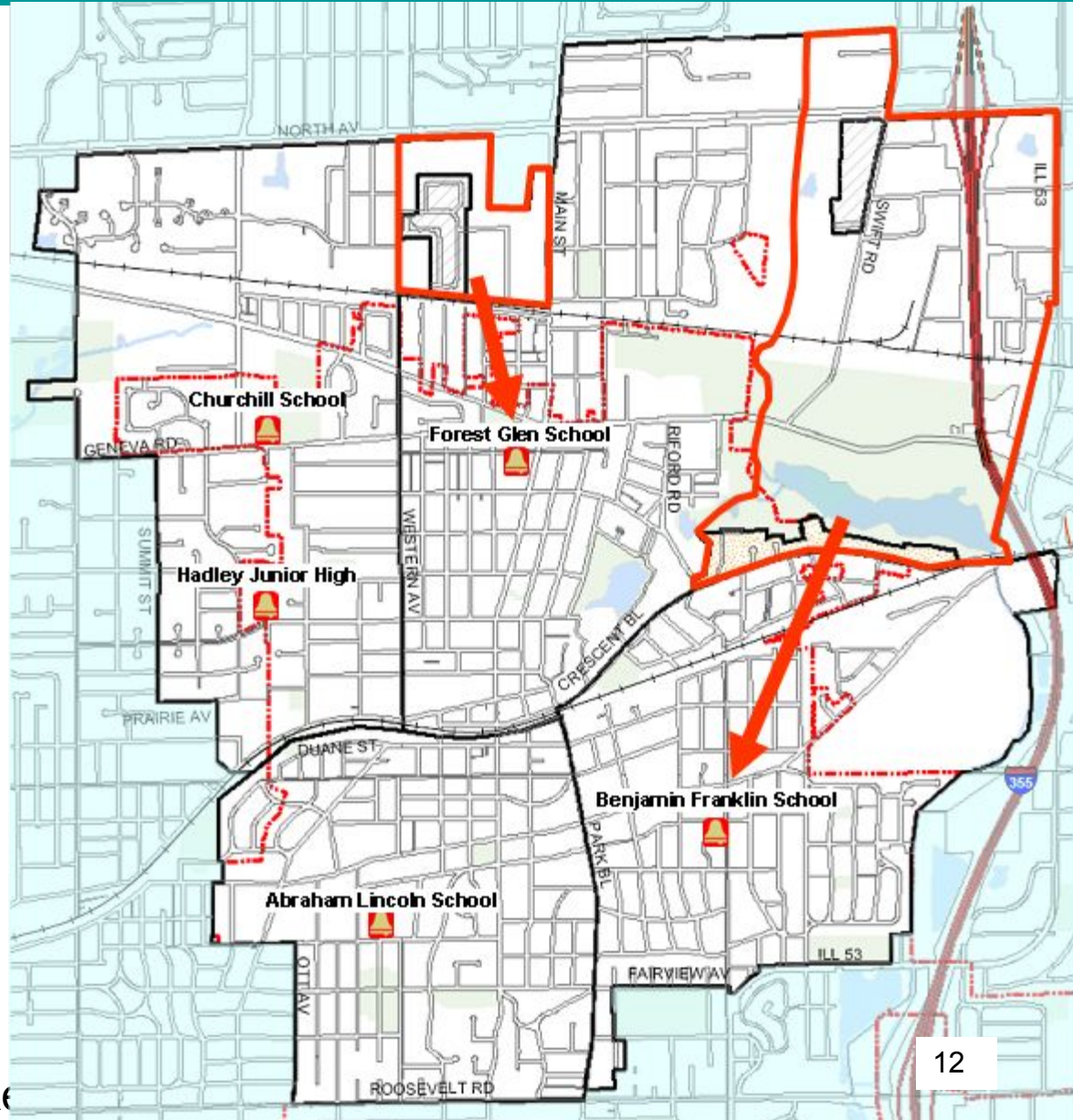
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5) North areas to Forest Glen and Ben Franklin

- Shift area between Western and the DuPage River to Forest Glen.
- Shift area east of the DuPage River to Ben Franklin.
- Reduces enrollment at Lincoln and Churchill; increases it at Franklin and Forest Glen, moves impact of some anticipated growth caused by development to Ben Franklin.

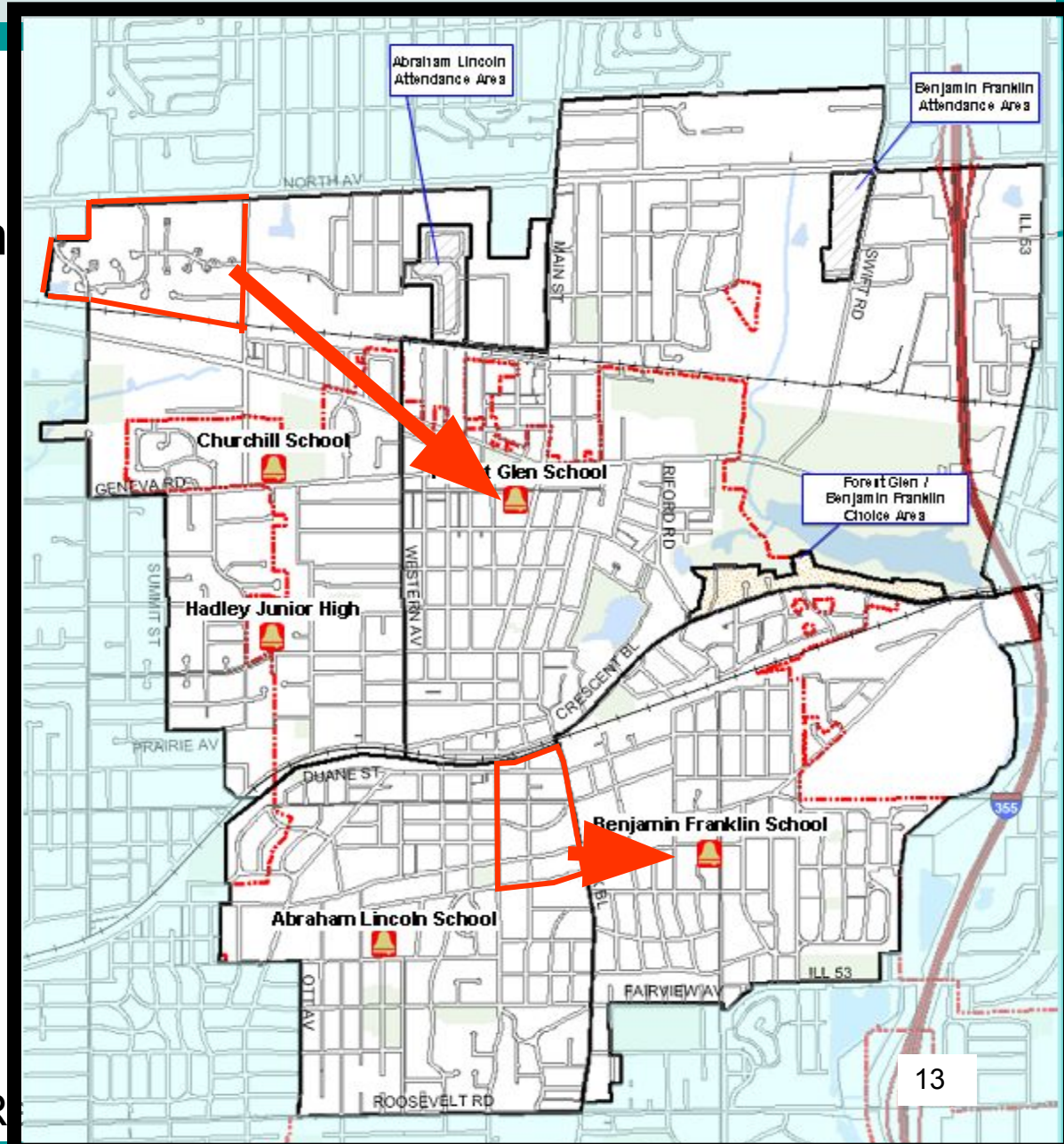
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6) Shift selected areas to Ben Franklin and Forest Glen

- Shift the area West of Bloomingdale Road to the western boundary of the district to Ben Franklin.
- Reduces enrollment at Churchill and Lincoln, increases it at Ben Franklin and Forest Glen.

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7) North areas to Forest Glen, Franklin

- Shift area east of the DuPage River to Ben Franklin.
- Shift the area west of Main and north of the Great Western Trail to Forest Glen
- Reduces enrollment at Lincoln and Churchill; increases it at Franklin and Forest Glen; moves impact of some anticipated growth caused by development to Ben Franklin

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CH	624	592
FG	538	592

