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The Board shall determine the attendance areas served by schools within M.S.A.D. #35.

In general, attendance area boundaries will follow existing town lines.

In general, students will be assigned to the District elementary school serving the attendance area in which their parent(s)/guardian(s) reside. For students in pre-kindergarten through third grade whose parent(s)/guardian(s) reside in Eliot, this will be the Eliot Elementary School; for those students whose parent(s)/guardian(s) reside in South Berwick, this will be the Central School.

The Superintendent may recommend to the Board for its consideration proposed changes in attendance area boundaries based on projected enrollment and the most efficient use of District resources.

The Superintendent shall have the authority to assign a student to a school outside of his/her designated attendance area if the student requires a specific program available only at that school.

The Superintendent may, at his/her discretion, approve a parent/guardian’s request that his/her child be allowed to attend another elementary school in the District provided that 1) it is in the best interest of the child to do so; 2) there is space available; 3) the transfer will not require additional staff, programming or facilities; and 4) it will not disrupt established instructional programming.

School bus transportation will not be provided for students attending a school outside his/her designated attendance area at their parents’/guardians’ request area unless they can be accommodated on existing bus routes and schedules, except that transportation for students with disabilities will be provided in accordance with their IEP.

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