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Thanks to our community, our new elementary school, Hamilton Ridge, is taking shape. Dozens of staff, parents and community members have either served on the building design committee or have taken the time to submit a school name idea. Now we are looking forward to breaking ground this spring and opening Hamilton Ridge in Savage in the fall of 2020.

One of the exciting parts of planning for a new building is working with the community so that the name and the design is a reflection of the stakeholders who will inhabit the school. More than one hundred community members submitted name suggestions. After a committee reviewed all of the name ideas, they made recommendations to the School Board. The Board chose Hamilton Ridge Elementary due to its historical significance. Prior to the name "Savage," the area was known as "Hamilton."

The Board has also chosen to name the school fields William G. Pearson, Jr. Athletic Fields in honor of the previous owner of Prior Lake Aggregates who passed away in August, 2017.

Hamilton Ridge will be built in the Big Sky Estates development. Thanks to community input, the design will include classroom and learning common areas throughout the building to provide flexible and personalized learning opportunities.

In preparation for the opening of Hamilton Ridge, K-5 attendance boundaries will change for all of our elementary schools effective in the 2020-2021 school year. New elementary attendance boundaries will help ensure we have adequate instructional and co-curricular space throughout our district for our growing student population.

This change process is underway now and includes feedback from an Input Team, comprised of parents and staff, to study options for School Board consideration and action. The Input Team held its first meeting last week and discussed the process that will be used, attendance boundary options and feedback for changes.

Next up is a Public Information Session on the attendance boundaries that will be held March 18, 6:30-8 p.m. at Prior Lake High School, 7575 150th St. West, Savage. The Input Team will meet again March 20 and April 10 to continue to fine-tune attendance boundary options that will then be forwarded to the School Board April 22. The Board is expected to vote on the new elementary attendance boundaries at its May 6th meeting.

Also for the 2020-21 school year, La ola del lago Spanish Immersion school will move from its outgrown space at Edgewood School and into Grainwood Elementary. Edgewood School will continue to be home to district wide early learning programs.

You can follow along with the elementary attendance boundary process by visiting our website: [www.priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us](http://www.priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us)

During this time of construction and transition throughout our entire district, my hope is that our community remains focused on the common good for all of our students. I am confident that together we can implement changes and make transitions as smooth as possible for students.

I am looking forward to sharing additional details with you in the coming months, including construction updates and plans we are making for a groundbreaking event for Hamilton Ridge this spring. This is an exciting time to be a Laker!