Emerson and Spence Closure

Boundary Creation Considerations

General Principles

- 5. Align elementary boundaries with the secondary boundaries (Ferry St.)
- 6. Limit disruption to existing boundaries
- 7. Keep communities together
 - a. Eliminate attendance islands
 - b. Use natural boundaries
 - c. Reduce bussing
- 8. Try to naturally create socioeconomic balance

If Emerson were closed and boundaries redrawn, the following were considered in the provided option:

- A section of the current Emerson attendance area south of Ferry St. is assigned to Hamilton which aligns with secondary boundaries and creates more socioeconomic balance. (1, 4)
- A section of the current Emerson attendance area south of Ferry St. is assigned to State Road which aligns with secondary boundaries. (1)
- The State Road attendance island is eliminated and split between Emerson (north of Ferry St.) and Hamilton (south of Ferry St.) which aligns secondary boundaries and creates more socioeconomic balance. (1, 2, 3a, 3c)
- The western portion of Emerson's attendance area is assigned to Summit (west of West Ave.) which creates more socioeconomic balance. (2, 3b, 4)
- The central portion of Emerson's attendance area is assigned to Northside (between West Ave and 21st St.) which creates more socioeconomic balance. (3b, 4)
- The eastern portion of Emerson's attendance area is assigned to North Woods (east of 21st St.) which creates more socioeconomic balance. (3b, 4)

If Spence were closed and boundaries redrawn, the following were considered in the provided option:

- The Spence attendance island is assigned to State Road to eliminate attendance islands. (3a)
- The northern portion of Spence is assigned to Hamilton to use natural boundaries and creates more socioeconomic balance. (3b, 4)
- The southwestern portion of Spence is assigned to Hintgen to use natural boundaries. (3b)
- The southeastern portion of Spence is assigned to State Road to use natural boundaries and creates more socioeconomic balance. (3b, 4)

Socioeconomic balance closer to average at Northside, North Woods, Hamilton and Hintgen. Overall socioeconomic balance improves, standard deviation improves from 19% to 18%. There is a 46% increase in bussing required for elementary students.

Emerson & Spence	Current		New Boundaries		
Building	Current K-5 Enroll.	Econ Dis	Students Added	New K-5 Enroll.	New Ec Dis %
Emerson	289	31%	18		
Hamilton/SOTA I	241	84%	127	368	81%
Hintgen	226	69%	92	318	68%
North Woods	264	55%	101	365	44%
Northside/CM	341	78%	89	430	67%
Southern Bluffs	275	32%	11	286	32%
Spence	298	55%			
State Road	282	42%	109	391	37%
Summit	243	53%	33	276	56%
	273	19%		348	18%









