

# Middle School Boundary Committee

Meeting 1: March 22, 2023



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# Tonight's Agenda

Thank you for being here!

Board President's Welcome

A quick review of bond projects

Ground Rules: Middle school boundaries

Potential Options: Middle school boundaries

Table introductions



**COLLABORATIVE**



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## A Quick Review

Passed a \$145 million bond election in April 2022

- Build a second middle school
- Improvement spaces at WRMS
- Transition 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to the middle level

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- Improve spaces at elementary schools (PreK – Grade 5)
- Increase early childhood classrooms

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- Build a Career & Technical Education Center at WRHS
- Improve spaces at WRHS

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- Capital improvements / added space at each school



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## Pauline Central

Approximately \$13 million in new construction

- January bid date – **on budget**
- August 2024 completion date



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## Washburn Rural High School

Approximately \$24.8 million in new construction

- February bid date – **on budget**
- Spring Semester 2025 completion date
- Multipurpose space to be planned at later date



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## Middle School 2

Approximately \$48.4 million in new construction

- Slightly over budget, seeking efficiencies
- April bid date – August 2025 completion date
- Access to direct daylight & outdoor learning space

## Washburn Rural Middle School

- Approximately \$9 million in improvements scheduled for Summer 2023, 2024, & 2025



# Washburn Rural Middle School

- **Summer 2023** – remodel 24 classrooms... floor to ceiling, wall to wall

Creating Similar Themes Among WRMS and MS2

- **Connection with the outdoors** through outdoor seating, awnings, windows/garage doors for access to outside. WRMS will have a particular focus on outdoor education with environmental science STEM classrooms.
- **Collaboration opportunities** by removing interior walls to open up spaces to allow students to engage in project based learning outside the classroom, and opening up the library/media center.
- **Addition of natural light** through large windows, garage doors on the north side, in addition to natural light opportunities throughout the building.



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## Middle School 2 Timeline (Posted on District Website)

- **BOE will approve MS boundaries by May 2023**
- Announce MS2 principal January 2024
- Establish MS2 PTO February 2024
- Announce WRMS and MS2 admin teams by March 2024
- Approve MS2 name, mascot, and colors by June 2024
- Staff each middle school during 2024-25 school year
- MS2 opens in 2025-26 school year



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# Timeline of Projects

**2023**

- PC, MS2, WRMS, WRHS, TG

**2024**

- IH, JS

**2025**

- AE, FE, PS, WE



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    - Ground Rules
      - Big picture thinking
      - Two comparable middle schools
        - Student enrollment
        - Distance traveled to/from school
        - At-risk factors
        - Protect elementary boundaries; if possible
      - Minimize disruption and impact

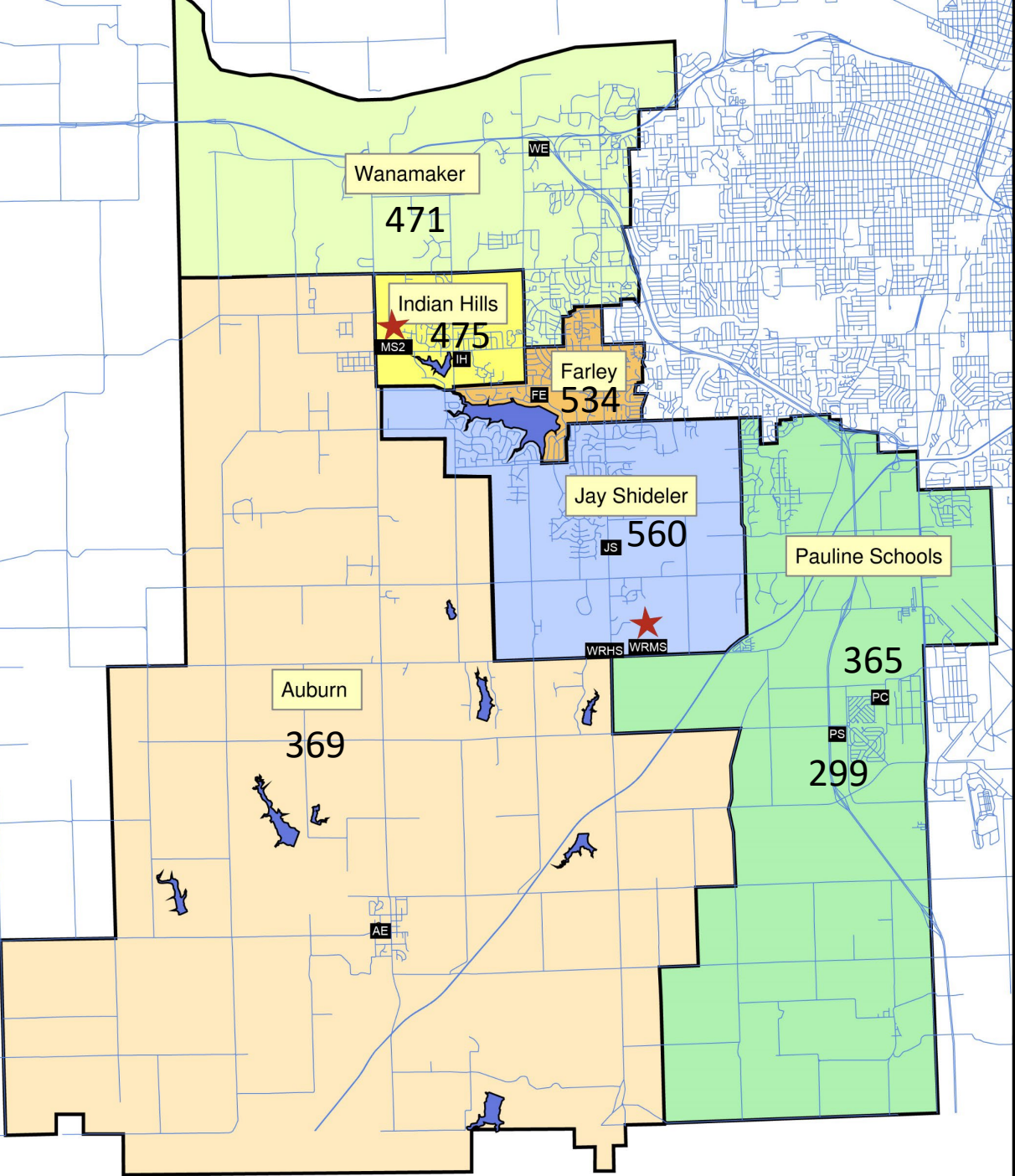


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## Ground Rules

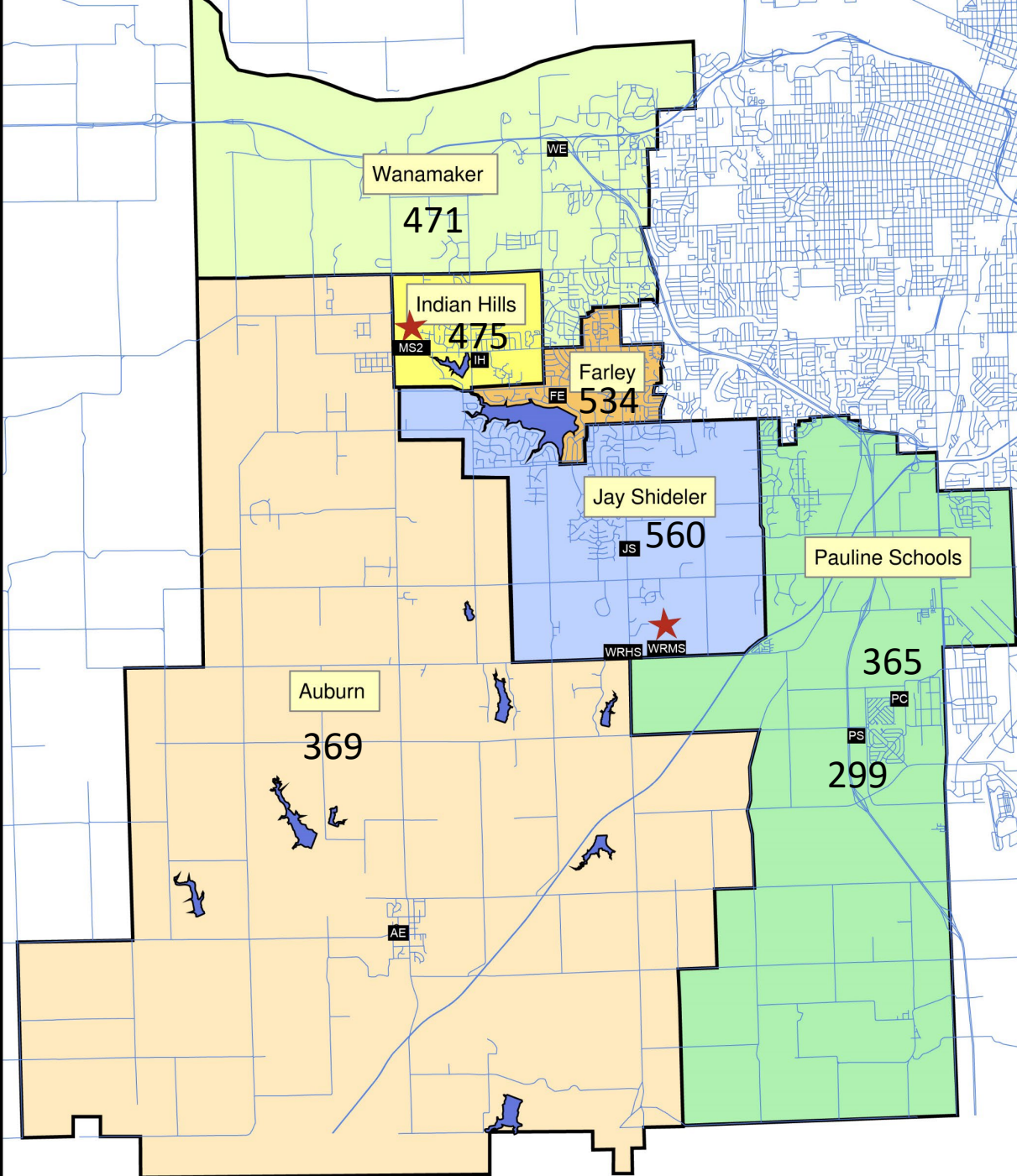
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    - Free/Reduced Price Lunch: 30 – 33%
    - Special Education: 17 – 20%
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Distance traveled to and from school.

A logical view of the district map with elementary boundaries.



## Two Options to Consider Applying Stated Characteristics

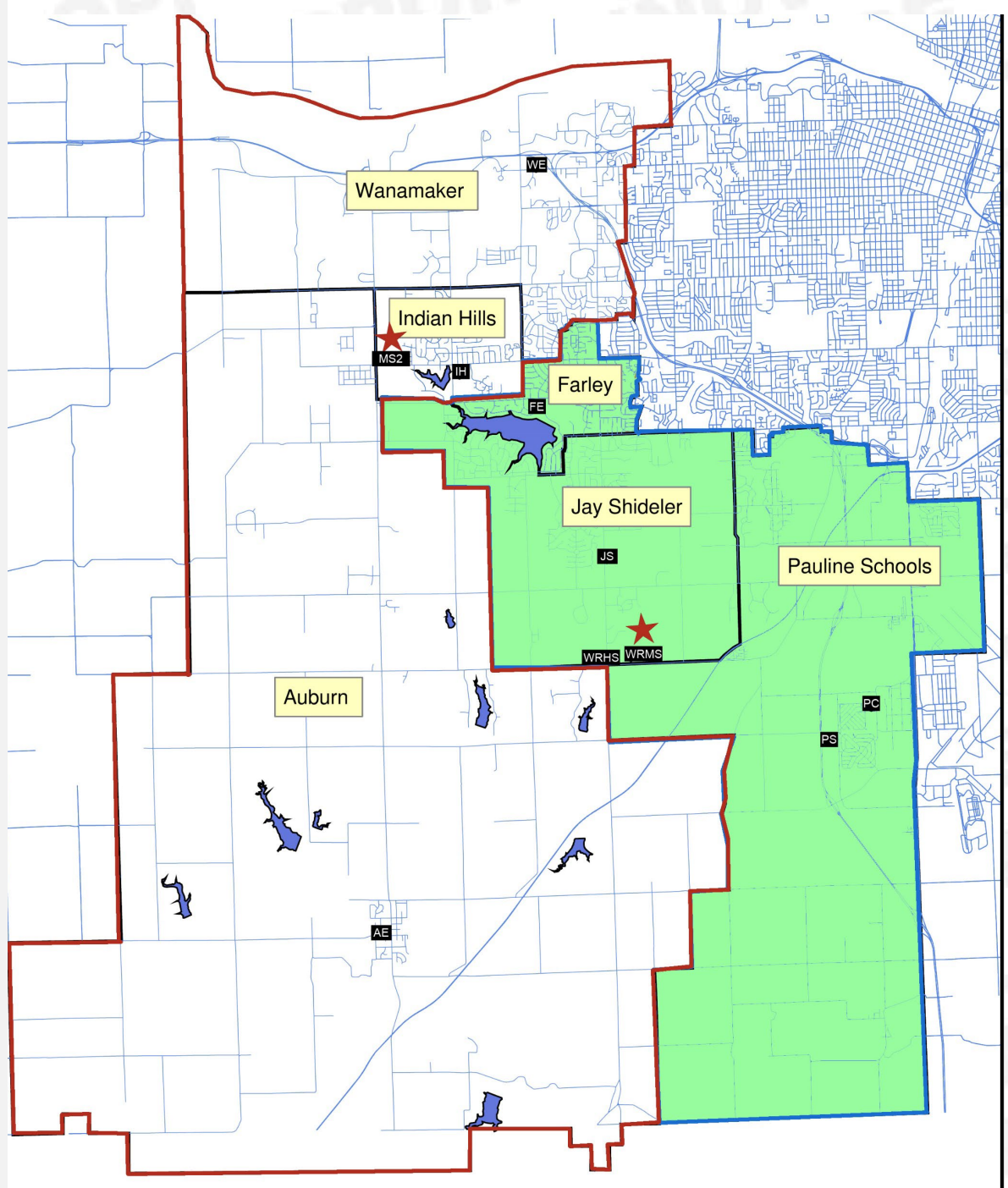
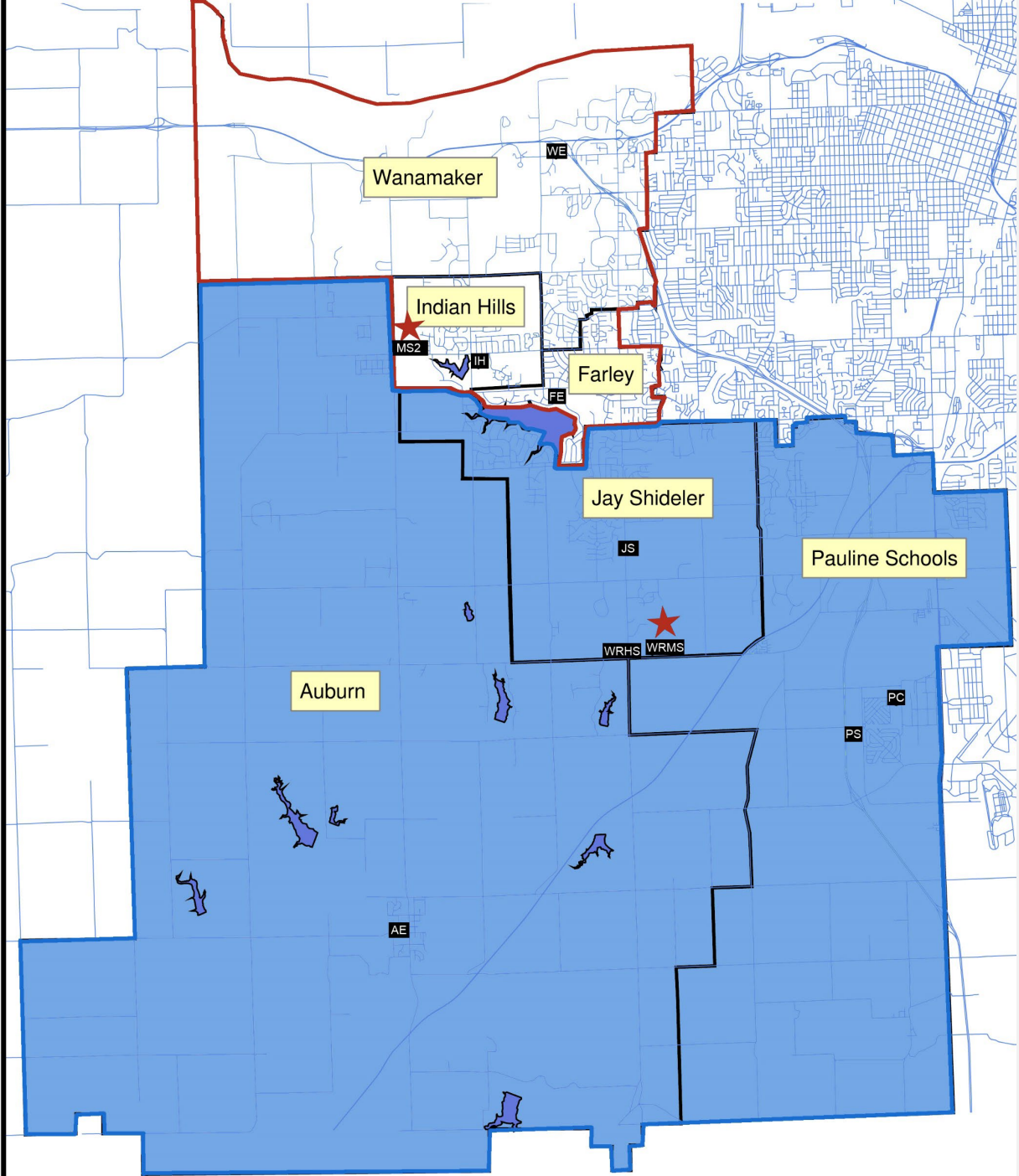
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It's time to get to work! Table collaboration on:

- Middle school boundary maps
- Miles to/from school
- Middle school student data
- Enrollment
- Free/Reduced Price Lunch
- Special Education



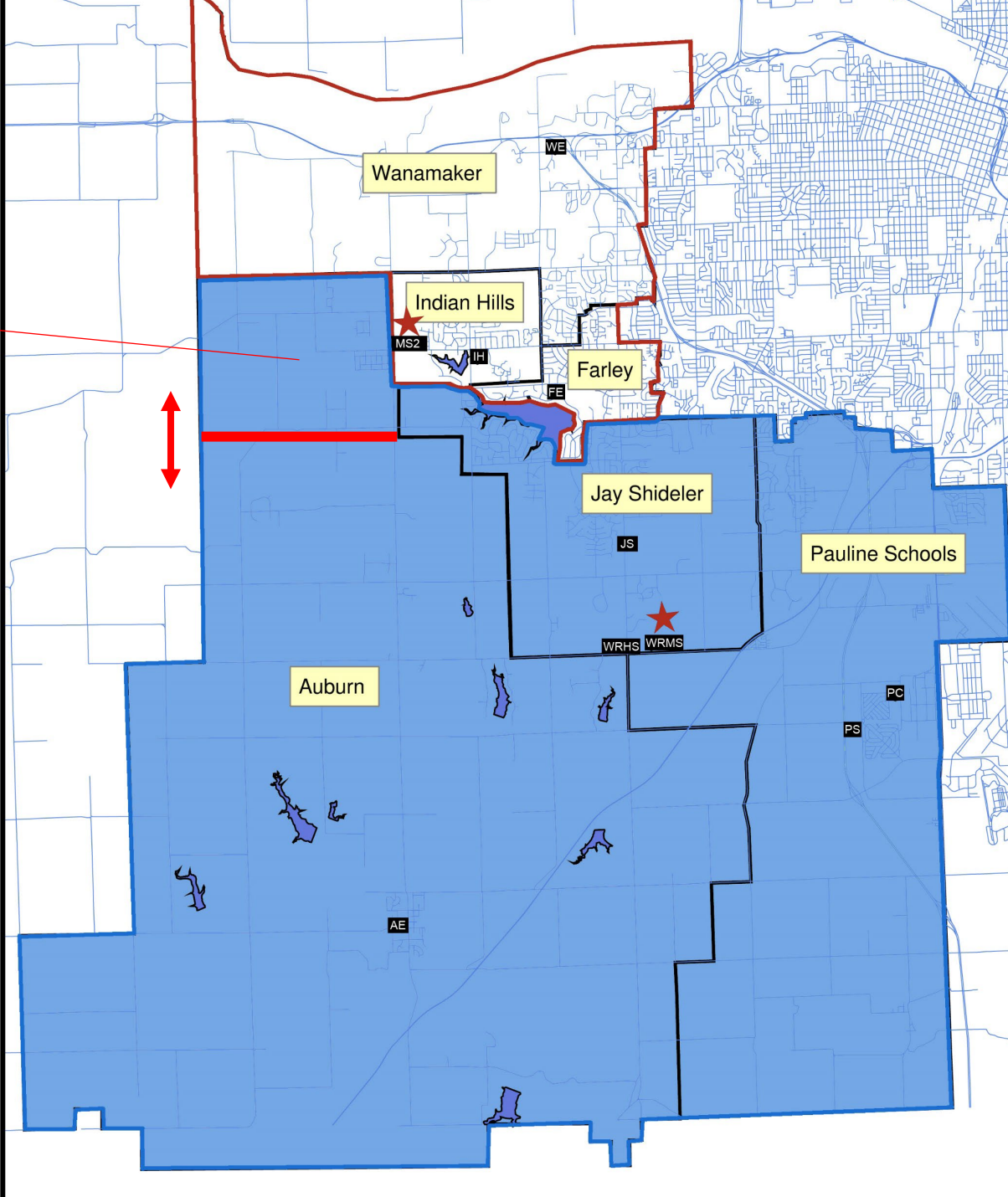




Less than 20 AE families live in this northern section of the AE attendance center.

One option is to give them (and only them) the option of going with AE cohort to WRMS or attending MS2.

Another option is to adjust that boundary line.





## Thank you for the collaboration!

Feedback from Tables

- Consensus gained?
- Additional Information Needed?
- Other options to consider?



Meeting 2: April 5, 2023

Board Room

6:00 – 7:00 pm



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Our Task

Follow-Up Items

Consensus Gained: Middle school boundaries

A Favor to Ask



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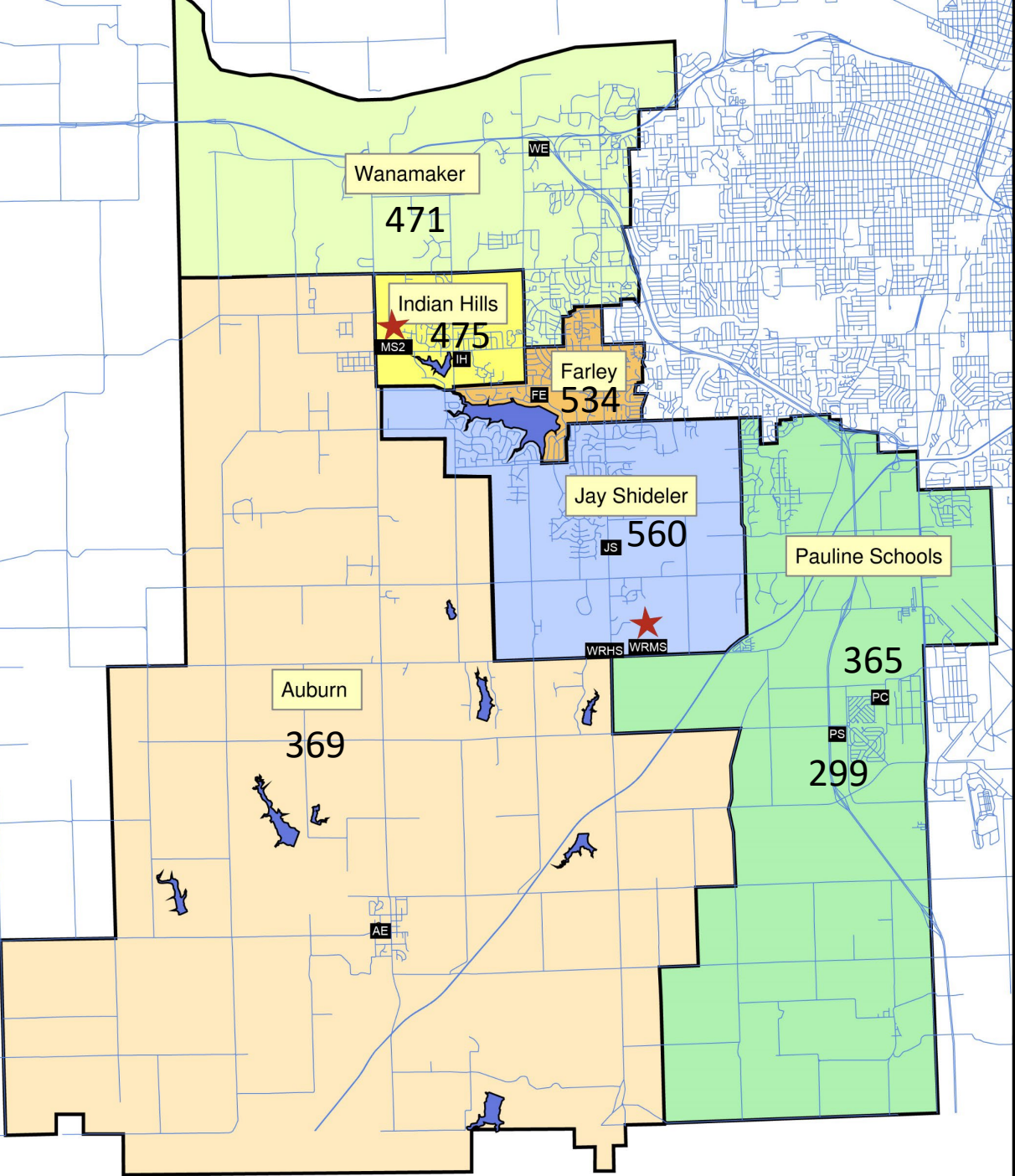
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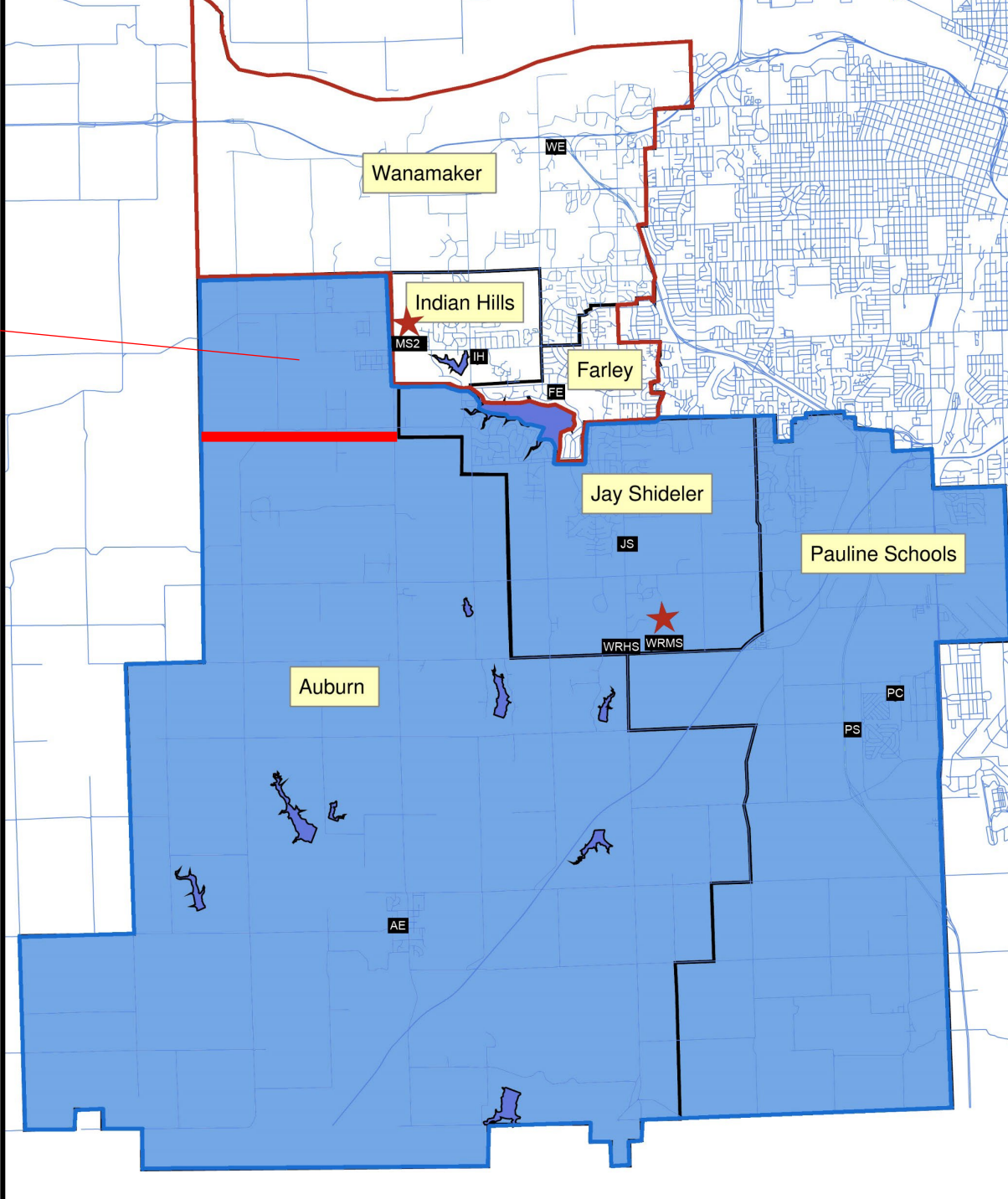




Less than 20 AE students live in north section of boundary.

Give them (and only them) the option of going with AE cohort to WRMS or attending MS2.

This process has been in play for years when a school has capacity.



## Follow-Up Items

- Phones call were made
- Resident heat map was printed
- Bus transportation was explored
  - A transportation plan will be ready by the 2025-26 school year to accommodate middle school boundaries
  - Options will continue to be explored for Transportation Services each year moving forward

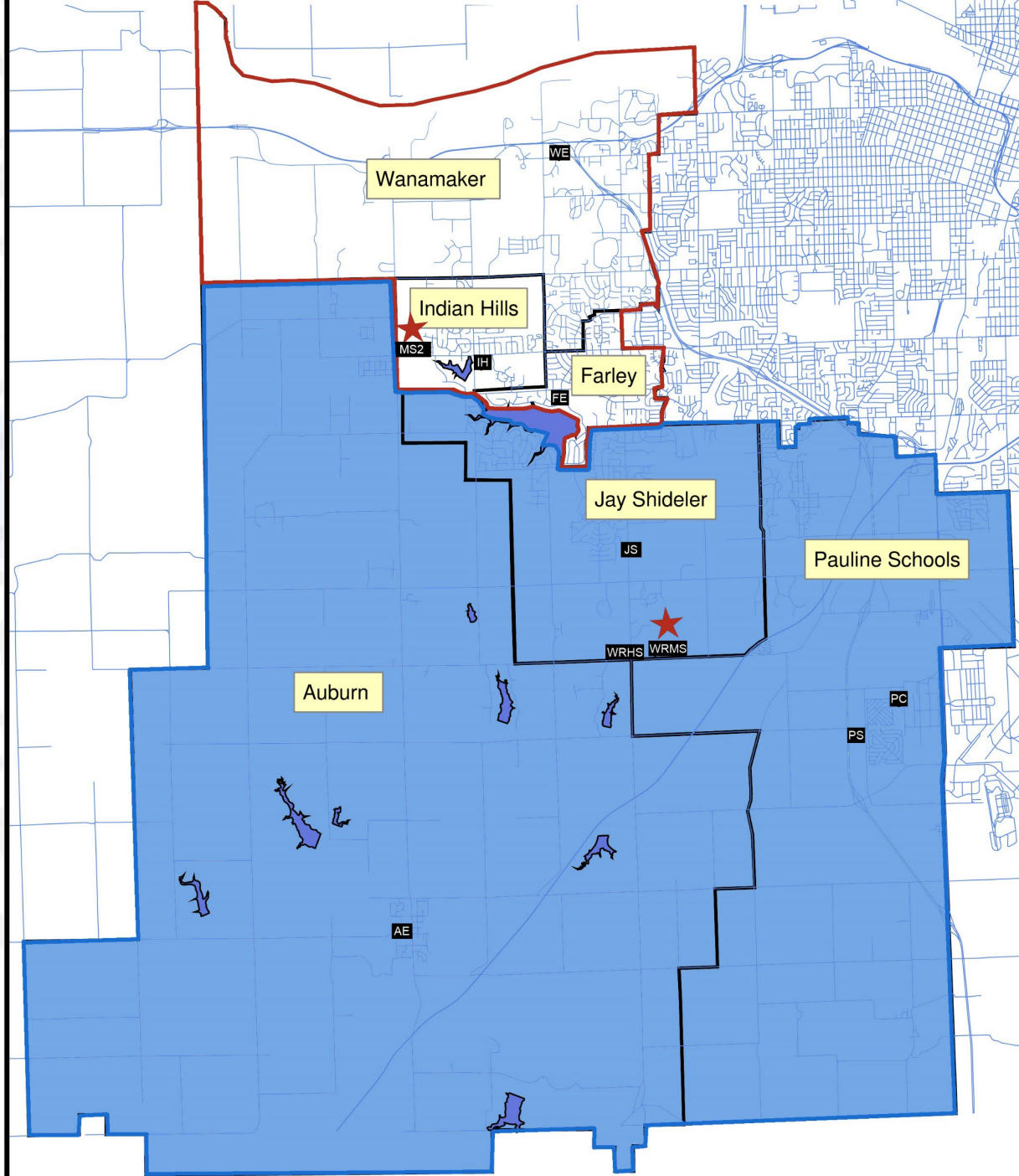




**Consensus  
Gained**

**WRMS**

**AE – JS – PS**



**MS2**

**FE – IH – WE**

**Thank you for the collaboration!**

## **Potential Next Steps**

- April 17 – Item for Discussion
- May 1 – Action Item
- May 2 – Launch Communication Plan



**A Favor to Ask**



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