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City Phone Numbers

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Amphitheater – 568-ARTS
Community Events – 568-6097
Fire Department Adm. – 568-2930
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Job Hotline – 561-7009
Parks and Rec – 568-2900
Planning and Zoning – 568-7256
Police Information – 568-7200
Public Utilities (Water, Storm Water, Streetlights) – 568-7280
Public Works (Roads, Engineering, Waste) – 568-2999
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89% of Residents want to Vote on School District

Recently, the State Legislature authorized cities to place before voters the opportunity to create a new school district. Alta, Cottonwood Heights, Draper, Midvale, Sandy, and Salt Lake County jointly hired a consulting team to study the feasibility of creating a new district in our communities. The purpose of the study was to provide independent information to help determine if creating a new school district would be beneficial. The complete feasibility study is available at county library branches or on-line at www.sandy.utah.gov.

A recent Dan Jones survey found that 89% of residents favor putting the issue of creating a new school district on the ballot. Following four town meetings, the Sandy City Council held a public hearing on June 19 to gather public input regarding this issue. The City Council, along with the councils from each participating community, will now decide whether to put this issue before voters.

Study Findings

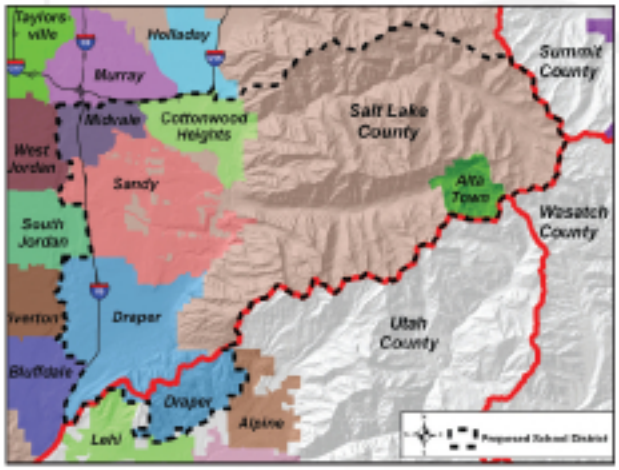
While future school boards will make specific decisions, the study found achievements, finances, and responsiveness may be affected as follows:

Educational Quality and Achievement

- The new district will have resources to continue all educational programs currently offered.
- The two districts would be very similar in academic achievement and test scores.
- Research cited shows smaller districts generally correlate with smaller schools and class sizes.

Taxes and School Finances

- Taxes in the Jordan School District are likely to go up due to new growth. If a new school district is created, that tax increase will be reduced by about 15 percent. The remaining district will see a further tax increase of 18-20 percent.
- A new, east school district would have more revenues per student and the ability to remodel and replace older schools.



The proposed new school district would include Alta, Cottonwood Heights, Draper, Midvale, Sandy, and Salt Lake County.

Local Responsiveness

- A new school district would benefit all communities by directing locally generated taxes to the specific needs of each area.
- Creating smaller school districts will offer more local control and allow districts to be more locally responsive to differing citizen preferences.