

Arlington School Redistricting

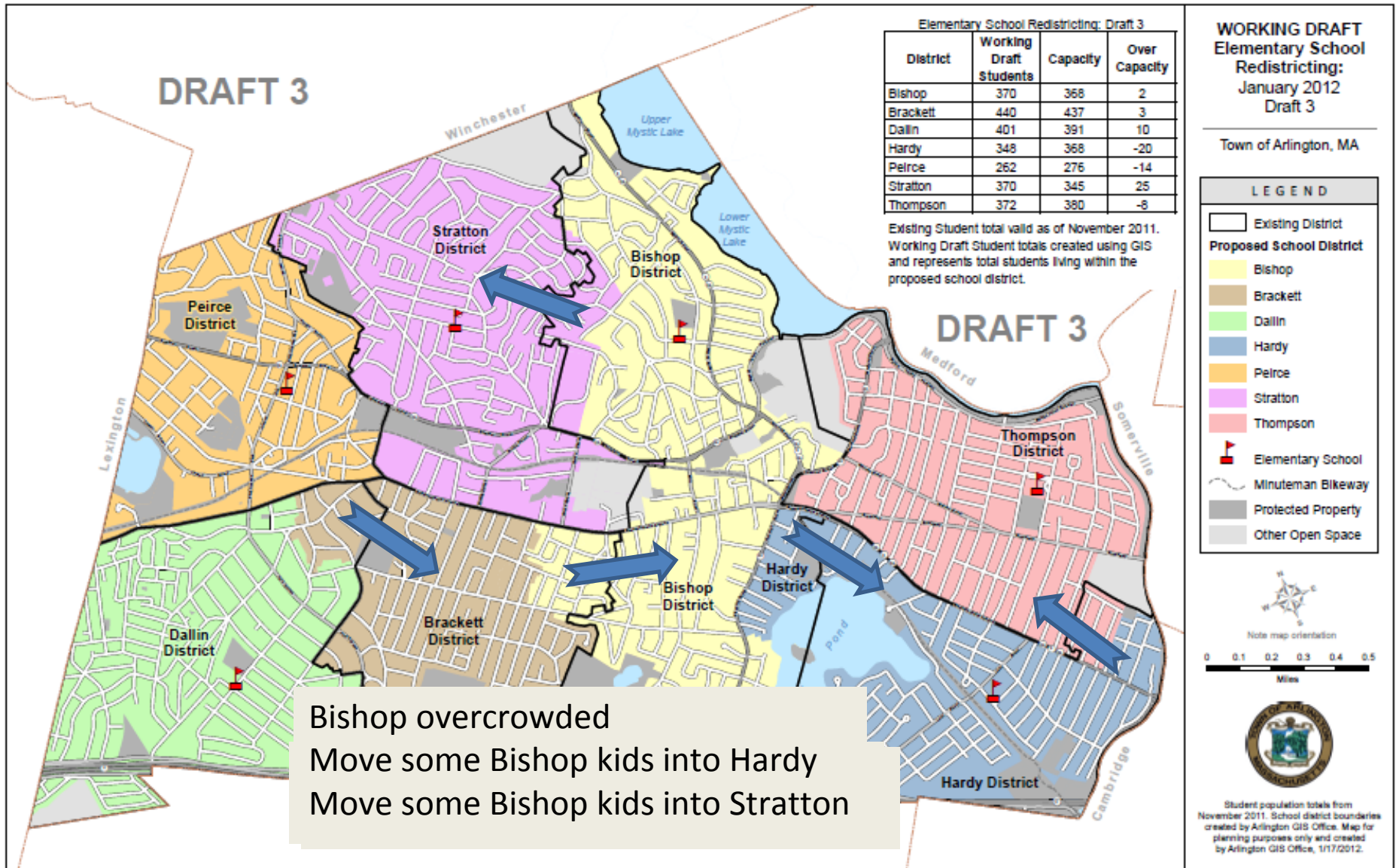
Bishop Update

1/25/12

Why Redistrict

- Thompson was rebuilt with state funding to accommodate 380 students
 - Arlington is required to submit a plan by June for redistricting to add students to Thompson
- Dalin has 420 students but 390 capacity
- All schools are close to capacity

Example From Current **DRAFT** Map



What Is The Process

- Redistricting committee consists of representatives of the school system and parent representatives
- Committee comes up with a recommended map
- Superintendent Bodie presents the map to the school committee
- School committee votes on the new map

Commonly Asked Questions

- What about grandfathering / phase-in?
 - The school representatives asked to discuss it in the next meeting.
 - The decision is up to the school committee.
 - Original communication was that only 5th graders will be grandfathered, but that's not final
- How is capacity calculated?
 - Capacity is based on physical class rooms available that are not designated for specials

Commonly Asked Questions

- Will there be buses?
 - Currently, the Bishop bus will remain
 - No other buses are in the current plan
- What determines the new map?
 - Capacity
 - Safe access
 - Maintaining neighborhoods as much as possible
 - Distances

Commonly Asked Questions

- Why is the process so slow?
 - The committee is under Massachusetts Open Meeting laws. We can't discuss things privately in-between the official meetings.

Commonly Asked Questions

- Can't we move Special Ed. classes instead?
 - Most programs use specially designated rooms that are smaller and can't accommodate a regular class
- Are birth rates taken into account?
 - We are trying to find out if birth rates can be considered.
 - We have some parent volunteers helping with data analysis

Useful Links

- <http://www.arlington.k12.ma.us/administration/redistricting/>
- <http://www.arlingtoncommunities.org/>
- Email: bishopdistrict@avrahami.com