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At the [Tuesday, January 24, 2023, School Board meeting](#), a temporary non-traditional school option was considered for the current [Independence High School/Brambleton Middle School](#) attendance zone to take effect with the start of the 2024-2025 school year – in conjunction with the opening of a new Dulles North area middle school (MS-14).

The new middle school is under construction and scheduled to open in fall 2024, with the start of the 2024-2025 academic year. The middle school will be located at 41480 Steeplechase Loop Drive in Leesburg, at the southwest corner of the Evergreen Mills Road/Ryan Road/Red Hill Road intersection. A new Dulles North area high school (HS-14) is planned to open adjacent to MS-14 in fall 2028 (2028-2029 school year).

To avoid an overcrowded high school until HS-14 opens, as well as unnecessary attendance zone changes, staff has recommended the following temporary school option **for the 2024-2025 through 2027-2028 school years for the current Independence High School/Brambleton Middle School attendance zone**. In fall 2024, at the start of the 2024-2025 school year, with the opening of MS-14, it is proposed that:

- MS-14 will serve students in grade six and grade seven.
- Brambleton Middle School will continue to serve grade eight students. Additionally, the Brambleton Middle School facility will serve as a grade nine annex to Independence High School.
- Independence High School will serve students in grades nine through twelve, with a grade nine annex at Brambleton Middle School.

These three schools will serve the secondary school students residing in the current Independence High School/Brambleton Middle School attendance zone until HS-14 opens in fall 2028 (2028-2029 school year).

With the opening of HS-14, secondary school attendance zones will be modified for both the [Dulles North](#) and [Dulles South](#) areas. HS-14 will serve students in grades nine through twelve. MS-14 will begin serving students in grades six through eight. In fall 2028, Independence High School will continue serving students in grades nine through twelve; Brambleton Middle School will again serve students in grades six through eight.

Should the School Board vote not to support the proposed temporary non-traditional school model for the current Independence High School/Brambleton Middle School attendance zone, a spring 2023 secondary school attendance zone change process will be necessary for the Dulles North and Dulles South planning areas – with adopted changes taking effect in fall 2024 (2024-2025 school year), with the opening of MS-14. With attendance zone changes, MS-14 would open in fall 2024 serving students in grades six, seven and eight.

The January 24 School Board discussion on the non-traditional school option can be [viewed on the LCPS website](#). The Board will consider the proposal at their February 14, 2023, School Board meeting.

Please contact the Division of Planning & GIS Services at lcpsplan@lcps.org or 571-252-1050 with questions or comments on the non-traditional school option for the current Independence High School/Brambleton Middle School attendance area, or the potential spring 2023 secondary school attendance zone change process for the Dulles North and Dulles South secondary schools. All emails received will be shared with the School Board.

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