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Nashua School District Statement to the Press from:

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Because of interest from local media following public comment at the 3 27 2023 Nashua Board of Education meeting about redistricting schools and the possible closure of Mount Pleasant Elementary School, Dr. Andrade is reiterating the portion of the statement he made about redistricting during the Board meeting agenda item titled Superintendent's Comments.

Good evening,

I begin my comments this evening by talking about redistricting, just as I did the last time we met.

Redistricting is important to be sure we are leveraging our material and staff resources in the best way possible to support our students. The work of the Elementary School Redistricting Committee is in its infancy. Over the next month, we will be looking to review boundary lines across elementary schools in the current configuration and review boundary lines across a configuration that would include closing one of our elementary schools, Mount Pleasant Elementary School. We need to review both configurations because of the drop in enrollment over the last 10 years and because of the uneven classroom sizes across our elementary schools.

Talk of closing a school creates unease and a lot of questions. This is not an easy process because we recognize our students spend more time in elementary school than at any other level throughout their school years and, understandably, students and their families form special bonds during that time.

I want you to know we are undergoing a thorough review process. In the end, what won't change is what goes on inside our schools and our classrooms. Wherever this process leads us, I want you to know that students' academic progress and success will be guiding factors. We want to be sure we are putting our resources in the right places to best serve our students, their families, and the City of Nashua.

To keep up to date with the development of redistricting plans, please log onto our website at nashua.edu and click on the redistricting page.

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