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Several weeks ago, I was part of a group of Eden Prairie residents whose School District Facilities Task Force members went public with our concerns over the proposed K-6 Transition and proposed boundary changes. While differences of opinion exist amongst our schools and meet the demands for full-day kindergarten, preschool, and English and Spanish immersion. The current plan under consideration changes all schools to K-6, moves Eagle Heights to Oak Point and adds another elementary school. In addition, over 1,100 children will be moved to balance demographics. No exceptions will be made for any students including the 12 percent of our student population who have individualized Education Plans. It will take several years for Oak Point to reach full capacity, meanwhile the four quadrant elementary schools would be leveraged to the fullest. A better plan has been proposed to the board and administration that could achieve enrollment and demographic balance immediately, reduce operating costs, maintain correct Oak Point programs by housing Spanish Immersion K-6 and adding Forest Hills building. The remaining third-grade population would be housed in the elementary school or a new school if necessary.