



# ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## **AGENDA** **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

March 11, 2015

Arkansas Department of Education

ADE Auditorium-Special Committee for the Pulaski County Boundaries Study

2:00 PM

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### **Reports**

#### **Report-1 Chair's Report**

*Presenter: Dr. Jay Barth*

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **C-1 Minutes - February 13, 2015**

*Presenter: Deborah Coffman*

### **Action Agenda**

#### **A-1 Consideration of Report from Metroplan**

*Presenter: Jim McKenzie, Executive Director, Metroplan; and Jeff Runder, GIS Planner, Metroplan*

#### **A-2 Consideration of Area Superintendents' Perspective**

*Presenter: Dr. Dexter Suggs, Kelly Rodgers, Dr. Jerry Guess, and Bobby Lester*

**Minutes  
State Board of Education Special Committee  
for the Pulaski County Boundaries Study  
Friday, February 13, 2015**

The State Board of Education Special Committee for the Pulaski County Boundaries Study met Friday, February 13, 2015, in the Auditorium of the Department of Education Building. Chairman Jay Barth called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Present: Dr. Jay Barth, Chair; Sam Ledbetter; Diane Zook; and Kim Davis

**Work Session**

**Review the Charge of the Committee**

Chairman Barth said on January 28, 2015, the State Board of Education passed a motion to establish a State Board committee charged with studying the appropriate school district lines within Pulaski County, taking into account communities of interest, student demographics, facilities, and property tax base with a report due back to the State Board no later than the June 2015, regularly scheduled meeting. State Board Chairman Sam Ledbetter appointed Dr. Jay Barth as chair. Committee members include Dr. Barth, Mr. Ledbetter, Ms. Zook, and Mr. Davis.

Department General Counsel Mr. Jeremy Lasiter said as a general matter, there are two broad ways in which the State Board of Education may change the boundary lines of a school district.

Mr. Lasiter said the first way, and the way you see most often, is through Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-1414. That statute allows for the State Board of Education to consider a petition from a local board of directors of any school district that seeks an adjustment or change of boundary lines between its school district and an adjoining school district. Under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-1414, the Board may not order any change in school district boundaries that would hamper, delay, or in any manner negatively affects the desegregation efforts of the public school districts of the State.

Mr. Lasiter said the other way is more indirect. Under Arkansas laws related to the standards for accreditation, fiscal distress, academic distress, and facilities distress, the Board may consolidate, annex, or reconstitute a school district. In the Board order of consolidation or annexation, the Board may also include a provision that establishes the boundary lines of the new school districts.

Mr. Lasiter said Arkansas law states that the Board may not order any annexation or consolidation that hampers, delays, or in any manner negatively affects the desegregation efforts of a school district or school districts. Prior to entering such an order, the Board would also be required to get an advisory opinion from the Attorney General's Office concerning the desegregation issue.

Mr. Lasiter said with regard to Pulaski County, the Pulaski County Special School District remains under court supervision with regard to five areas in its desegregation plan: Discipline, Facilities, Staffing, Student Achievement, and Monitoring. Pursuant to an order issued in the early 2000s in the desegregation case, before taking any action relative to the boundaries of the Pulaski County Special School District, the Board would have to petition the presiding federal court for permission to do so. That order required any party that wanted to seek a change in the boundaries of the PCSSD to provide the court with a detailed feasibility study and specific data sufficient to allow the court to conduct an evidentiary hearing to determine whether the boundary change would substantially impact the student populations of each district and if such a change would better meet the educational needs of the students in the districts involved.

Dr. Barth said he understood that Central Arkansas Planning had mapped Pulaski County previously during the detachment process for the Jacksonville/North Pulaski School District. He said he would contact the organization for access to the maps for the next committee meeting.

Committee members discussed inviting the superintendents from the four districts in Pulaski County to provide their perspective on the current boundaries. The members also discussed inviting public comment at a later meeting.

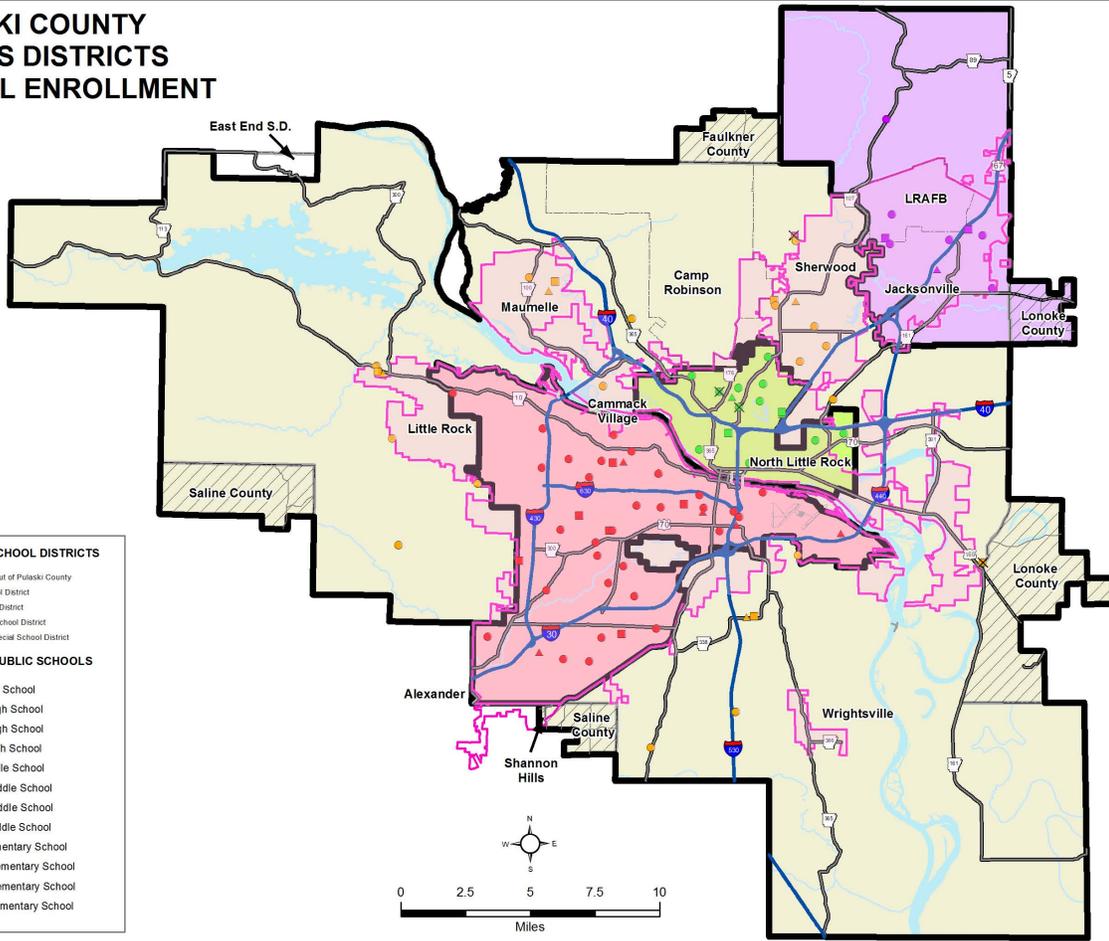
The committee agreed to meet each month following the Friday State Board meeting with the understanding that a report is due back to the State Board by June 11, 2015. Due to a previous scheduling conflict, Dr. Barth suggested the committee select an alternative date in April.

### **Adjournment**

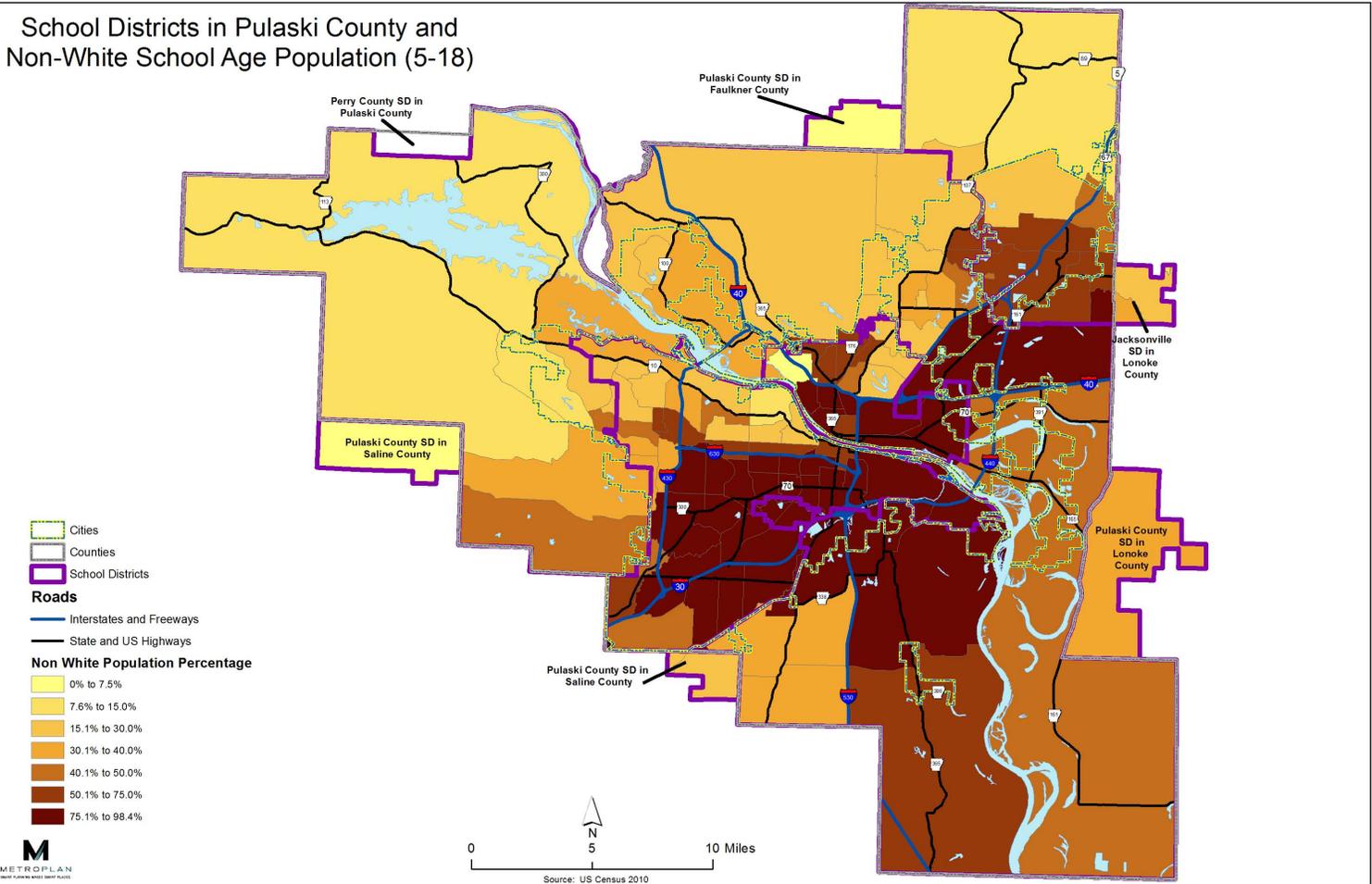
The meeting adjourned at 11:12 p.m.

*Minutes recorded by Deborah Coffman.*

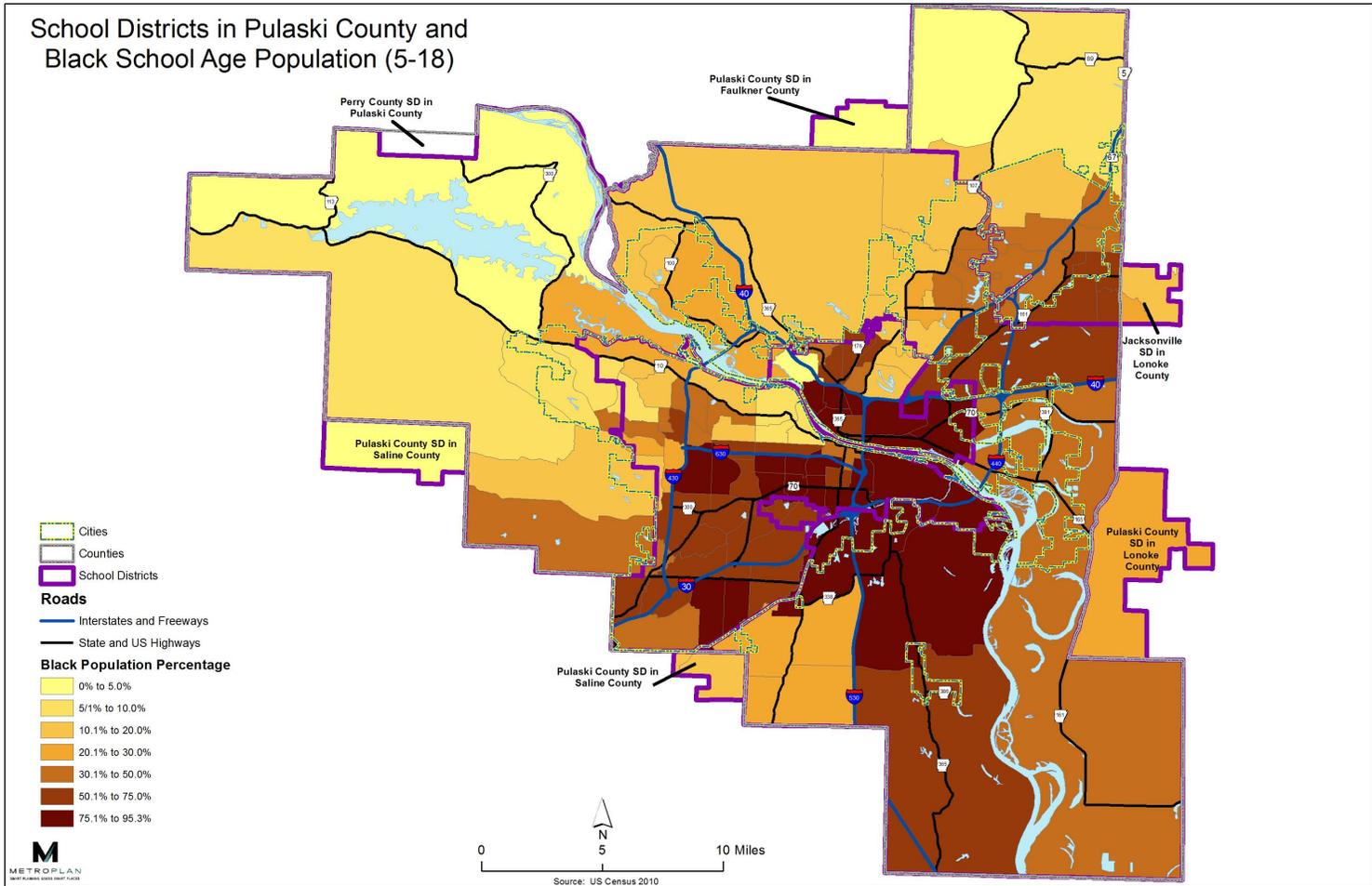
# PULASKI COUNTY SCHOOLS DISTRICTS AND SCHOOL ENROLLMENT



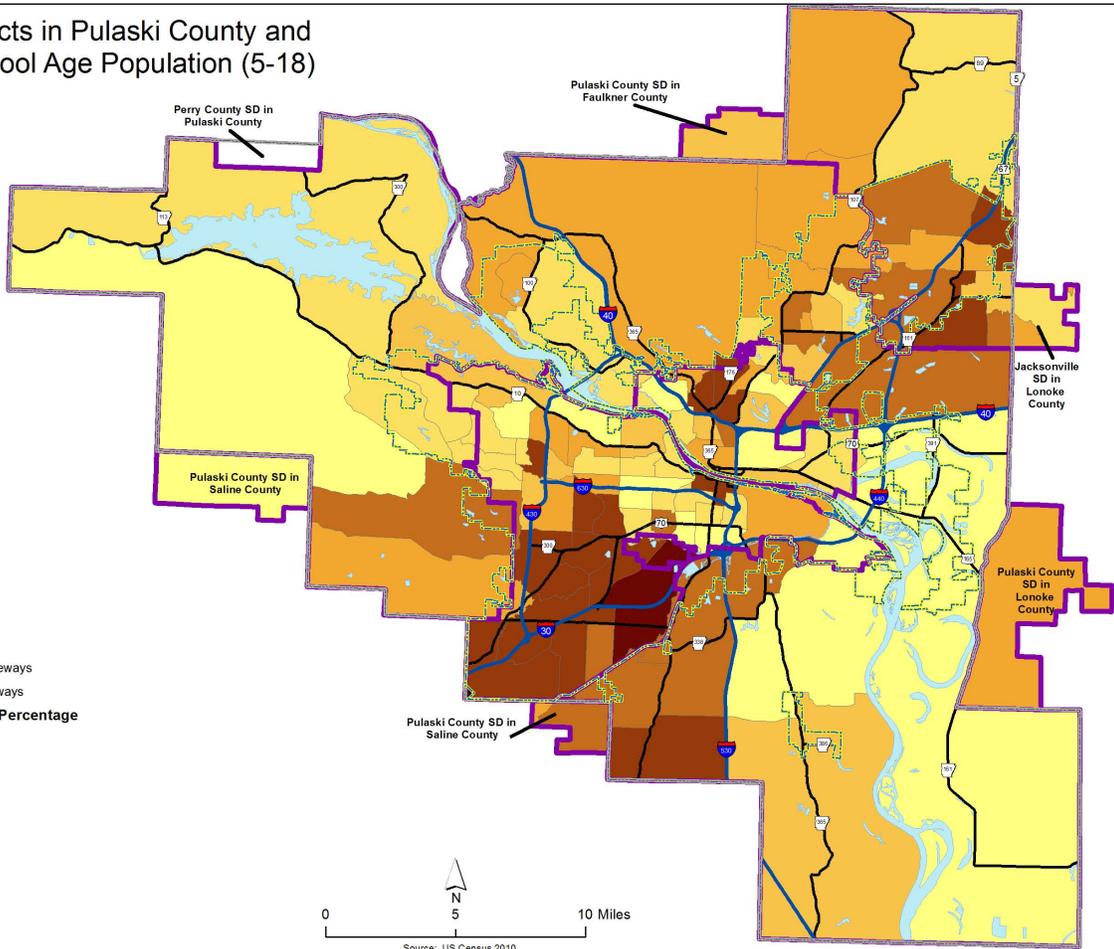
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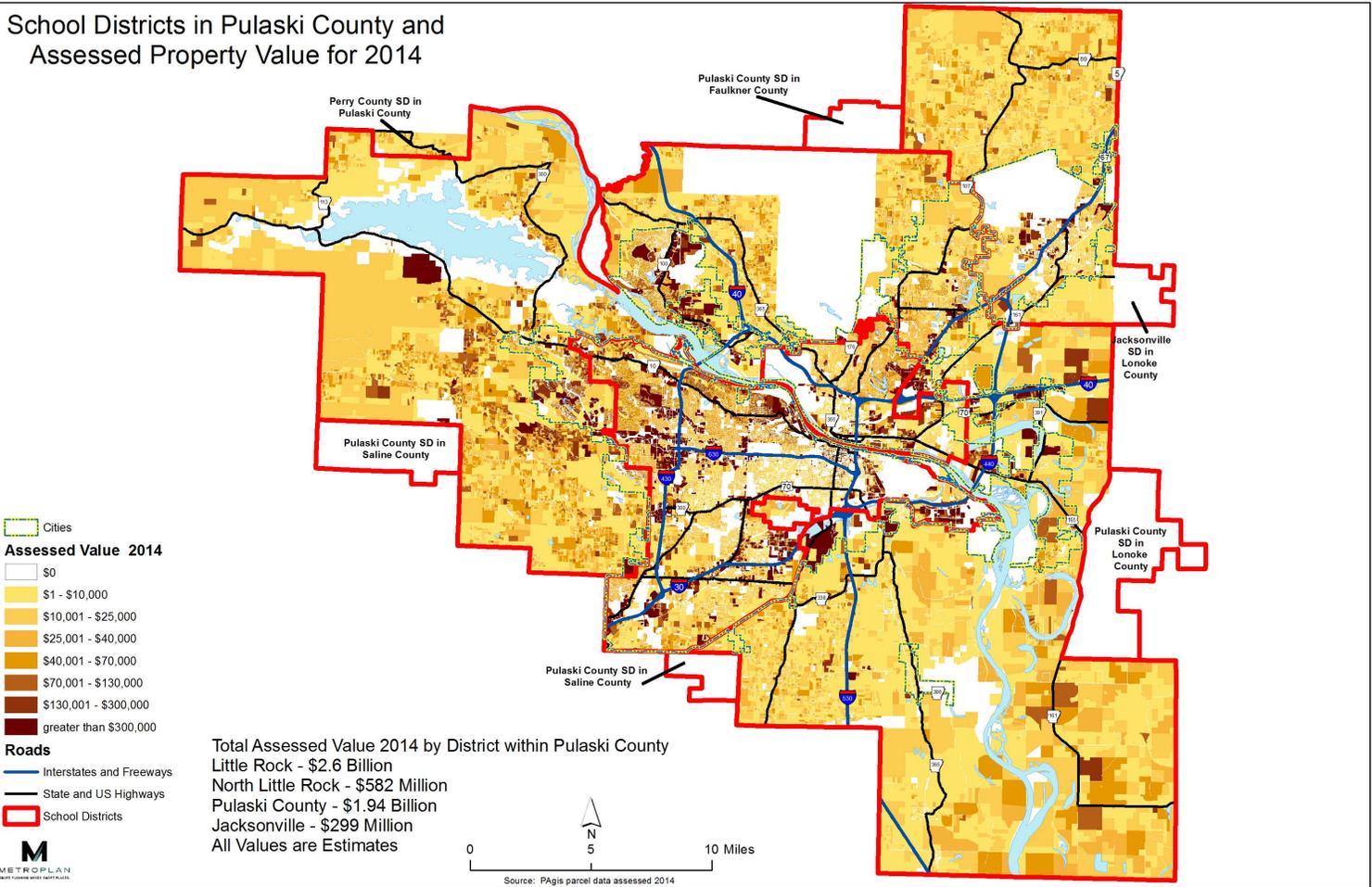
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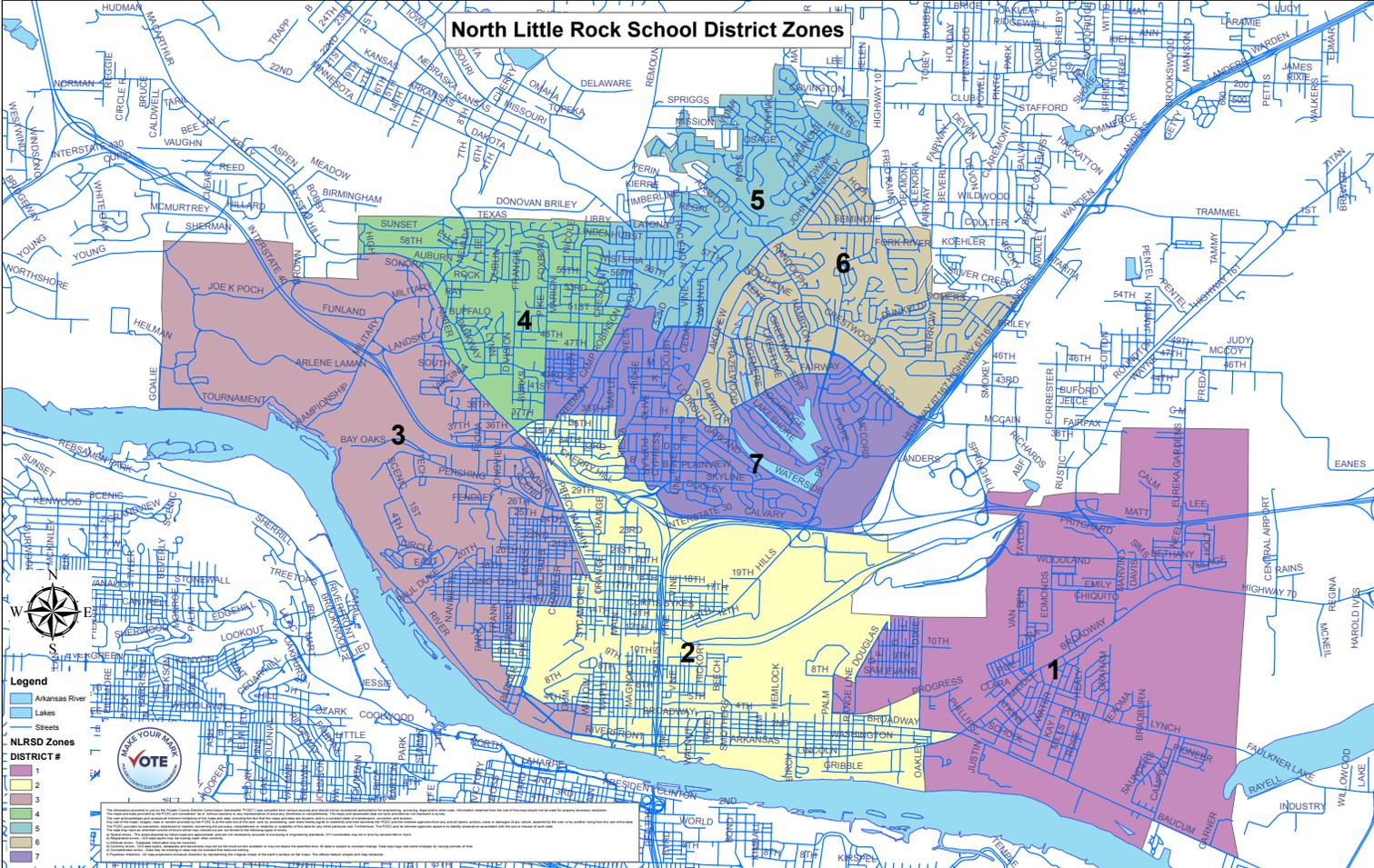


# School Districts in Pulaski County and Assessed Property Value for 2014





# North Little Rock School District Zones



**Legend**

- Arkansas River
- Lakes
- Streets

**NLRSD Zones**

**DISTRICT #**

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7



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<b>NLRSD CURRENT ASSIGNED TAX REVENUE</b>						
	<b>Real Estate</b>	<b>Personal Property</b>	<b>Utilities</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>millage</b>	<b>Tax Revenue</b>
2014 Current Assessed Valuation (District 04)	529,132,027	157,231,385	54,033,975	740,397,387	0.048300	\$ 35,761,194
2014 Current Assessed Valuation (District 05)	2,340,833	370,165	2,158,410	4,869,408	0.048300	\$ 235,192
2014 Current Assessed Valuation (District 14)	10,062,905	1,676,610	-	11,739,515	0.048300	\$ 567,019
2014 Total Current Assessed Valuation for NLRSD	541,535,765	159,278,160	56,192,385	757,006,310		\$ 36,563,405

<b>PROPOSED ADJUSTMENT</b>						
	<b>Real Estate</b>	<b>Personal Property</b>	<b>Utilities</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>millage</b>	<b>Tax Revenue</b>
2014 Current Assessed Valuation (District 06)	228,940,557	104,117,760	5,199,445	338,257,762	0.048300	\$ 16,337,850
(All area within NLR city limits assigned to PCSSD-District 06)						
<b>Total Proposed Adjustments</b>	228,940,557	104,117,760	5,199,445	338,257,762		\$ 16,337,850

<b>WORST CASE SCENARIO</b>						
	<b>Real Estate</b>	<b>Personal Property</b>	<b>Utilities</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>millage</b>	<b>Tax Revenue</b>
2014 Current Assessed Valuation (District 04)	529,132,027	157,231,385	54,033,975	740,397,387	0.048300	\$ 35,761,194
<b>PROPOSED Addition (District 06)</b>	228,940,557	104,117,760	5,199,445	338,257,762	0.048300	\$ 16,337,850
(We giveup Districts 05 & 14 to get District 06 - Our boundary lines would be contained to the NLR City Limits)						
<b>Total New Structure</b>	758,072,584	261,349,145	59,233,420	1,078,655,149		\$ 52,099,044

<b>BEST CASE SCENARIO</b>						
	<b>Real Estate</b>	<b>Personal Property</b>	<b>Utilities</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>millage</b>	<b>Tax Revenue</b>
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(We keep our current boundary lines with Districts 04, 05, 14 and we add District 06 to encompass all NLR City Limits)						
<b>Total New Structure</b>	770,476,322	263,395,920	61,391,830	1,095,264,072		\$ 52,901,255

Range: Selected Parcels

Pulaski County, Arkansas

District	R e a l E s t a t e			Effective	M i n e r a l s		U t i l i t i e s		G r a n d T o t a l s		Timber Acres
	Count	Full Value	Reduction		Count	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value	
001	72,710	2,762,294,300	280,781,006	2,481,513,294	0	0	0	0	72,710	2,481,513,294	3,945.19
003	6,361	470,652,904	18,641,275	452,011,629	0	0	0	0	6,361	452,011,629	5,265.69
004	23,266	581,981,976	52,849,949	529,132,027	0	0	0	0	23,266	529,132,027	227.46
005	227	2,865,426	524,593	2,340,833	0	0	0	0	227	2,340,833	274.49
006	3,685	261,055,460	32,114,903	228,940,557	0	0	0	0	3,685	228,940,557	2,490.76
007	127	1,284,050	212,717	1,071,333	0	0	0	0	127	1,071,333	0.00
008	407	19,580,033	4,235,920	15,344,113	0	0	0	0	407	15,344,113	0.00
009	9,926	226,949,415	15,100,190	211,849,225	0	0	0	0	9,926	211,849,225	2,256.10
010	12,865	395,613,683	26,448,610	369,165,073	0	0	0	0	12,865	369,165,073	4,567.29
011	17,765	326,981,408	61,050,418	265,930,990	0	0	0	0	17,765	265,930,990	87,137.25
012	16,709	243,290,185	40,018,467	203,271,718	0	0	0	0	16,709	203,271,718	34,569.74
013	194	2,521,010	605,665	1,915,345	0	0	0	0	194	1,915,345	1,659.13
014	206	10,996,262	933,357	10,062,905	0	0	0	0	206	10,062,905	0.00
015	7,190	324,268,758	15,378,526	308,890,232	0	0	0	0	7,190	308,890,232	1,389.97
016	884	2,817,933	274,852	2,543,081	0	0	0	0	884	2,543,081	149.34
	<b>172,522</b>	<b>5,633,152,803</b>	<b>549,170,448</b>	<b>5,083,982,355</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>172,522</b>	<b>5,083,982,355</b>	<b>143,932.41</b>

Summary of Real Estate by Category

City	137,690	5,058,653,235	446,955,501	4,611,697,734
Rural	34,832	574,499,568	102,214,947	472,284,621
	<b>172,522</b>	<b>5,633,152,803</b>	<b>549,170,448</b>	<b>5,083,982,355</b>

Pulaski County, Arkansas  
2014 Assessor's Abstract

District	Personal Property		Business		Totals		Utility		Grand Totals			
	Count	Automobiles	Other	Count	Valuation	Count	Valuation	Count	Valuation	Count	Valuation	Penalties
001	78622	253,178,375	132,720	7618	477,260,770	86240	730,571,865	63	254,988,205	86303	985,560,070	6,844,394
003	6842	44,579,575	36,520	422	19,471,090	7264	64,087,185	16	20,143,080	7280	84,230,265	807,408
004	24101	70,553,310	42,960	2041	86,635,115	26142	157,231,385	38	54,033,975	26180	211,265,360	2,198,166
005	142	338,595	0	13	31,570	155	370,165	10	2,158,410	165	2,528,575	5,581
006	3802	14,352,470	25,215	884	89,740,075	4686	104,117,760	16	5,199,445	4702	109,317,205	489,907
007	98	255,370	0	20	150,930	118	406,300	10	3,274,990	128	3,681,290	5,296
008	401	1,764,515	0	12	18,420	413	1,782,935	5	231,240	418	2,014,175	28,777
009	10602	33,658,720	6,105	737	24,626,160	11339	58,290,985	24	19,517,835	11363	77,808,820	642,621
010	13770	53,610,985	35,155	894	31,939,135	14664	85,585,275	0	0	14664	85,585,275	944,940
011	10525	44,337,910	25,795	637	31,438,935	11162	75,802,640	38	62,659,190	11200	138,461,830	733,786
012	11150	43,613,650	42,715	658	15,462,095	11808	59,118,460	0	0	11808	59,118,460	690,280
013	80	339,175	0	4	390	84	339,565	4	236,775	88	576,340	5,467
014	199	1,554,185	10,400	15	112,025	214	1,676,610	0	0	214	1,676,610	14,260
015	7941	40,303,055	46,510	490	35,366,725	8431	75,716,290	13	5,784,015	8444	81,500,305	609,208
016	312	800,825	0	28	89,070	340	889,895	5	383,705	345	1,273,600	13,511
<b>Totals</b>	<b>168,587</b>	<b>603,240,715</b>	<b>404,095</b>	<b>14,473</b>	<b>812,342,505</b>	<b>83,060</b>	<b>1,415,987,315</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>428,610,865</b>	<b>183,302</b>	<b>1,844,598,180</b>	<b>14,033,602</b>

✓ = NLRSD current tax dollar  
 \* = Add (currently PCSSD)

2014 Payable 2015

	01/31	02/02	03/03	04/34	05/35	05/36	07/37	08/38	09/39	10/40	11,12/41,42	13/43	14/44	15/45	16/46
Living in the city of:	LR	NONE	LR	NLR	NONE	NLR	ALEX	CANM	JACK	SHER	NONE	NONE	SHER	MAJIM	WRIGHT
Attending School in:	LRSD	LRSD	PCSSD	NLRSD	NLRSD	PCSSD	PCSSD	LRSD	PCSSD	PCSSD	PCSSD	EAST END	NLRSD	PCSSD	PCSSD
Rate Per Thousand	\$70.100	\$56.500	\$64.400	\$66.800	\$58.400	\$59.200	\$65.800	\$61.500	\$53.800	\$52.100	\$50.800	\$50.500	\$59.700	\$62.900	\$55.800
<b>FUND</b>															
PULASKI GENERAL	0.005000	0.005000	0.005000	0.005000	0.005000	0.005000	0.005000	0.005000	0.005000	0.005000	0.005000	0.005000	0.005000	0.005000	0.005000
LIBRARY	0.000600	0.001600	0.000600	0.000600	0.001600	0.000600	0.000600	0.000600	0.000600	0.000600	0.000600	0.000600	0.000600	0.000600	0.000600
COUNTY HOSPITAL	0.001450	0.002900	0.001450	0.001450	0.002900	0.001450	0.001450	0.001450	0.001450	0.001450	0.002900	0.002900	0.001450	0.001450	0.001450
ROAD FUND															
<b>MUNICIPALITY</b>															
GENERAL FUND	0.005000		0.005000	0.005000		0.005000	0.005000	0.005000						0.005000	0.005000
BOND & INTEREST	0.003000		0.003000											0.002100	
LIBRARY	0.003300		0.003300	0.003000		0.003000			0.001000						
POLICE PENSION	0.001000		0.001000	0.001000		0.001000			0.001000						
FIRE PENSION	0.001000		0.001000	0.001000		0.001000			0.001000						
PORT															
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	0.001900		0.001900	0.001450		0.001450	0.001450	0.001450	0.001450	0.001300			0.001300	0.008600	0.001450
ROAD	0.001450		0.001450	0.001450		0.001450	0.001450	0.001450	0.001450	0.001450			0.001450	0.001450	0.001450
<b>SCHOOL</b>															
LITTLE ROCK	0.046400	0.046400		0.046400				0.046400							
NORTH LITTLE ROCK				0.048300									0.048300		
PULASKI COUNTY			0.040700			0.040700	0.040700		0.040700			0.040400		0.040700	0.040700
EAST END															
Millage Rate	0.070100	0.056500	0.064400	0.066800	0.058400	0.059200	0.055800	0.061500	0.053800	0.052100	0.050800	0.050500	0.059700	0.062900	0.055800
Effective Tax Rate %	1.40%	1.13%	1.29%	1.34%	1.17%	1.18%	1.12%	1.23%	1.08%	1.04%	1.02%	1.01%	1.19%	1.25%	1.12%

40.9  
 1.1  
 48.3

Change in 2014 Millage rates: Sherwood has a 1.3 millage dedicated to Library Capital Improvements

All rates have been equalized between real and personal property. The above rates are correct to the best of our knowledge

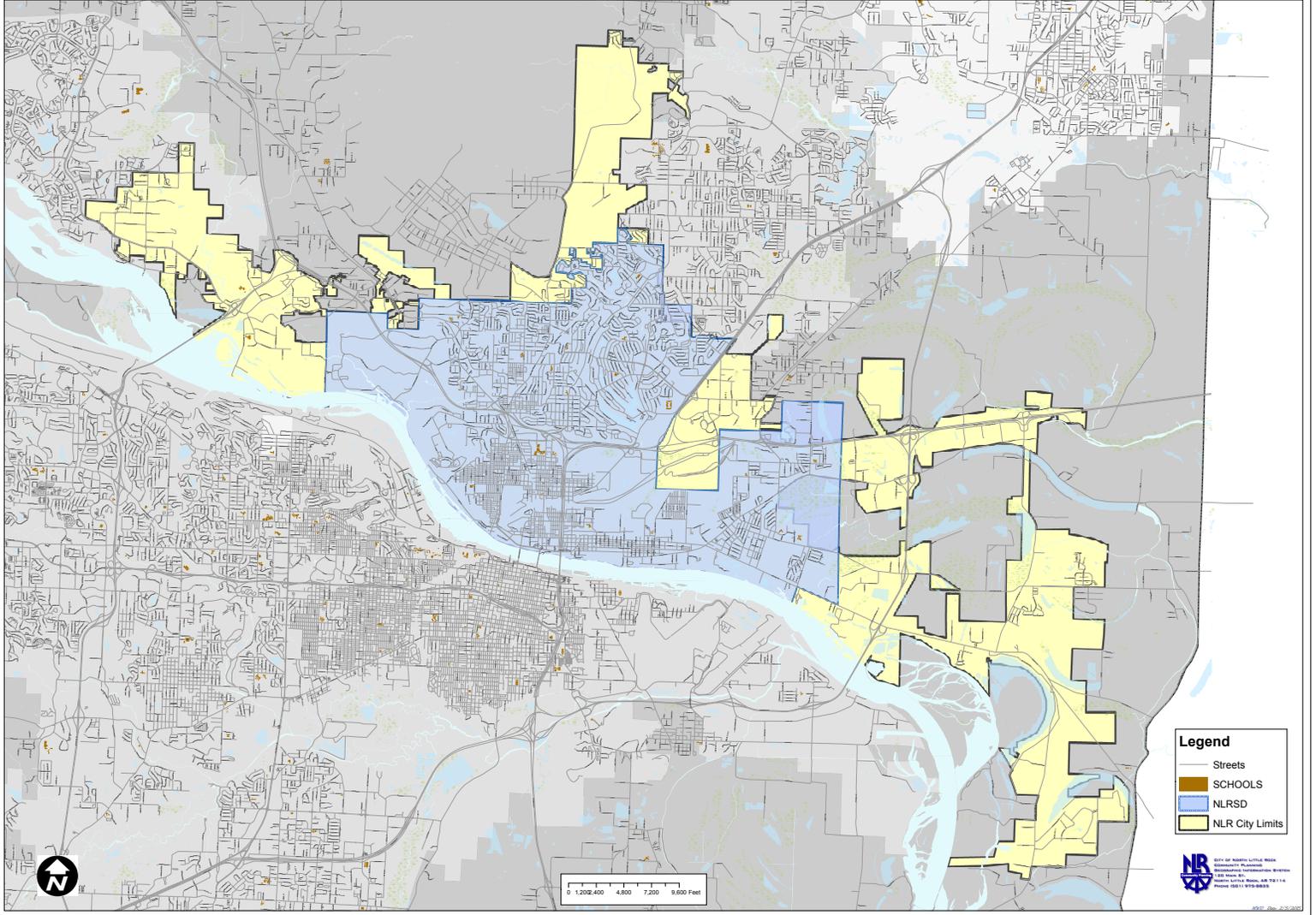
Ordinance No. 14-OR-53 establish Property Tax Rates in Pulaski County and may be obtained from the Pulaski County Clerk's Office

Jane Troutman Ward, Assessor  
 Date 1/2/2015

Debra Buckner, Treasurer  
 Date 1/2/2015

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 LARRY CRANE PULASKI CIRCUIT CLERK

# North Little Rock School District



## **LRSD Concerns**

1. The boundaries for Little Rock School District are not concurrent with the city of Little Rock boundaries. A person moving into our city automatically thinks if they select an address within the Little Rock city boundaries their child(ren) would attend a Little Rock School. This has caused many problems within the past. When parents purchase/rents a residence and then contacts LRSD to see where to register, they find out the residence is in the PCSSD district. LRSD has an immediate negative perception to those people because we cannot allow their child to attend one of our schools. It has been suggested that we make the LRSD boundaries concurrent with the City of Little Rock boundaries.

2. Many streets are split right down the middle with the east side in LRSD and the west side in PCSSD. The best example is the street directly in front of Don Roberts. The street name is Forest Lane. The east side is zoned to LRSD and the west side to PCSSD. This caused many problems for LRSD, the developer of the homes, and PCSSD. Families purchased these homes and they were within a stone's throw of Roberts but their children could not attend Roberts even though the children directly across the street attended.

3. Many children have to attend a school that is much further from their home due to district zones. This puts a burden on parents due to transportation issues, along with numerous other factors. It puts a major cost burden on districts for transportation.

4. The unfair distribution of property taxes has been a complaint in the past and needs to be reviewed by an established committee. It has appeared to the public that new areas of development in west Little Rock that have the highest real estate taxes are within the city of Little Rock boundaries but are zoned to PCSSD. West Little Rock has seen the majority of growth due to land availability; therefore PCSSD has gained a sufficient real estate tax increase. There is very little land availability that is of use for residential development within the current LRSD boundaries.