McLean County, IL
Unit District No. 5

Enrollment Planning Recommendation

04/06/2026

Cropper GIS

Enrollment Statistics Assumptions

The following document contains a series of tables of statistics for current (2025-26) schools and boundaries. Enrollment numbers and utilization percentages are provided for each building, based off the student database provided by the district. Demographic tables, including information on race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status (determined by paid/reduced/free lunch), are also included, as well as feeder patterns and live-attend matrices.

Capacity numbers were determined from classroom counts and classroom size ranges provided by the district. For each grade cohort, two capacity numbers are provided, one with a conservative estimate of capacity, and one with a maximum estimate of capacity.

Classroom size ranges are as follows:

PK-1: 20-25
2-3: 22-27
4-5: 24-29
6-8: 22-31
9-12: 22-31
Bilingual: 20-24
Special Education: 9-13

To calculate each capacity, the number of general classrooms was divided evenly among grade cohorts within each building. Remainder classrooms were assigned to the lowest grade cohort in each building. The number of special education and bilingual classrooms was then added in. The number of classrooms was multiplied by the low end of the classroom size range and separately by the high end to produce two capacity numbers. For middle schools and high schools, a reduction factor of 20% was applied. This factor is to account for the limitations of non-education spaces in these buildings, such as hallways since students are changing classes and congregating in these spaces throughout the day.

Examples:

Northpoint Elementary has 19 general education classrooms. Elementary schools have 3 grade cohorts (PK-1, 2-3, and 4-5). 19/3 = 6 with a remainder of 1. The 1 remainder is assigned to the lowest cohort, PK-1. Using the low end of the classroom size guidelines, (7x20) + (6x22) + (6x24) = 416. Northpoint also has 4 SS1 classrooms. Using the low end of the special education guidelines, 416 + (4x9) = 452.

Chiddix Junior High School has 27 general education classrooms. There is only one grade cohort, 6-8. 22 is the low end of the classroom size guideline. (27x22) = 594. There are 6 special education classrooms. 594 + (6x9) = 648. There is also one bilingual classroom. 648 + 20 = 668. Adding the utilization factor of 80%, 668 x .8 = 534.4, rounded down to 534.

Elementary School	High Capacity	Low Capacity
Benjamin ES	648	528
Carlock ES	162	132
Cedar Ridge ES	614	504
Fairview ES	349	284
Fox Creek ES	363	291
Glenn ES	324	264
Grove ES	592	482
Colene Hoose ES	562	452
Hudson ES	324	264
Northpoint ES	563	452
Oakdale ES	510	416
Parkside ES	388	311
Pepper Ridge ES	414	329
Prairieland ES	563	452
Sugar Creek ES	293	238
Towanda ES	243	198
Total	**6,912**	**5,597**

Junior High School	High Capacity	Low Capacity
Chiddix JHS	751	534
Evans JHS	721	511
Kingsley JHS	965	684
Parkside JHS	767	543
Total	**3,204**	**3,185**

Early Childhood Center	High Capacity	Low Capacity
Brigham ES	326	258
Sugar Creek ES	201	158
Total	**527**	**416**

High School	High Capacity	Low Capacity
Normal Community HS	2,040	1,447
Normal Community West HS	1,748	1,240
Total	**3,788**	**2,924**

Current Enrollment Statistics

Enrollment is based on the 9/30/2025 student database received from the district.

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			ES Current Enrollment (2025-26)								Lunch Code	
Elementary School	High Capacity	Low Capacity	K	1	2	3	4	5	Current Enrollment	Target Enrollment	Free or Reduced	Paid
Benjamin ES	648	528	90	76	101	119	95	106	587	588	10%	90%
Carlock ES	162	132	8	19	17	18	14	17	93	147	24%	76%
Cedar Ridge ES	614	504	81	87	103	74	83	83	511	490	64%	36%
Fairview ES	349	284	34	39	30	39	50	38	230	275	50%	50%
Fox Creek ES	363	291	29	39	39	49	53	49	258	265	68%	32%
Glenn ES	324	264	39	45	43	46	45	45	263	250	41%	59%
Grove ES	592	482	69	74	65	88	80	100	476	537	16%	84%
Colene Hoose ES	562	452	75	66	69	90	74	75	449	507	33%	67%
Hudson ES	324	264	28	26	39	27	37	36	193	294	13%	87%
Northpoint ES	563	452	69	81	82	81	87	70	470	508	13%	87%
Oakdale ES	510	416	57	55	60	58	66	52	348	375	60%	40%
Parkside ES	388	311	47	51	51	50	78	49	326	300	50%	50%
Pepper Ridge ES	414	329	58	44	55	52	56	57	322	300	48%	52%
Prairieland ES	563	452	56	60	77	80	78	82	433	500	20%	80%
Sugar Creek ES	293	238	39	39	36	43	40	35	232	225	66%	34%
Towanda ES	243	198	31	23	34	32	34	26	180	220	8%	92%
Total	**6,912**	**5,597**	**810**	**824**	**901**	**946**	**970**	**920**	**5,371**	**5,781**	**35%**	**65%**

Current Enrollment Statistics (Continued)

			JHS Current Enrollment (2025-26)					Lunch Code	
Junior High School	**High Capacity**	**Low Capacity**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**Current Enrollment**	**Target Enrollment**	**Free and Reduced**	**Paid**
Chiddix JHS	751	534	239	218	213	670	650	33%	67%
Evans JHS	721	511	280	256	248	784	626	30%	70%
Kingsley JHS	965	684	249	239	211	699	825	34%	66%
Parkside JHS	767	543	195	211	190	596	648	40%	60%
Total	**3,204**	**2,272**	**963**	**924**	**862**	**2,749**	**2,749**	**34%**	**66%**

			HS Current Enrollment (2025-26)						Lunch Code	
High School	**High Capacity**	**Low Capacity**	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**	**Current Enrollment**	**Target Enrollment**	**Free or Reduced**	**Paid**
Normal Community HS	2,040	1,447	556	469	431	521	1,977	1,860	31%	69%
Normal Community West HS	1,748	1,240	396	347	382	366	1,491	1,608	34%	66%
Total	**3,788**	**2,687**	**952**	**816**	**813**	**887**	**3,468**	**3,468**	**32%**	**68%**

Current Feeder Pattern Tables

Feeder pattern tables show the percentage of each grade cohort moving on from one school to another. For instance, the percentage of K-5th graders moving on from a given elementary school to a given junior high school.

	ES to JHS Splits	JHS to HS Splits
Current	0	4

2025-26 ES Zone	2025-26 JHS Zone	ES Attendance
Benjamin ES	Evans JHS	100%
Cedar Ridge ES	Evans JHS	100%
Carlock ES	Parkside JHS	100%
Fairview ES	Chiddix JHS	100%
Fox Creek ES	Parkside JHS	100%
Glenn ES	Kingsley JHS	100%
Grove ES	Chiddix JHS	100%
Hoose ES	Chiddix JHS	100%
Hudson ES	Kingsley JHS	100%
Northpoint ES	Kingsley JHS	100%
Oakdale ES	Kingsley JHS	100%
Parkside ES	Parkside JHS	100%
Pepper Ridge ES	Evans JHS	100%
Prairieland ES	Parkside JHS	100%
Sugar Creek ES	Kingsley JHS	100%
Towanda ES	Evans JHS	100%
U5OAA1	Chiddix JHS	100%
U5OAA2	Evans JHS	100%
U5OAA3	Chiddix JHS	100%
U5OAA4	Parkside JHS	100%

2025-26 JHS Zone	2025-26 HS Zone	MS Attendance
Chiddix JHS	NCHS	87%
Chiddix JHS	NCWHS	13%
Evans JHS	NCHS	82%
Evans JHS	NCWHS	18%
Kingsley JHS	NCHS	53%
Kingsley JHS	NCWHS	47%
Parkside JHS	NCHS	11%
Parkside JHS	NCWHS	89%

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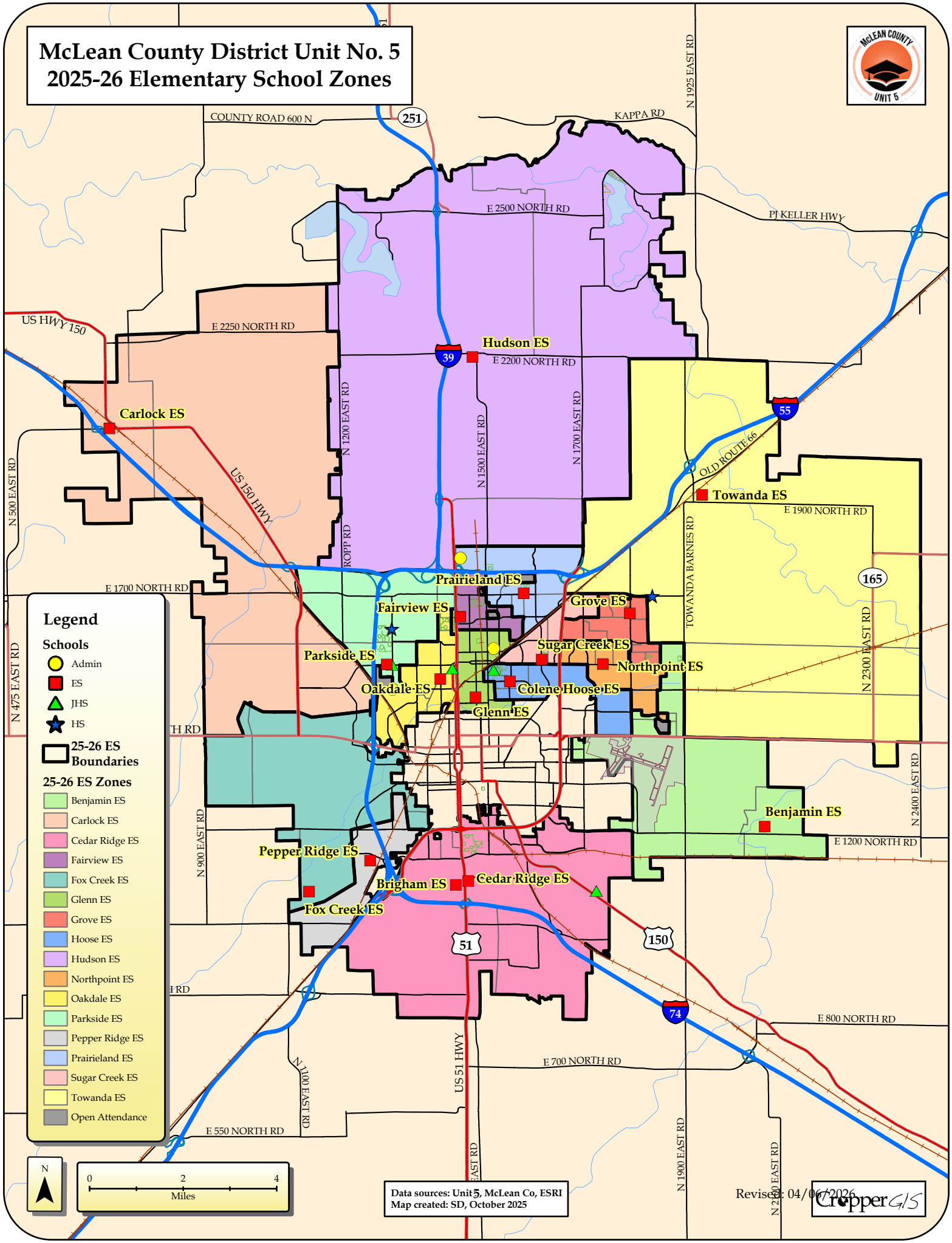
2025-26 Elementary School Zones



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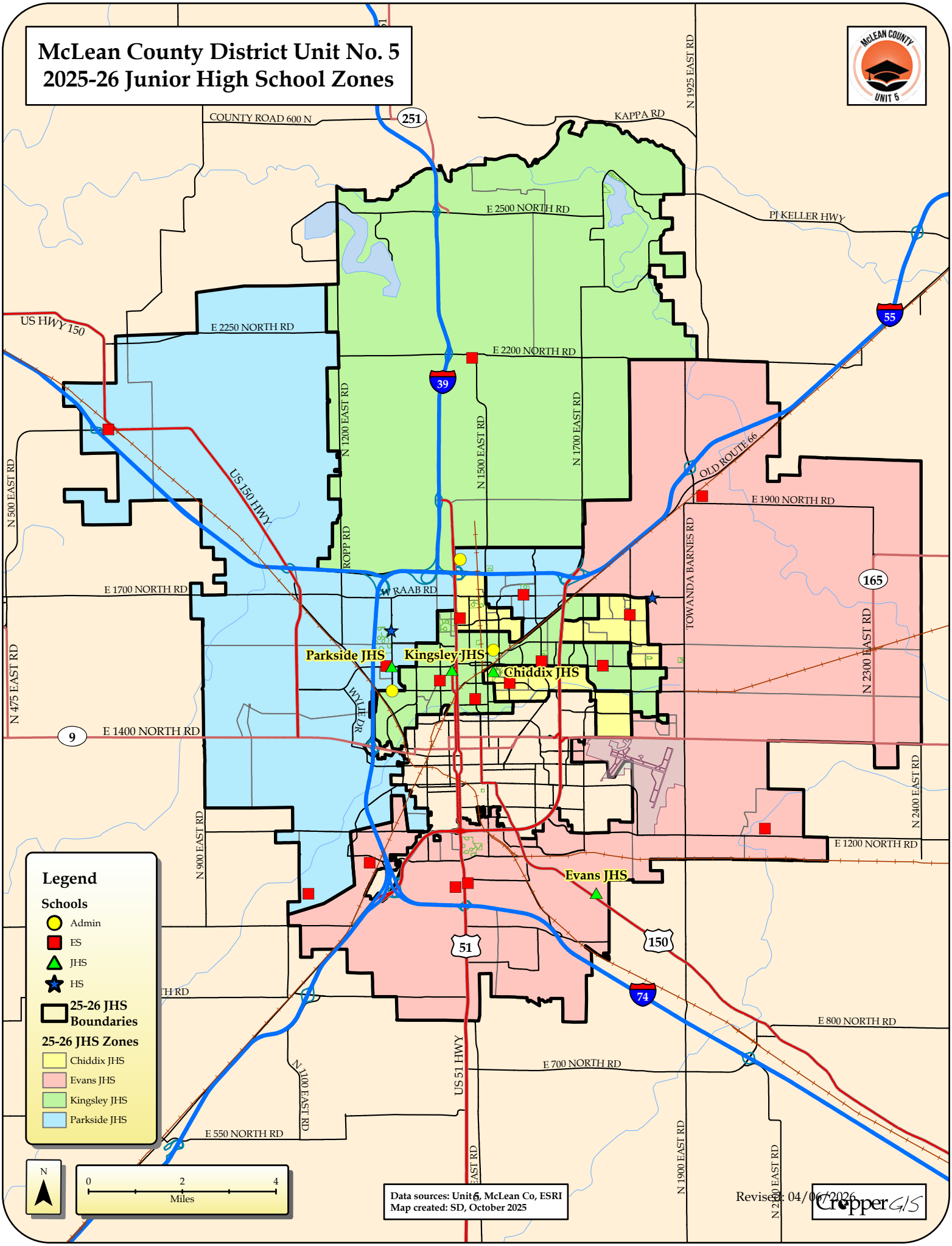

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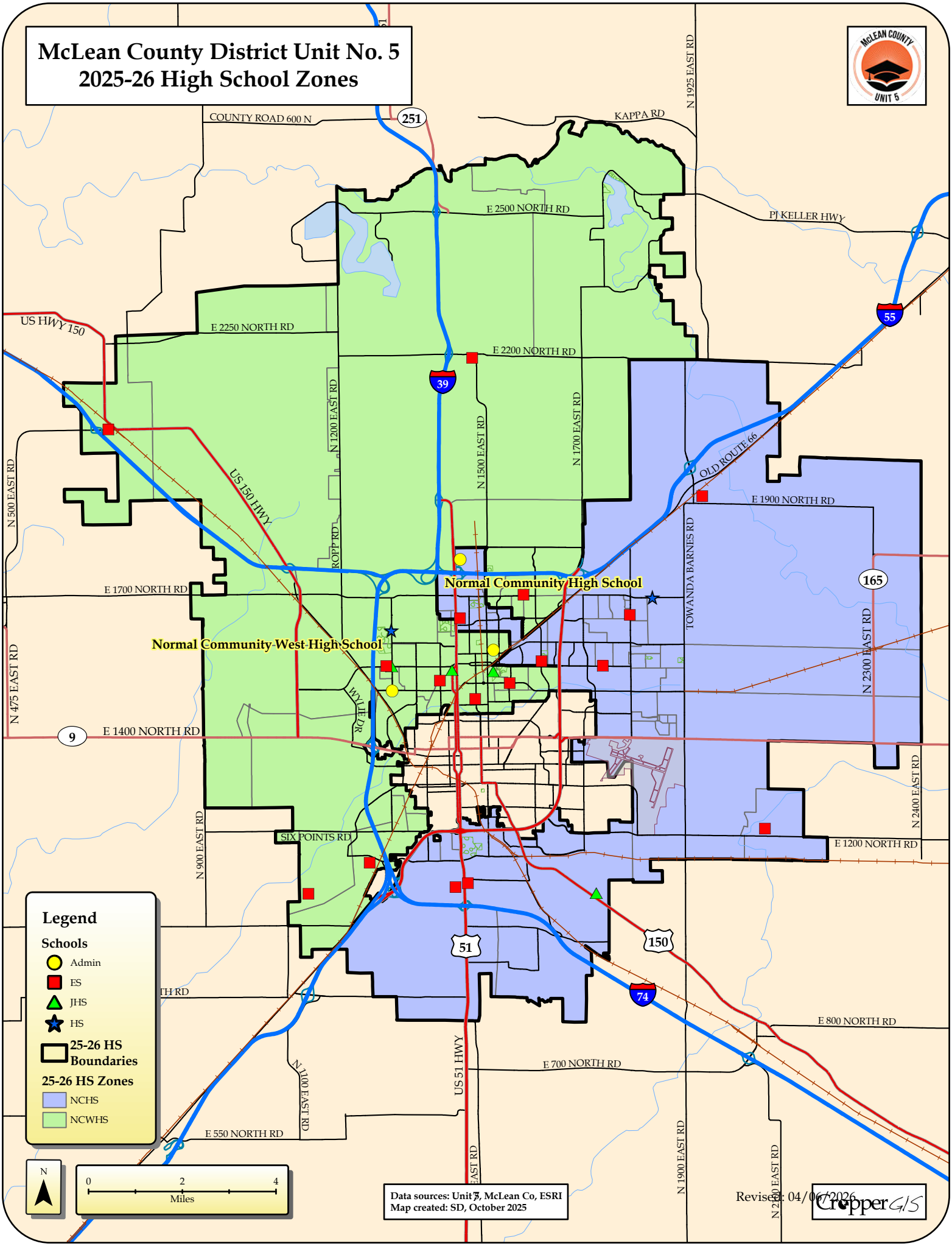

Recommendation (Revised Proposal 2)

Elementary

- Close Brigham
  - A new Early Learning Center will be built to centralize our early learning (PreK) services at Brigham and Sugar Creek.
- Benjamin boundary change
  - Neighborhoods north of Empire (currently zoned to Benjamin) are moved to Sugar Creek ES, assuming Sugar Creek is reconfigured to K-5, to relieve enrollment pressure at Benjamin.
  - The area west of Hershey (currently zoned to Benjamin) will go to Hoose.
- Cedar Ridge boundary change
  - Moving the western portion (west of Morris Avenue, west of N 1375 East Rd) of the zone to Pepper Ridge, providing enrollment relief to Cedar Ridge.
  - Tracy Drive will move to Pepper Ridge, providing additional enrollment relief to Cedar Ridge. Oak Creek Plaza, Donnie Drive, and Urban Street will remain at Cedar Ridge.
- Parkside Elementary boundary change
  - The neighborhood south of Raab Road and north of Orlando Avenue (Northbrook/Golfcrest) will move to Glenn Elementary, providing enrollment relief for Parkside Elementary.
- Sugar Creek change
  - A new Early Learning Center (ELC) is proposed, combining Brigham and Sugar Creek early learning students in one location. Sugar Creek would become a K-5 with added enrollment from Benjamin. This would also allow space for specialized service classrooms and related service spaces.
  - The northeastern corner of Sugar Creek (east of Veteran's Parkway) is moved to Grove due to its proximity to the school.
- Towanda Expansion
  - Addition to Towanda building to accommodate current students. This allows portables to be removed.

Junior High

- Pepper Ridge (including above referenced changes) is sent to Parkside Junior to provide enrollment relief to Evans. An addition to Parkside Junior is recommended to support our special education programs, and to create additional capacity.
- Students moved to Sugar Creek in above referenced areas, will attend Evans Junior High.

High School

- The neighborhoods east of Linden Street, north of Pine Street, and west of Henry Street are moved to Normal West.
- All Pepper Ridge students will attend Normal West, providing relief to NCHS.
- Close Eugene Field: A new facility would be built or purchased to serve students in our 18-22 transitional program.

Recommendation (Revised Proposal 2) Enrollment and Statistics

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Rec.	1	3

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Fairview ES	Chiddix JHS	100%
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Parkside ES	Parkside JHS	100%
Pepper Ridge ES	Parkside JHS	100%
Prairieland ES	Parkside JHS	100%
Sugar Creek ES	Evans JHS	44%
Sugar Creek ES	Kingsley JHS	56%
Towanda ES	Evans JHS	100%
U5OAA1	Chiddix JHS	100%
U5OAA2	Evans JHS	100%
U5OAA3	Chiddix JHS	100%
U5OAA4	Parkside JHS	100%

JHS Recommendation Zone	HS Recommendation Zone	JHS Attendance
Chiddix JHS	NCHS	76%
Chiddix JHS	NCWHS	24%
Evans JHS	NCHS	100%
Kingsley JHS	NCHS	54%
Kingsley JHS	NCWHS	46%
Parkside JHS	NCHS	7%
Parkside JHS	NCWHS	93%

Recommendation (Revised Proposal 2) Impact Tables

The following tables show how many students are impacted in the proposals. Rows highlighted in green show areas that are not impacted, and rows highlighted in tan show impacted areas.

Student Impact Estimates		
Proposal	Total K-5 Live and Attend In Students Impacted	% K-5 Live and Attend In Students Impacted
Rec	287	6.1%
*Counts based on 2025-26 Student Enrollment.		

2025-26 ES Boundary	ES Recommendation Boundary	Total K-5 Live and Attend In Students
Benjamin ES	Benjamin ES	399
Benjamin ES	Hoose ES	7
Benjamin ES	Sugar Creek ES	142
Cedar Ridge ES	Cedar Ridge ES	302
Cedar Ridge ES	Pepper Ridge ES	96
Carlock ES	Carlock ES	88
Fairview ES	Fairview ES	223
Fox Creek ES	Fox Creek ES	237
Glenn ES	Glenn ES	207
Grove ES	Grove ES	458
Hoose ES	Hoose ES	333
Hudson ES	Hudson ES	187
Northpoint ES	Northpoint ES	409
Oakdale ES	Oakdale ES	293
Parkside ES	Glenn ES	35
Parkside ES	Parkside ES	228
Pepper Ridge ES	Pepper Ridge ES	275
Prairieland ES	Prairieland ES	383
Sugar Creek ES	Grove ES	7
Sugar Creek ES	Sugar Creek ES	196
Towanda ES	Towanda ES	175

Recommendation (Revised Proposal 2) Impact Tables (Continued)

Student Impact Estimates		
Proposal	Total 6-8 Live and Attend In Students Impacted	% 6-8 Live and Attend In Students Impacted
Rec.	200	7.7%
*Counts based on 2025-26 Student Enrollment.		

2025-26 JHS Boundary	JHS Recommendation Boundary	Total 6-8 Live and Attend In Students
Chiddix JHS	Chiddix JHS	591
Evans JHS	Evans JHS	594
Evans JHS	Parkside JHS	181
Kingsley JHS	Chiddix JHS	4
Kingsley JHS	Kingsley JHS	678
Parkside JHS	Kingsley JHS	15
Parkside JHS	Parkside JHS	527

Student Impact Estimates		
Proposal	Total 9-12 Live and Attend In Students Impacted	% 9-12 Live and Attend In Students Impacted
Rec.	124	3.8%
*Counts based on 2025-26 Student Enrollment.		

2025-26 HS Boundary	HS Recommendation Boundary	Total 9-12 Live and Attend In Students
NCHS	NCHS	1773
NCHS	NCWHS	124
NCWHS	NCWHS	1403

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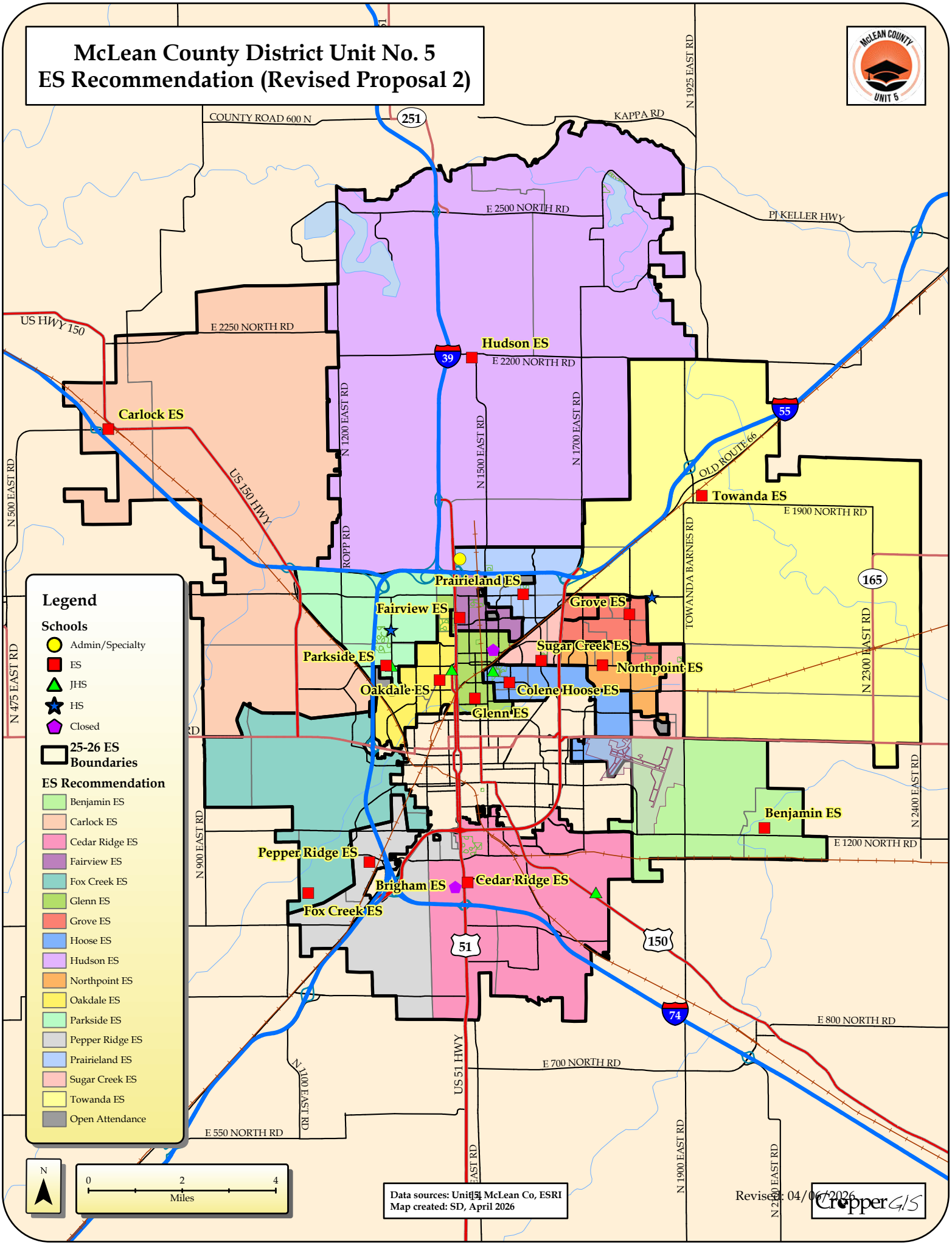

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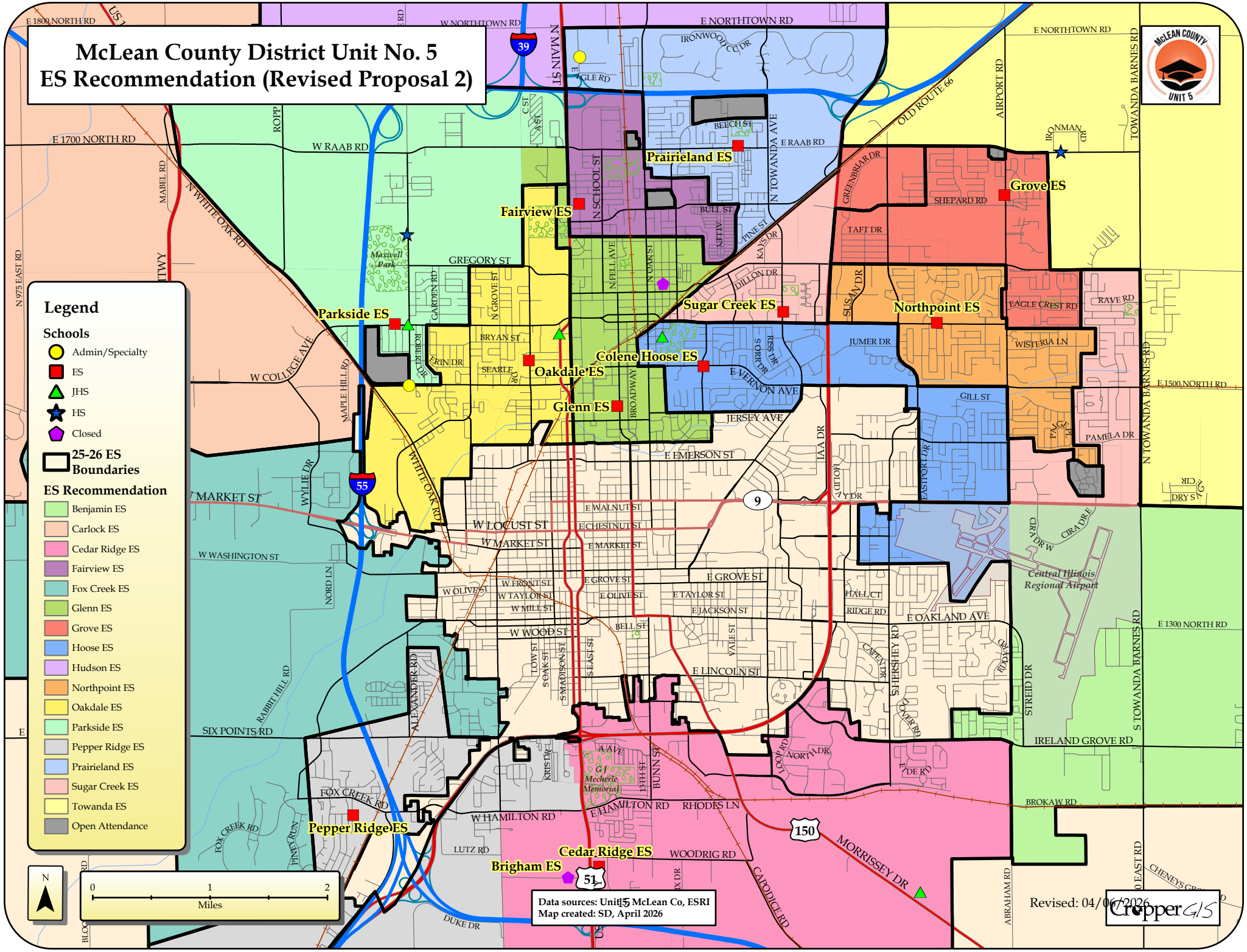

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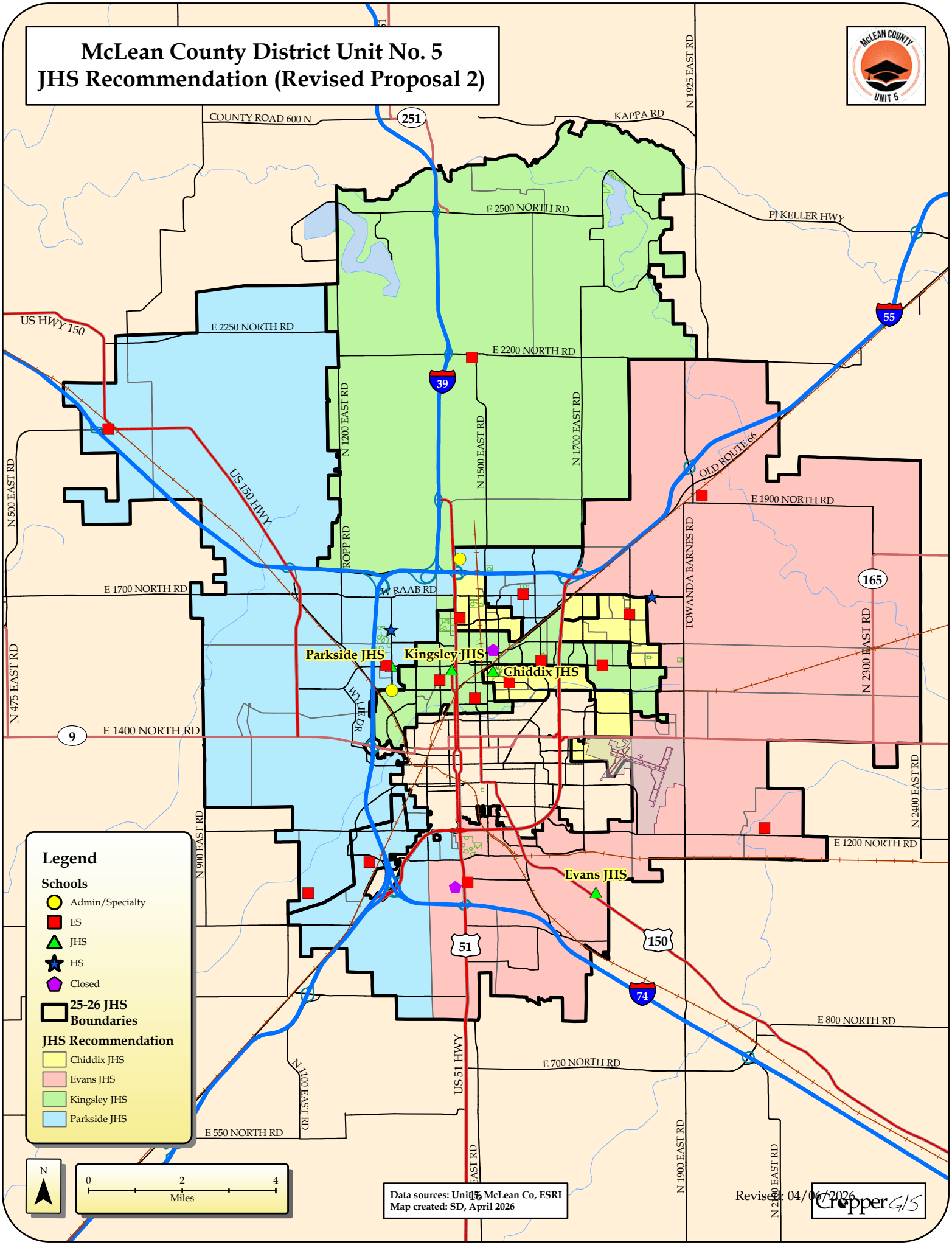

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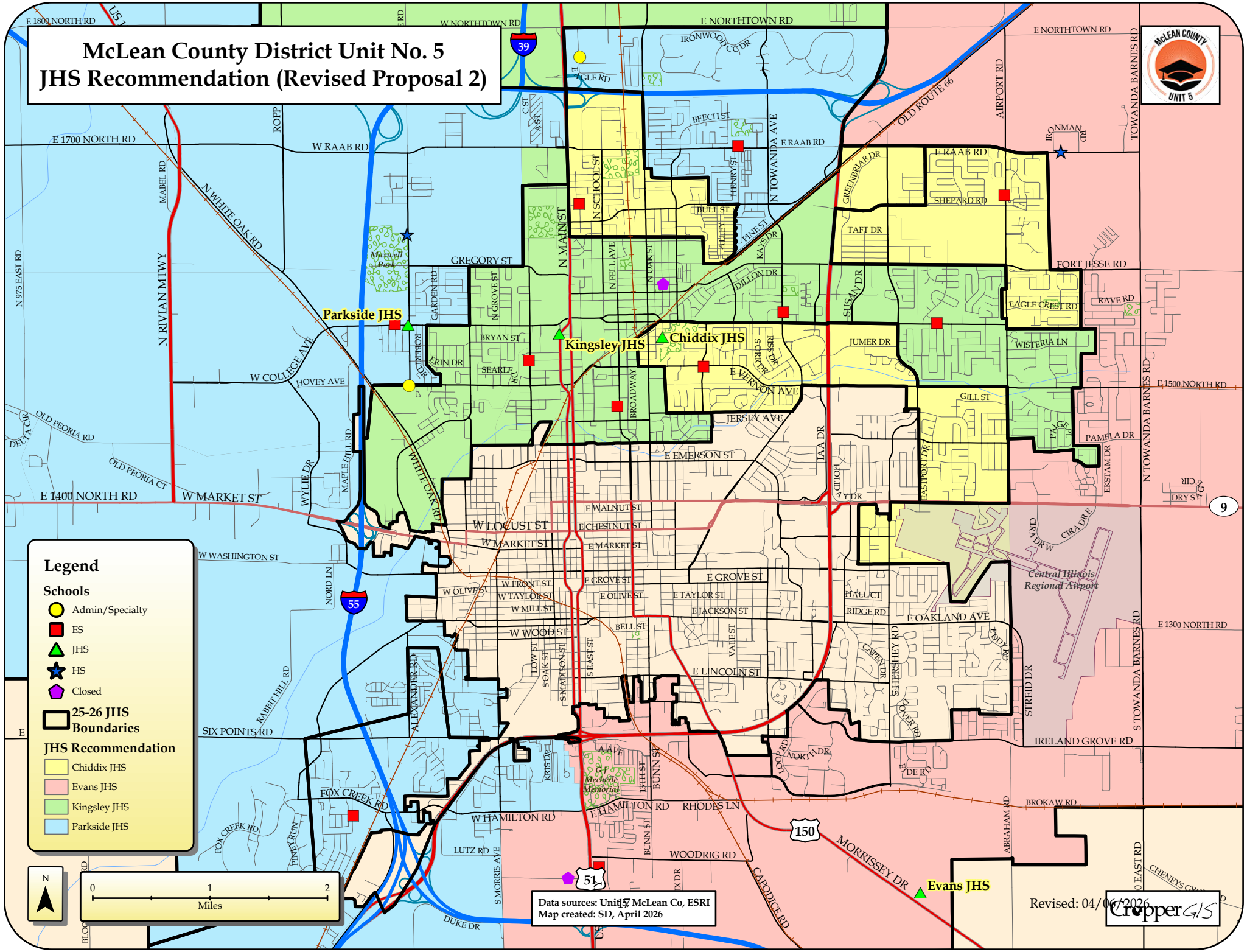

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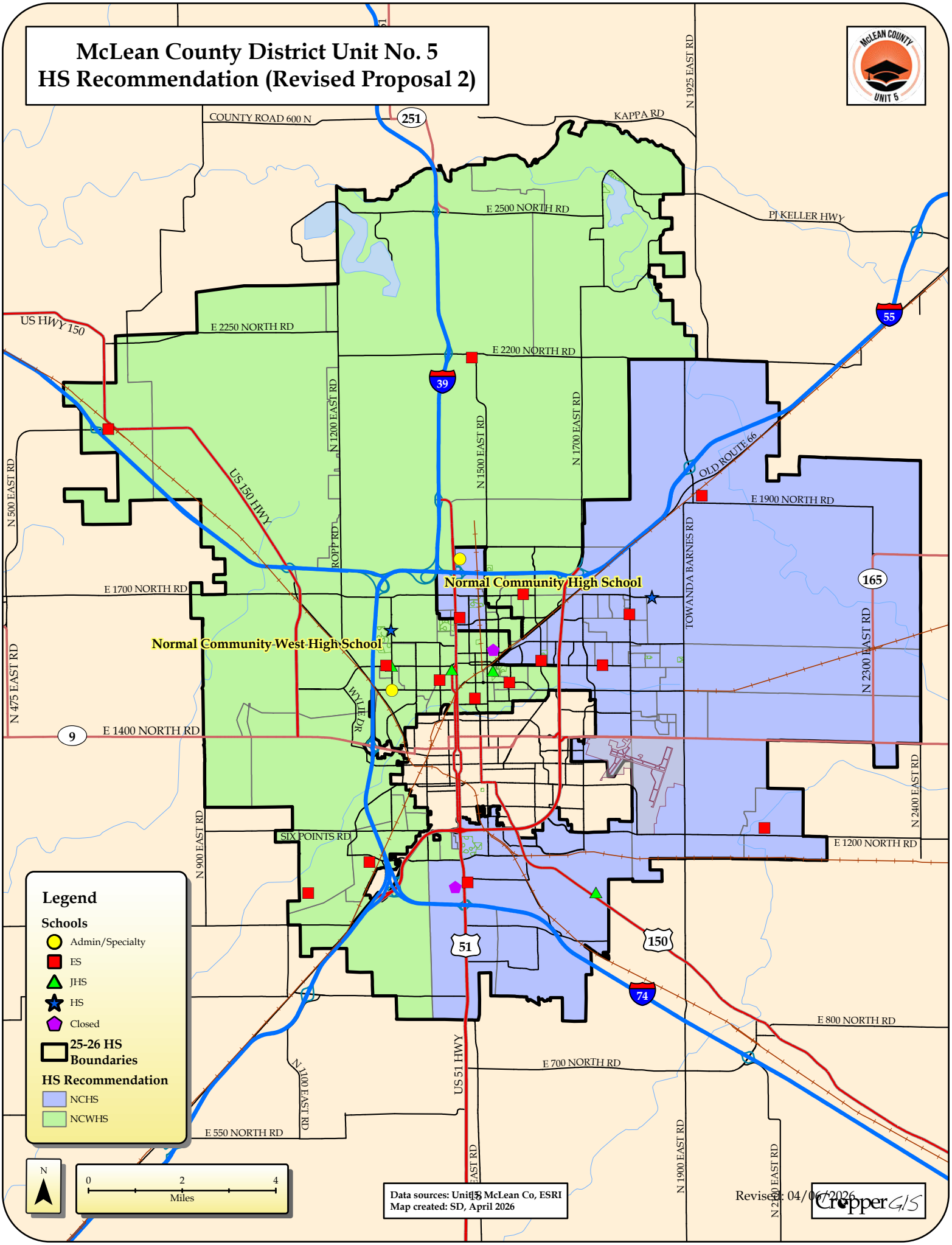
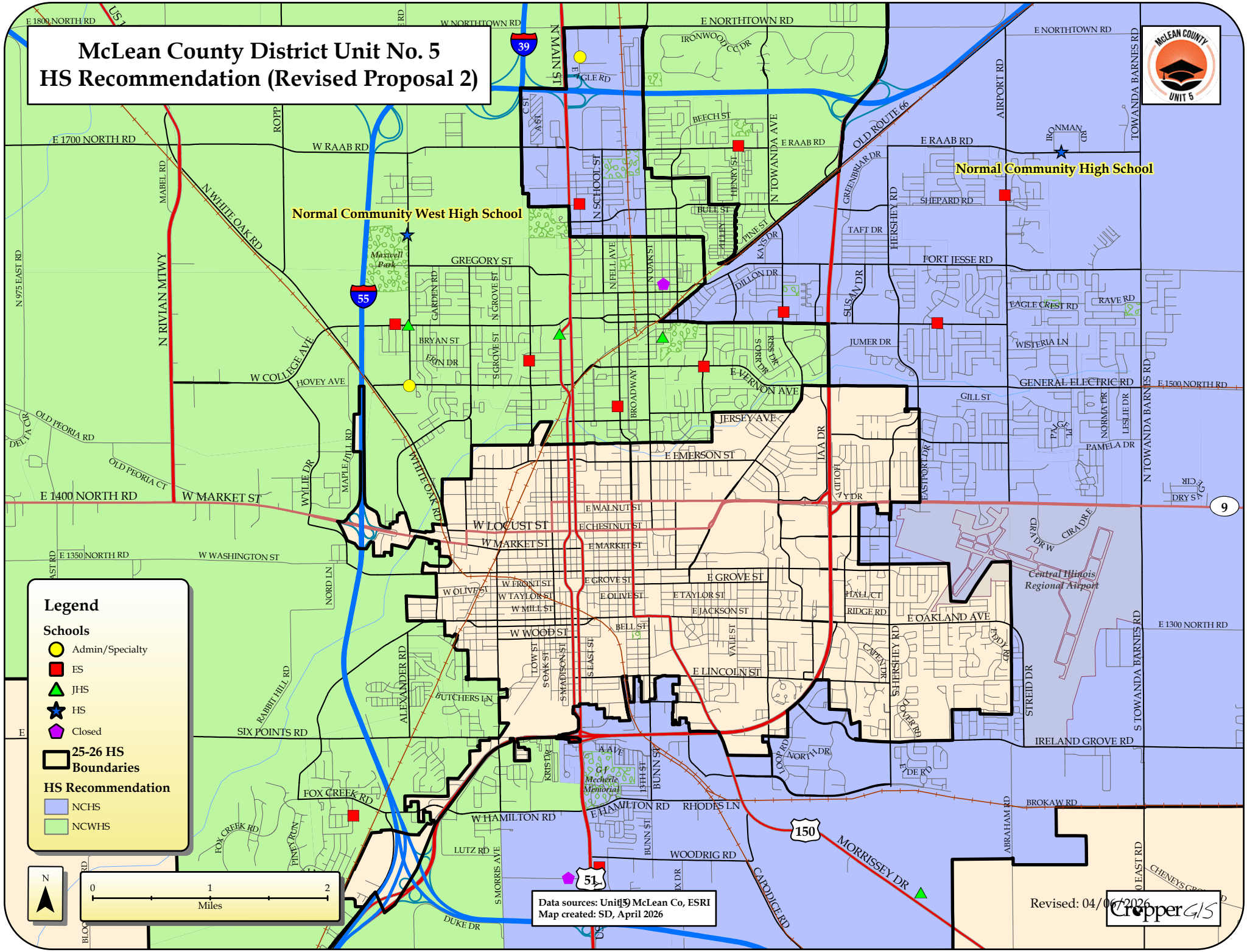
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