

# Arlington School Redistricting

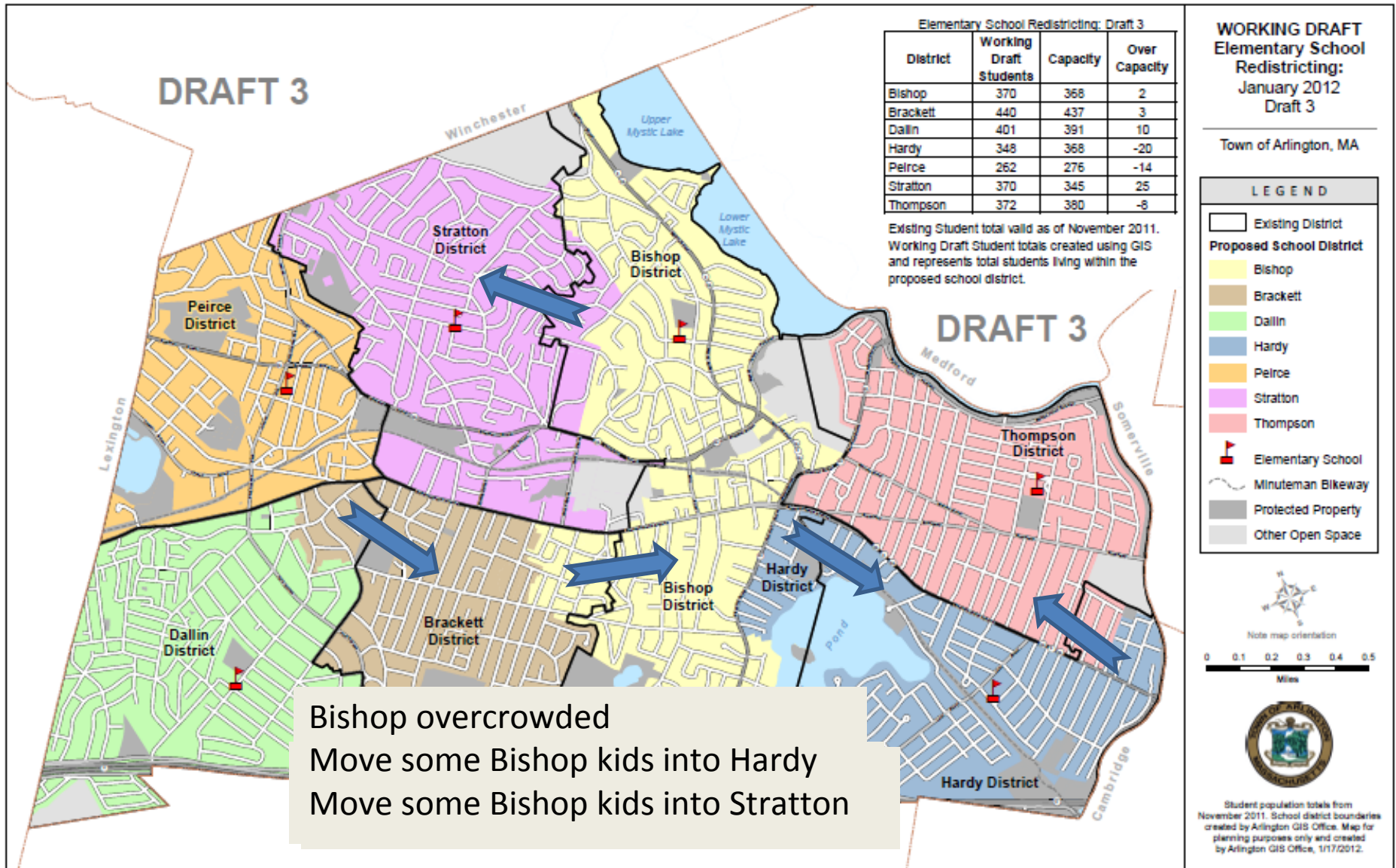
**Bishop Update**

**1/25/12**

# Why Redistrict

- Thompson was rebuilt with state funding to accommodate 380 students
  - Arlington is required to submit a plan by June for redistricting to add students to Thompson
- Dalin has 420 students but 390 capacity
- All schools are close to capacity

# Example From Current **DRAFT** Map



# What Is The Process

- Redistricting committee consists of representatives of the school system and parent representatives
- Committee comes up with a recommended map
- Superintendent Bodie presents the map to the school committee
- School committee votes on the new map

# Commonly Asked Questions

- What about grandfathering / phase-in?
  - The school representatives asked to discuss it in the next meeting.
  - The decision is up to the school committee.
  - Original communication was that only 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be grandfathered, but that's not final
- How is capacity calculated?
  - Capacity is based on physical class rooms available that are not designated for specials

# Commonly Asked Questions

- Will there be buses?
  - Currently, the Bishop bus will remain
  - No other buses are in the current plan
- What determines the new map?
  - Capacity
  - Safe access
  - Maintaining neighborhoods as much as possible
  - Distances

# Commonly Asked Questions

- Why is the process so slow?
  - The committee is under Massachusetts Open Meeting laws. We can't discuss things privately in-between the official meetings.

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- Can't we move Special Ed. classes instead?
  - Most programs use specially designated rooms that are smaller and can't accommodate a regular class
- Are birth rates taken into account?
  - We are trying to find out if birth rates can be considered.
  - We have some parent volunteers helping with data analysis

# Useful Links

- <http://www.arlington.k12.ma.us/administration/redistricting/>
- <http://www.arlingtoncommunities.org/>
- Email: bishopdistrict@avrahami.com