## Madera County Board of Education Workshop on Trustee Area Redistricting

The Madera County Board of Education will hold a trustee area redistricting workshop on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 3:30 p.m., in the Madera County Superintendent of Schools Conference Center, 1105 South Madera Avenue, Madera, California.

## What is redistricting?

The Madera County Board of Education consists of seven members who represent specific geographic areas known as trustee areas. Every 10 years, after new population data is released by the U.S. Census, the Board is required to evaluate and adjust the trustee area boundaries, as necessary, to equalize the population of the areas. This assures equal representation for the residents of each trustee area. This process is also required at every level of government—federal, state, county, city, school districts and special districts.

Redistricting of the trustee areas complies with federal and state law and to the extent possible, provides for compact and contiguous trustee areas, includes easily identifiable boundaries, and maintains and respects communities of interest.

## Why does it matter?

Redistricting is a fundamental step in maintaining fair representation in our democratic system of government. It determines which geographic areas, neighborhoods and communities are grouped together for the purpose of electing trustees who represent the concerns and interests of residents in their trustee areas.

## For more information and to participate:

If you are interested in learning more about the process and would like to provide comments and input, we invite you to attend the workshop. If you can't attend the workshop, information and additional opportunities for input will be posted on the Madera County Superintendent of Schools website: mcsos.org.

You can email comments and questions to <u>jpascale@mcsos.org</u> or mail comments to Madera County Superintendent of Schools, Attn: Jennifer Pascale, 1105 South Madera Avenue, Madera, CA 93637.

All school districts in Madera County will also be engaging in the trustee area redistricting process. Check your local school district agendas for an update.