



School District Property Transfer

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Definition of Property Transfer

NDCC 15.1-12-07-01

- **Two School Boards may initiate a voluntary transfer of property between the two districts.**

Process for Property Transfer NDCC 15.1-12-07.1

- Each board votes to pursue the transfer.
- Votes to approve the proposed adjustment of the district boundaries.
- Files with the county superintendent a document evidencing compliance with this subsection.

Notice, Hearing and Attachment NDCC 15.1-12-07.1

- **Upon receiving the document from the board of each school district, the county superintendent shall:**
 - Forward the copy to the county committee
 - Schedule a public hearing within 60 days after the date of filing

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- **County Committee - Hearing for property transfer**
 - If the proposed property transfer includes property in more than one county, the county committee of the county in which the major portion of the property to be transferred is located has jurisdiction over the meeting.

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- **County Superintendent – provides public notice of hearing for the proposed transfer of property**
 - Give notice of the public hearing regarding the proposed transfer of property to the affected property owners by registered mail
 - 14 days prior to hearing

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- **At the hearing, county committee shall consider testimony and evidence considering:**
 - Value and amount of property held by district
 - Outstanding bonded or other indebtedness
 - Taxable valuation of each affected district and taxable valuation under the proposed transfer of property

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- Size and boundaries of each affected district before and after the proposed transfer of property
- Number of students enrolled in each affected district before and after the proposed transfer of property
- Any other relevant factors

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- **County Committee makes Findings of Fact**
- **County Committee approves or disapproves the property transfer**
 - Subject to State Board approval if is approved
 - Can appeal to the State Board if county committee denies the property transfer

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- **County Superintendent**

- Forwards minutes, evidence, documents to State Board of Public School Education

- **State Board of Public School Education**

- Publishes notice of property transfer hearing in all counties, at least 14 days prior to hearing
- Order of property transfer becomes effective July 1 following State Board approval



Other Resources

- **Go to Williamsnd.com**
- **Click on Departments**
- **Click on School District Information**



For Additional Information

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