In September 2019, the Glen Ridge Board of Education approved new primary school zones. The zones were required with the re-opening of Central School. The zones are similar to the zones that were in place when there were three lower elementary schools in operation. There were some modifications in the new zoning to take into account new housing and the utilization of the spaces in the elementary schools.

The District has maintained a “soft” boundary practice when assigning children to an elementary school. This practice gives the District the flexibility to place a child in an elementary school who may reside in a different zone. The practice allows the District to manage class size when there is a significant difference in enrollment between the elementary schools.

For the 2020-2021 school year, all pre-k classes will be held at Central School. Kindergarten students will be placed in one of the three lower elementary schools based on the location of their residence, having older siblings in either Forest Avenue School (FAS) or Linden Avenue School (LAS), and the enrollment numbers. Kindergarten registration will occur in January.

Moving forward, Central School will operate first-grade classes in the 2021-2022 school year. We will evaluate the enrollment numbers at that time to determine if all the pre-k classes will remain at Central School for that school year or some of the pre-k classes will return to FAS and LAS. The 2022-2023 school year will have all three lower elementary schools housing pre-k through grade two classes.