

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF



FORT • ATKINSON

Palmyra-Eagle Area School District Dissolution

November 21, 2019

Background

- First Possible Dissolution of a District Since Revenue Limits Became Law
- Dissolution/Reorganization Law Written Before Revenue Limits Became Law
- Confusion Among State Statutes Regarding Process
- Could Become Model for Future Dissolutions/Reorganizations in Wisconsin

Process & Timeline

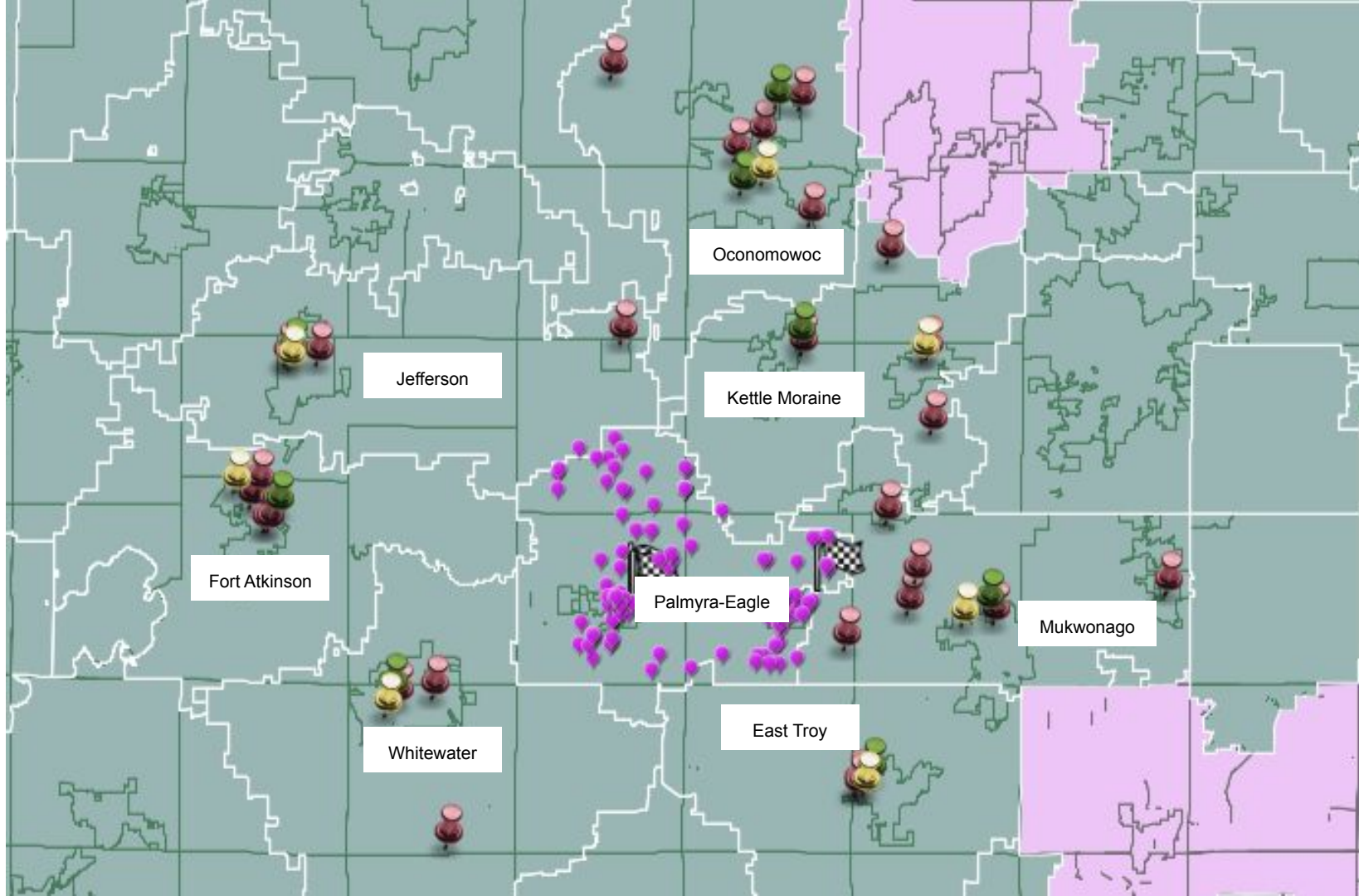
- Advisory referendum to dissolve on November 5, 2019
- School District Boundary Appeals Board (SDBAB) began meeting on November 7, 2019
- SDBAB scheduled to meet through January 10th
- SDBAB issues decision by January 15th
- If dissolution is affirmed it takes effect July 1, 2020

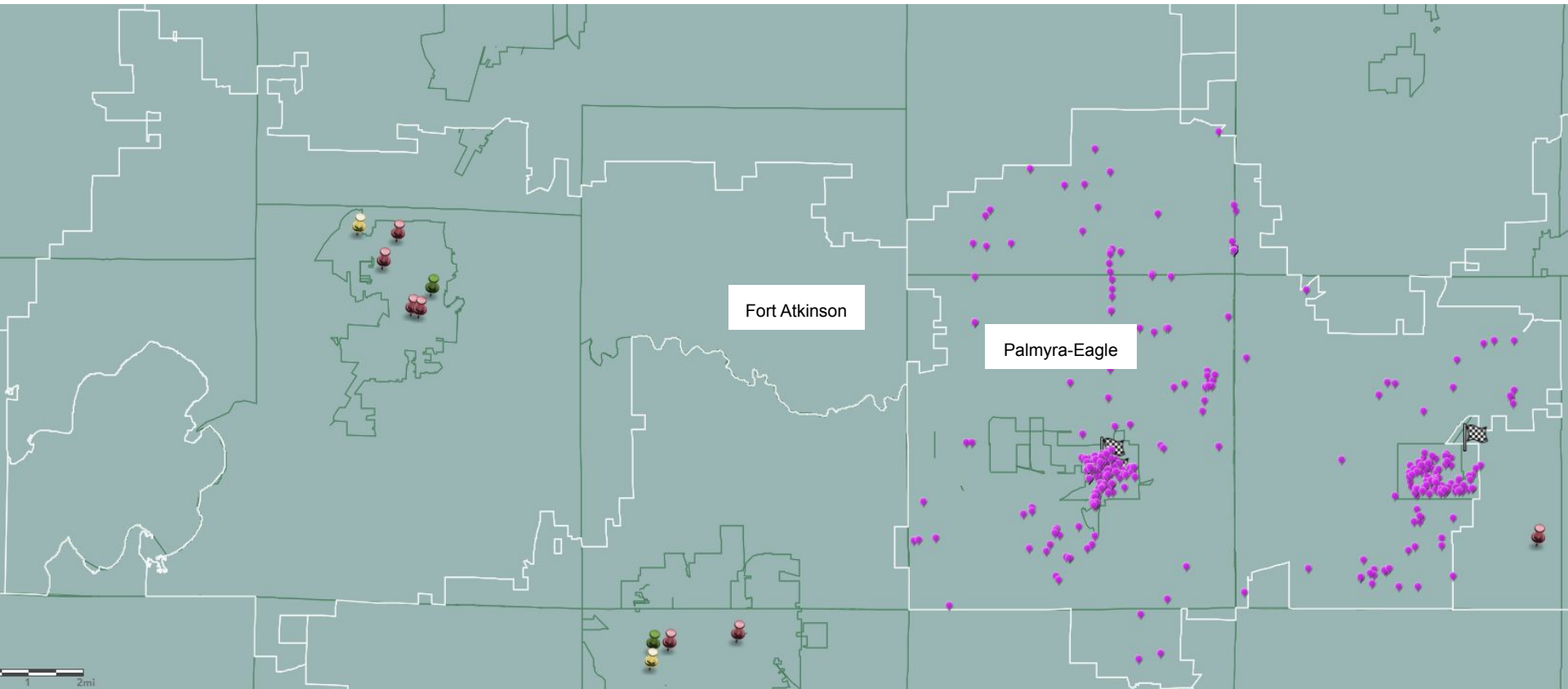
SDBAB Considerations by Statute

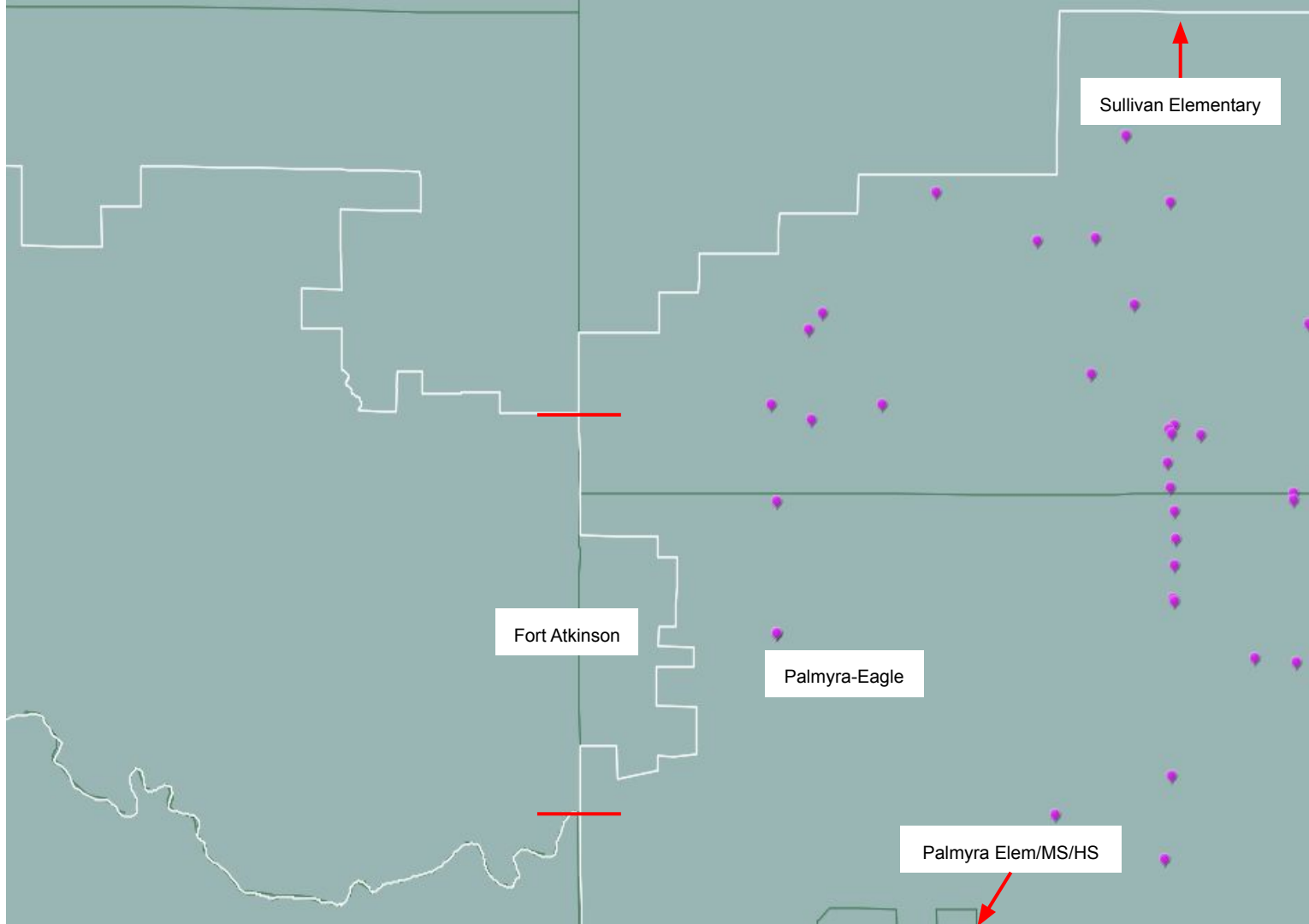
- Geographical & Topographical Characteristics, Including Travel Time
- Educational Needs of All Children in Affected Districts
- Adverse Effect on Program Offered by Palmyra-Eagle
- Testimony & Written Statements of Residents of Affected School Districts
- Fiscal Effects of Proposed Reorganization
- Non-Contiguous Property as a Result of Proposed Reorganization
- Socioeconomic Level of Pupils, Racial Composition of Pupils, and Children At Risk
- Other Appropriate Factors

Effect on School District of Fort Atkinson

- Possible Students Gained
- Possible Territory Gained
- Apportionment Includes:
 - Assets
 - Supplies
 - Liabilities (including capital debt)
 - Staff







Sullivan Elementary

Fort Atkinson

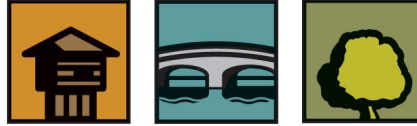
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Recommendations

- Submit written testimony next week to SDBAB from District Administrator & Board President and/or entire Board of Education
- Support the children & families of Palmyra-Eagle and surrounding districts
- Ask that Fort Atkinson not be party to apportionment if dissolution is confirmed
- Share that SDFEA has its own referendum in April, 2020 for operations
- Reference travel times much shorter to Sullivan Elementary and any facilities maintained in Palmyra
- Small number of students/families possibly apportioned not fiscally balanced by apportionment of assets, supplies, liabilities, and staff as well as increased transportation costs

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