



Message

Tue, Jan 10, 2012 9:33 AM

From:



Kathleen V. Hanks

To:



Cc:



BOE Email



Student Member - BOE



Joel Gallihue



**Jennifer Bubenko**

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Subject: Fwd: Letter Regarding Proposed 2013 Elementary School Redistricting

Attachments:



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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Peabody:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. Each year the Feasibility Study is updated. The next Feasibility Study will be presented to the Board of Education on Thursday, June 14, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. At that time, staff will be directed whether or not to form an Attendance Area Committee to proceed with the redistricting process. If you would like to be more involved, you may submit a cover letter and resume to the Office of School Planning to apply for the Attendance Area Committee. This information is due approximately in April. The public is also welcomed to attend any of the committee meetings.

Regarding your attached suggestions, please contact the Office of School Planning at 410-313-7184/1554 and Staff will be more than willing to work with you. Thank you again for contacting the Board of Education.

Regards,

Kathy Hanks  
Administrative Specialist to the  
Howard County Board of Education  
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Sharon Peabody  
Hume Peabody  
9931 Old Mill Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21042  
January 9, 2012

Board of Education  
Howard County Public School System  
10910 Route 108  
Ellicott City, MD 21042  
Howard County Board of Education

To the Members of the Board of Education:

We are writing to express our concerns over the proposed Elementary School Redistricting plans for Polygons 160, 162, 1160, 1162. As parents with several children impacted by this proposed redistricting, we have numerous reservations about the proposal as laid forth in the 2011 Feasibility Study.

Children located in the above specified polygons were subject to a redistricting implemented in 2007. At the time, moving these polygons from Waverly Elementary School to St. John's Lane Elementary School was to address a "bad feed" for Waverly ES. With the shift of these polygons to St. John's Lane ES, a 100% feed was then created. If these polygons are shifted back to Waverly ES, this re-introduces a small "bad" feed back in to the system. Not only would the St. John's Lane ES/Patapsco MS/Mt. Hebron HS 100% feed be impacted, but so would the currently standing 100% feed for Waverly ES/Mt. View MS/Marriott's Ridge HS. This polygon move would be "breaking" a sound system that works well for the schools and the communities involved. Furthermore, we are concerned with the frequency at which these polygons are being redistricted, i.e. 6 years after the previous redistricting. It is not ideal to have the same portions of the neighborhoods, often affecting children within the same families, subjected to multiple redistrictings.

Additionally, it appears as if the number of students that would be moved by this proposal is too small to realistically justify and may be considerably smaller than projected in the Feasibility Study. For example, a total of 11 children of the currently enrolled First Grade students would be moved at the start of their Third Grade year (2013). If this is representative of the community demographics, this would only be a total of 66 students that would be moved to Waverly ES, well below the projected 107 from the Feasibility Study. On our stretch of Old Mill Road, polygon 1162, a total of 8 students across grades K-3 would be moved to Waverly ES. Old Mill Road lies within a large polygon which indicates that the actual number of students impacted may be even lower than projected.

The original move of these polygons in to the St. John's Lane Elementary created a contiguous attendance area that has fostered a Community School serving Elementary,

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Middle, and High School. This allows for continuity within grade levels are maintained, as well as continuity between lower and upper grades. This serves both the schools and the students well. Furthermore, solid and sound transitional communications exist between the St. John's Lane ES and Patapsco MS staff, as well as between the Waverly ES and Mount View MS staff. This network does not exist between Waverly ES and Patapsco MS, placing a further burden on teachers at the Middle School level during grade transitions.

We urge the Board of Education to reconsider the proposed Elementary and Middle School Redistricting planned for these polygons, explore alternative solutions that will address the needs for Veteran's Elementary School, e.g. utilizing capacity at Northfield Elementary School, and do further research to vet the numbers used in the Feasibility Study.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sharon Peabody  
Hume Peabody

## Petition to Keep SJLES, Patapsco and Mount Hebron Community Schools and 100% Feeds

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Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Michele Toth	<i>Michele Toth</i>	9905 Hidden Haven Ct Ellicott City, MD 21042		11/15/11
Susie McShea	<i>Susie McShea</i>	9979 Old Mill Road Ellicott City, MD 21042		11/15/11
Allison Anderson	<i>Allison Anderson</i>	9609 Congview Dr. Ellicott City, MD 21042		11/15/11
Dana Hemelt	<i>Dana Hemelt</i>	2915 Country Lane Ellicott City, MD 21042		11/15/11
Kristin Henn	<i>Kristin Henn</i>	9810 Diversified Ln Ellicott City, MD 21042		11/16/11
BreeAnne Chadwick	<i>BreeAnne Chadwick</i>	9853 The Inwood Ct Ellicott City, MD 21042		11/16/11
Judy Jacob	<i>Judy Jacob</i>	2335 Ridge Pine Ct. Ellicott City, MD 21042		11/17/11
Emily Rice	<i>Emily Rice</i>	2977 Heathstone Rd Ellicott City, MD 21042		11/17/11
Jeanne Yey	<i>Jeanne Yey</i>	2825 Thimblewick Rd EC 21042		11/17/11
Diana Perez	<i>Diana Perez</i>	9772 Diversified Ln Ellicott City, MD 21042		11/18/11

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Deborah Marcell	<i>[Signature]</i>	2828 Thornbrook Rd		11/22/11
Lisa Cangialosi	<i>[Signature]</i>	2848 Stone Hollow Ct. 21043		11/22/11
COIN HOSCE	<i>[Signature]</i>	2975 MCKENZIE RD EMCOTT CITY		22 NOV 2011
Amey Carguelo	<i>[Signature]</i>	3234 Heathstone Rd Ellicott City 21043		11/22/11
Heather Zimmerman	<i>[Signature]</i>	9132 Trayburn Ct Ellicott City		11/22/2011
BALICKAS	<i>[Signature]</i>	3113 EUNICE RD		11/22/11
LORNA BRONE	<i>[Signature]</i>	2612 McKimzie ECC		11/22/11
JMRamoth	<i>[Signature]</i>	9922 Postwick Rd.		11/22/11
Kris DeGryn	<i>[Signature]</i>	9922 Postwide Rd		11/22/11
Natalie Kelly	<i>[Signature]</i>	9736 Cypressmeda Dr.		11/22/11

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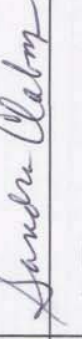
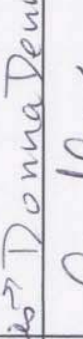

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Ji-Hyon Min	<i>[Signature]</i>	3098 Greenhaven Ct 21042		11/18/11
Stephen Nolan	<i>[Signature]</i>	2895 Country Lane		11/18/11
Madea Johnson	<i>[Signature]</i>	2342 Ballad Way		11/18/11
Darwin Bellido de Luna	<i>[Signature]</i>	2005 Lita Dr.		11-21-11
Lydia Smith	<i>[Signature]</i>	2780 Thornbrook Rd.		11-21-11
J-F Turner	<i>[Signature]</i>	2731		11-21-11
Laura Duguay	<i>[Signature]</i>	8596 Stonehouse Dr. Ellicott City MD 21043		11-21-11
Sang Ki Kim	<i>[Signature]</i>	9913 Postwick Rd		11-21-11
Tom Jacobs	<i>[Signature]</i>	2335 RINGETREE CT		11/21/11
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Sharese Essien		8912 Chantel Ct, EFC		11/22/11
PALENO-COLLINS		8512 Spyway Rd EFC 21043		11/22/11
Maribel Currie		9209 Maple Rock Drive		11/22/11
Diethra Xuen		2909 Crabapple Lane		11/23
Sandra Clabough		387 Greenhaven Ct EFC		11/23/11
Donna Dennis		2327 Daniels Rd.		
Christina Stedler		9740 Trebyrn Ct EFC 21042		11/24/11

From:  **Joel Gallihue**  
Subject: Re: Fwd: Question/Comment from Web Site  
To:  "Houck, Steven D CIV (US)" ·  
Cc:  Deborah J. Summers  **Jennifer Bubenko**

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Thursday, June 21, 2012 3:41:47 PM 

Dear Mr. Houck,

We can't make any guarantee that a home you buy will stay assigned to the current school. Changes are not very frequent but do happen. The policy on appeals to school assignment does not permit waivers because of redistricting.

Joel Gallihue

**Deborah J. Summers writes:**

Joel-  
Would you please respond to this parent?  
Thanks  
Debbie

Deborah J Summers  
Public Information Office  
Howard County Department of Education  
410-313-6682

----- Original Message -----

Good Afternoon,

I have a question about School Attendance Area's;

I have kids that are in 4th and 2nd grades.

We are looking to relocate to Howard County where I was raised. What assurances do I have when I find a home in an attendance area I wish my kids to attend high school but the Boundary changes prior to them entering high school and end up having to attend another school.

Is there a petition can be submitted to attend the original school we wished them to attend? And what are the chances of the petition being granted?

Thank you for your time,

Steve

STEVEN D. HOUCK





Message

Wed, Jun 20, 2012 7:27 AM

From: "Alison Pasternak" .

To: joel\_gallihue@hcpss.org **Jennifer Bubenko**

Cc:

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Subject: Glenmont neighborhood

Attachments:

Dear Joel,

We are the representatives of the Glenmont neighborhood (polygons 65, 1065, and 2065) who discussed with you the proposed redistricting of our neighborhood from Ellicott Mills MS to Oakland Mills MS and the problems that plan creates. We hope that you remember meeting with us in December 2011 and April 2012.

In reviewing the 2012 Feasibility Study last week, we were very disappointed to see that the recommendation is still to send Glenmont to OMMS and even more troubled to learn that the proposal is now to redistrict us in 2014, not 2015.

When we met with you on April 11th, we offered two alternative scenarios: one kept our neighborhood at EMMS, while the other placed us at Bonnie Branch MS; both allowed Glenmont to remain with high feeds to Howard High. During our meeting, you promised to contact us by the end of the following week (April 20) regarding a more comprehensive analysis of the scenarios. However, although we reminded you on April 30th, we never heard back from you or your office. During our meeting you also stated that, if the 2012 Feasibility Study proposes sending Glenmont to OMMS, you would provide notes about Glenmont in the text, knowing that we would be watching closely.

In the absence of the comprehensive analysis and the notes in the text, we would be grateful for an explanation as to why the 2012 Feasibility Study does not address our concerns:

(1) If Glenmont students are redistricted to OMMS, they would be the only students who feed to Howard High, creating an unacceptably small feed to Howard High; and

(2) Glenmont students should remain at Howard High since they are walkers.

We hope to receive a response from your office.

Regards,

Alison Pasternak

Andrea LeWinter

Kathy Woods

Brendan Bassett

*for Glenmont Walks to Howard High*



Message

Wed, Jun 20, 2012 6:50 AM

From:  Joel Gallihue <[joel\\_gallihue@hcpss.org](mailto:joel_gallihue@hcpss.org)>

To:  **Jennifer Bubenko**

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Subject: Fwd: Fwd(2): Committee Formed to Name Elementary School #41 PR2011-...

Attachments:

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Arlene Harrison"  
**Date:** June 19, 2012 10:02:49 PM EDT  
**To:** "Joel Gallihue" <[Joel\\_Gallihue@hcpss.org](mailto:Joel_Gallihue@hcpss.org)>  
**Subject:** **Fwd(2): Committee Formed to Name Elementary School #41 PR2011-215**

Joel, see the message below that went out.

Arlene Harrison  
Administrative Director  
Office of School Administration  
[arlene\\_harrison@hcpss.org](mailto:arlene_harrison@hcpss.org)  
410-313-1518  
cell: 443-864-6734

----- Original Message -----

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Howard County Public School System

# School News

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 19, 2012

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## **RE: Committee Formed to Name Elementary School #41**

**Ellicott City, MD** – The Howard County Public School System is seeking individuals interested in serving on a committee to select the name for the new elementary school in Elkridge. Elementary School #41, as it is referred to in planning documents, is under construction on a site on Ducketts Lane and is scheduled to open in August 2013.

Board of Education policy calls for all schools to be named in terms of geographical areas of the county and for duplication of names to be avoided. Names may refer to sections of the county, appropriate street locations, established neighborhoods or community identifications.

Persons interested in serving on the School Naming Committee should contact Arlene Harrison, Administrative Director of Elementary Schools, at 410-313-1518 or [arlene\\_harrison@hcpss.org](mailto:arlene_harrison@hcpss.org) by August 1, 2012.

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**Contacts:**

Patti Caplan, APR  
Director of Public Relations  
410-313-6680

[patti\\_caplan@hcpss.org](mailto:patti_caplan@hcpss.org)



Message

Tue, Jun 19, 2012 9:36 PM

From:  Joel Gallihue

To:  |

Cc:  **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Redistricting

I will look into your suggestions this week. Joel

**Katie Penn** writes:

Hi Joel,

Thank you for taking the time to talk to me today about the 2013 elementary school redistricting. I appreciate your willingness to listen to my concerns and suggestions.

My oldest son is going to start kindergarten this August at Ilchester Elementary. According to the feasibility study our polygon (2085) would be redistricted to Rockburn Elementary in 2013. As of the 2013 school year there will ONLY be 3 children from our polygon attending elementary school.

I am also including my neighbor, Maureen Sutch, on this email as her son would also be affected by the potential redistricting.

According to Table 2 of the feasibility study:

\*186 students will be leaving Ilchester (polygons 95, 1085, 1095, 2085, 2095, 3085) to attend Rockburn

\* 213 new students to attend Ilchester (polygon 91 from Rockburn; polygons 74, 2074 from Waterloo; polygons 1094, 2093, 3093, 4093 from Worthington)

My 1st suggestion is to have polygon 91 to continue to attend Rockburn (42 children), & send polygons 74, 2074 to Rockburn rather than Ilchester (59 children). This would account for 101 students.

My 2nd suggestion is then to have all of the proposed polygons (95, 1085, 1095, 2085, 2095, 3085) to REMAIN attending Ilchester. This would account for 186 students.

If all of the proposed polygons can not remain at Ilchester, then I suggest a division by neighborhoods. Polygons 95, 1095, & 2095 would then go to Rockburn, along with polygons 74, 2074 as stated above. These 5 polygons are all located in the same neighborhood (Montgomery Meadows). Then the remaining polygons, 1085, 2085, & 3085 would remain attending Ilchester. This would also keep all of the neighborhoods off of Kerger attending the same school.

My suggestions would create less overall movement of students to different schools. Living in Howard County, we know there is a chance of redistricting but I believe my suggestions could help alleviate a lot of upset families.

Please consider my suggestions because we really want to remain in the Ilchester school district.

Thank you,

~Kate Penn  
Sent from my iPad

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Joel A. Gallihue, AICP  
Manager of School Planning  
Howard County Public School System  
10910 Route 108  
Ellicott City, MD 21042  
410-313-7184  
410-948-8150



Message

Tue, Jun 19, 2012 6:22 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**  
To:   
Cc: BOE Email Student Member - BOE Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Elementary School Redistricting

**"Dan and Sue Evans"** writes:

To Whom It May Concern,

I just learned that you are considering redistricting two homes here in the Dunteachin neighborhood to the new elementary school. I feel this is a terrible idea. Taking two families out of Ilchester Elementary will not make a dent in your numbers and statistics. Yet, it will have a devastating effect on the four affected children. You will be pulling them from the schoolmates, teachers, and neighbors that they know.

Please find a bigger group to pull into the new elementary school, and do not break off a small crumb from a close neighborhood such as Duneachin Estates.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sue Evans

5375 Dunteachin Drive

(410) 747-7167

Dear Ms. Evan:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. The presentation of the Feasibility Study is just the beginning of the redistricting process. The first Attendance Area Committee (AAC) is scheduled to meet June 19. By copy of this email, I am forwarding your concerns to the Office of School Planning. You are welcome to attend any AAC meeting, as all meetings are open. I encourage you to stay informed throughout the process. All information is posted on the [HCPSS website](#), which I have linked for you. If you have further questions and/or suggestions, please contact Mr. Joel Gallihue's office at 410-313-7184 or Ms. Jennifer Bubenko at 410-313-1554. Once again, thank you for contacting the Board of Education.

Regards,

Kathy Hanks  
Administrative Specialist to the  
Howard County Board of Education  
Phone: 410-313-7194  
Fax: 410-313-6833





Message

Tue, Jun 19, 2012 3:39 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**  
To:   
Cc: BOE Email Student Member - BOE Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Dunteachin Estates Subdivision and Polygon #85 districting for schools

**"Clark Hinkel"**

writes:

Dear Joel Gallihue,

Please keep all of the Dunteachin Estates subdivision districted together to go to the same schools. I understand there is a possibility in the next redistricting caused by a new elementary school that some students on Kerger Rd may go to a different elementary school. This is a small subdivision and may currently affect only 4 elementary school students. Dunteachin Estates is a very tight community with numerous community functions for adults and children from Christmas parties to summer Friday night TGIF's. To suddenly have some of the children going to different schools (including the possibility of different middle and high schools in the future) has the great possibility of splitting this tight cohesive community apart.

As an adult, I can tolerate neighbors who are Steeler and Yankee fans (Go Ravens and Orioles!!), but I believe neighbor children going to the same schools is very important.

Please consider keeping Dunteachin Estates districted for the same schools.

Thank you for your consideration.

Clark Hinkel

5425 Jerseybelle Ct

Ellicott City, MD 21043

H: 410-747-5215

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Administrative Specialist to the  
Howard County Board of Education  
Phone: 410-313-7194  
Fax: 410-313-6833

From:  Joel Gallihue

Tuesday, June 19, 2012 5:55:11 PM  

Subject: Re: feasibility study question

To: 

Cc:  Jennifer Bubenko

Joanna,

I remember you well and also appreciate hearing from you. Our thoughts are evolving on this matter. Avoiding small feeds is a good goal but probably not the only consideration. If you would like to submit any suggestions we certainly have some time.

Joel

**"Mellert, Joanna"**

**> writes:**

Hi Joel.


I'm not sure if you remember me, but I live in polygon 181 and was active in having my neighborhood redistricted from Marriotts Ridge to River Hill HS to improve a feed issue. I reviewed the latest Feasibility Study and was very happy to see that there is no planned redistricting at the high school level in my area. But I do have a concern regarding polygons adjacent to mine. And I noticed what appears to be a slight contradiction in the study regarding middle school redistricting in the western region.

On page 24, it states that the strategy is to "monitor long-term needs" and the text says "The planned middle school redistricting for 2014 does not include redistricting in this area." But further along in Section V Table 3, I see movement in 2014 from Mount View to Folly Quarter. Did you really intend this movement to be part of the plan? I'm sure you know that these neighborhoods have actively campaigned against this move in the past. I also see that these polygons are listed for elementary redistricting in 2016. My only interest is the fact that if the middle school and/or 2016 elementary changes happen, two small feeds are created. I'm concerned that my neighborhood would somehow get pulled back into the "plan".


I would appreciate it if you could let me know the real intention of middle school changes in 2014 in the west.


Thanks.

Joanna Mellert


From:  **Joel Gallihue**

Subject: Re(2): Redistricting - Ilchester Elementary

To:  **Jim Perrus**

Cc:  **Jennifer Bubenko**

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Tuesday, June 19, 2012 5:30:33 PM 

Dear Mr. Perrus,

The proposed redistricting is a draft plan. As you probably know, this plan is far more comprehensive than polygons 85 & 1085. Perhaps we will develop a plan that satisfies your concerns and balances capacity system-wide. We are open to suggestions.

Joel Gallihue

**Jim Perrus** writes:

Dear Kathy,

I also wanted to mention that the couple residing at 5402 Kerger has twins attending Ilchester Elementary and would be affected. I wanted to list all of the homes on Kerger Rd. that are included in the Dunteachin Estates Community. I also listed their current polygon assignment as well. We have 119 homes in our community and 13 of these homes (10%) are not included in Polygon 85. There are 11 homes in Polygon 1085 and two homes in Polygon 3085. The majority of the Dunteachin Estates Community are in Polygon 85.

5260 Kerger Rd. #85  
5316 Kerger Rd. - #85  
5320 Kerger Rd. - #85  
5324 Kerger Rd. - #85  
5334 Kerger Rd. - #85  
5338 Kerger Rd. - #85  
5342 Kerger Rd. - #85  
5348 Kerger Rd. - #1085  
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5380 Kerger Rd. - #1085  
5384 Kerger Rd. - #1085  
5388 Kerger Rd. - #1085  
5402 Kerger Rd. - #3085  
5406 Kerger Rd. - #3085

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jim Perrus  
President - Dunteachin Estates HOA  
5376 Kerger Rd.  
Ellicott City, Md 21043  
cell - 301-613-0002

-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Perrus  
Date: Jun 18, 2012 2:56:58 PM  
Subject: Re: Re: Redistricting - Ilchester Elementary  
To: [KATHLEEN\\_HANKS@hcpss.org](mailto:KATHLEEN_HANKS@hcpss.org)  
Cc: [joel\\_gallihue@HCPSS.org](mailto:joel_gallihue@HCPSS.org)

Thank you Kathy for your quick response. I will be at of town tomorrow but plan to attend the next scheduled meeting on July 3.

Sincerely,

Jim Perrus  
President - Dunteachin Estates HOA  
5376 Kerger Rd  
Ellicott City, MD 21043  
301-613-0002 - cell

On 06/18/12, Kathleen V. Hanks<[KATHLEEN\\_HANKS@hcpss.org](mailto:KATHLEEN_HANKS@hcpss.org)> wrote:

**Jim Perrus** writes:

Dear Board of Education,

I am dismayed to learn that my family would be affected by the proposed school redistricting in 2013-14. A total of **four current Ilchester Elementary students** would be affected by this change. This includes my two children who reside on 5376 Kerger Road and two children who reside at 5372 Kerger Rd. Only a few select houses in my community (Dunteachin Estates) are located in Polygon 1085. The rest are in Polygon 85. It would make more sense to me that all of the houses be included in Polygon 85.

My family moved to this area over 7 years ago primarily because of the school system which includes Ilchester Elementary. We even met with teachers from Ilchester before deciding to buy our house. We are a two-income family, paying a lot of money in property tax to give our children some stability. Now I am being told that stability could end next year. To uproot our children will have an adverse effect on their development. We live only 1.1 miles away from Ilchester, which is in Ellicott City. Rockburn Elementary is in Elkridge.

Who can I speak with further regarding the redistricting plans? I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Jim Perrus  
President - Dunteachin Estates HOA  
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Regards,

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Message

Tue, Jun 19, 2012 11:00 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**  
To: "Soffen, Scott"  
Cc: BOE Email Student Member - BOE **Joel Gallihue** **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Elementary School Redistricting

**"Soffen, Scott"** writes:

Sirs:

I just wanted to add my voice to redistricting planned for the 2013-2014 school year. I live in the Dunteachin community (at 5310 Honey Court), whose children currently attend Ilchester Elementary School. I understand that under the proposed redistricting plan, some members of my community would continue to go to Ilchester, while others would go to Rockburn Elementary School. While I understand that redistricting is necessary, and that the lines need to be drawn *somewhere*, my sense is that the plan designer did not recognize that the Dunteachin community is one community, with one HOA, whose children play together. Allowing all of the children in the Dunteachin Community, including those on Kerger Road who are assigned to Polygon #1085, to attend the same school as their friends in the community would seem optimal for the children. I ask you to reconsider the proposed plan, to ensure that children in the Dunteachin community living along Kerger Road be assigned to Ilchester Elementary, possibly by assigning them to Paragon #85.

[Scott Soffen, CFA, CAIA](#)

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Dear Mr. Soffen:

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Message

Tue, Jun 19, 2012 8:57 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**  
To: Carrie-Anne  
Cc: BOE Email Student Member - BOE Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Redistricting and Polygon #85 vs. 1085

**Carrie-Anne** writes:

To the Redistricting Committee:

It has recently come to my attention that part of my community is possibly in danger of being redistricted from Ilchester Elementary to Rockburn. My family lives in the Dunteachin Estates community on Kerger Road. It is not clear from the Polygon maps if my whole community is part of Polygon #85 or if those who reside on Kerger Road are part of Polygon #1085. Would you please clarify this for me?

There is growing concern that our community could possibly be spilt in the redistricting process and that most of our Kerger Road residents' may be moved to Rockburn. If that is the case, I would sincerely urge you to reconsider. We are a close community and extremely supportive of Ilchester Elementary School. We have spent umpteen man hours supporting our children's endeavors at Ilchester and have built strong relationships with our teachers and administration. Our children LOVE their school and teachers, as do us parents! It would be heartbreaking to have to go through such a transition.

I am aware of the dilemma of overcrowded schools and understand that a redistricting process is unavoidable with the opening of the new #41 Elementary School in 2013. There is no way to please all the residents involved. However, in the least, I would hope that you would be able to see why it is so important that our entire community be included in the same Polygon, if this is not already the case.

Clarification on the polygon #85/1085 boundary would be greatly appreciated. Although we are unable to be present at tomorrow's meeting, our family does plan to help represent our community at upcoming meetings.

Thank you in advance for considering my input. All the time and effort that has already been invested by the committee in putting together the redistricting proposal is greatly appreciated as is the opportunity to provide feedback and express concerns.

Sincerely,  
Carrie-Anne Platt  
Concerned Howard County Resident and Parent of 2 Ilchester Elementary School Students

Sent from my iPhone

Dear Ms. Platt:



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Regards,


Kathy Hanks  
Administrative Specialist to the  
Howard County Board of Education  
Phone: 410-313-7194  
Fax: 410-313-6833




Message

Mon, Jun 18, 2012 8:52 AM

From:

 HCAAC  
 Jim Perrus

To:

 Joel Gallihue  **Jennifer Whitesel**

[View in Browser](#)

Subject: Fwd: Redistricting - Ilchester Elementary

Attachments:

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Dear Board of Education,

I am dismayed to learn that my family would be affected by the proposed school redistricting in 2013-14. A total of **four current Ilchester Elementary students** would be affected by this change. This includes my two children who reside on 5376 Kerger Road and two children who reside at 5372 Kerger Rd. Only a few select houses in my community (Dunteachin Estates) are located in Polygon 1085. The rest are in Polygon 85. It would make more sense to me that all of the houses be included in Polygon 85.

My family moved to this area over 7 years ago primarily because of the school system which includes Ilchester Elementary. We even met with teachers from Ilchester before deciding to buy our house. We are a two-income family, paying a lot of money in property tax to give our children some stability. Now I am being told that stability could end next year. To uproot our children will have an adverse effect on their development. We live only 1.1 miles away from Ilchester, which is in Ellicott City. Rockburn Elementary is in Elkridge.

Who can I speak with further regarding the redistricting plans? I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Jim Perrus  
President - Dunteachin Estates HOA  
5376 Kerger Rd  
Ellicott City, MD 21043  
301-613-0002 - cell



Message

Fri, Jun 15, 2012 11:32 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To:

Cc: BOE Email Student Member - BOE Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Request for Powerpoint Presentation and AAC Roster

Attachments: 06 14 2012 FEASIBILITY STUDY PowerPoint.pdf (444K)

**writes:**

Hello,

I would appreciate it if this request could be forwarded to Joel Gallihue at the Office of School Planning. I attended the BOE meeting this evening and found Mr. Gallihue's presentation very clear and useful for the public, as well as the BOE. I would like to obtain a copy of the PPT presentation he used, if possible, for me to present to my neighborhood this evening (Friday, June 15 at 8:00 p.m.). I am hosting a neighborhood BBQ and it would be great if I could project the PPT presentation to our screen. Additionally, I would like to receive a copy of the roster for the newly appointed AAC.

Incidentally, we (Polygon 84) are THRILLED that at long last we will be reconnected with the other half of our neighborhood (Polygons 95,1095,2095) after 20 years of being separated. We are all members of the Montgomery Meadows HOA. Our children will finally know each other at the neighborhood parades and parties. Thank you very much for your consideration.



Sincerely,  
Heather Fox

Dear Ms. Fox:



Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. All documents for any Board meeting are located on the Board's website - [BoardDocs](#). For your convenience, I have attached Mr. Gallihue's PowerPoint. By copy of this email, I am asking Mr. Gallihue to forward to you the roster of the committee. Also, all Attendance Area Adjustment information can be found on the [HCPSS website](#). If you have any further questions, you may contact the Office of School Planning directly at 410-313-7184. Thank you again for contacting the Board.


Regards,

Kathy Hanks  
Administrative Specialist to the  
Howard County Board of Education  
Phone: 410-313-7194  
Fax: 410-313-6833

From:  "Joseph Huang" · Thu, Jun 14, 2012 3:21:16 PM 

Subject: RE: Comment/Suggestion re: School Planning/Boundary Lines

To:  BOE Email  **Joel Gallihue**

Attachments:  Attach0.html 11K

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Actually, I should also ask about our middle and high schools as well. We're currently districted for Bonnie Branch MS and Howard HS. Can you provide details on the relevant plan ID's?

#### Rockburn ES

to Elkridge ES plan ID's 44 and 92

to Ilchester ES plan ID 91

to New ES #41 plan ID's 37, 1037, and 2037

#### Bonnie Branch MS

to Elkridge Landing MS plan ID's 83, 1083, 1091, 2091, and 3091

to Lake Elkhorn MS plan ID's 261, 264, and 1261

to Mayfield Woods MS plan ID's 76 and 1076

#### Howard HS

to Long Reach HS plan ID's 38, 39, 42, 124, 277, 300, 1038, 1124, 1300, and 2038

to Oakland Mills HS plan ID's 261 and 1261

If it's easier for you, then we're the Cascade Overlook community off of Landing Road. Our streets are Royal Coachman Dr, Light Cahill Ct, Yellow Owl Ct, and Pale Morning Dun Rd.

Thanks again.

Joe Huang

(410) 744-5045

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**From:** Joseph Huang  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 14, 2012 2:52 PM  
**To:** '[joel\\_gallihue@hcpss.org](mailto:joel_gallihue@hcpss.org)'  
**Subject:** FW: Comment/Suggestion re: School Planning/Boundary Lines

Hi Joel,

Any info would be helpful. Thanks!

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**From:** Joseph Huang  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 14, 2012 2:51 PM  
**To:** '[boe@hcpss.org](mailto:boe@hcpss.org)'  
**Subject:** Comment/Suggestion re: School Planning/Boundary Lines




I'm reviewing the feasibility study just published today. I see that some students are moving from Rockburn ES to Ilchester ES, reference Plan ID 91. But I cannot determine exactly what that plan is. Can you provide more details that may share with my community? Thank you.

Regards,


Joe Huang


(410) 744-5045

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From:  **Joel Gallihue** Thursday, June 14, 2012 4:29:32 PM  

Subject: Re(2): Comment/Suggestion re: School Planning/Boundary Lines

To:  "Joseph Huang"

Cc:  BOE Email

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Dear Mr. Huang,

The link below shows all of the planning polygons. It appears to me that you are in polygon 91.

[http://www.hcpss.org/boundarylines/map\\_polygon201011.pdf](http://www.hcpss.org/boundarylines/map_polygon201011.pdf)

Table 2 of the Feasibility Study report on page 29 lists this polygon for movement from Rockburn ES to Ilchester ES. Other plans are shown in the report for middle school and high school for future years. This polygon is not shown in those plans. Keep in mind that the presentation of the Feasibility Study is just the beginning of the redistricting process. You can help your neighbors better understand the process by directing them to this link:

<http://www.hcpss.org/boundarylines/>

Joel

**"Joseph Huang"** · **writes:**

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Thanks again.

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Message

Thu, Jun 14, 2012 10:06 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**  
To: Pascale Fagerstrom  
Cc: BOE Email **Joel Gallihue** **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: feasibility study ATTN: Sandra French and Ellen Giles

**Pascale Fagerstrom** < > writes:

Dear Chairwoman French and Ms. Giles,

I am writing to you in regards to the latest Feasibility Study that was recently released. I will be unable to attend tomorrow's BOE meeting, but wanted to send my concerns via email. I am a parent, and PTA President at West Friendship Elementary, and am concerned about the projected redistricting of our students from Mount View Middle School. I have a son who recently finished third grade at WFES, and who will be attending Mount View Middle School in 2014. In reading through the proposed Feasibility Study, I see that our street, along with several other WFES streets/families, is slotted to be redistricted to Glenwood Middle School in 2014. We are located in polygon 232, and will be affected by the middle school shift. I understand the need to reorganize and utilize space so that our children may benefit from the best learning situations; however, because West Friendship is such a small, closely knit school, I am concerned for the children who have built friendships and ties to our small community should they be split apart from one another at such a volatile age. I would request reconsideration for splitting the currently enrolled WFES students when the 2014 middle school adjustments are made. Currently, we have two fourth grade classes for the 2012-13 school year. Since my son enrolled in Kindergarten at WFES, we have only had two classes--roughly 48 children--who have grown up together. Our children have been blessed with small classes that allow them to develop strong bonds with one another. Middle school brings enough challenges to our children, I would hate to see a handful of students be torn from the small community they have, and put into a totally new environment without a strong support group.

In considering the proposed 2014 middle school changes, I urge you to reevaluate the effects of splitting such a small community. Please consider keeping polygons 224, 229, 231, 232, 1229, 1231, and 2229 together at Mount View.

Sincerely,

Pascale Fagerstrom

Dear Pascale Fagerstrom:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. The presentation of the Feasibility Study is just the beginning of the redistricting process. The first Attendance Area Committee (AAC) is scheduled to meet June 19. By copy of this email, I am forwarding your concerns to the Office of School Planning. You are welcome to attend any AAC meeting, as all meetings are open. I encourage you to stay informed throughout the process. All information is posted on the [HCPSS website](#), which I have linked for you. If you have further questions and/or suggestions, please call Joel Gallihue's office at 410-313-7184 or Jennifer Bubenko at 410-313-1554. Once again, thank you for for



Message

Mon, Jun 04, 2012 10:06 AM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks  
To: Kimberly Howell <  
Cc: BOE Email Jennifer Bubenko Student Member - BOE Joel Gallihue

Subject: Re: redistricting

**Kimberly Howell**

**writes:**

Good morning

It is my understanding that there are two plans for redistricting the 21045 area. One where Sewells Orchard moved to Stevens Forest or one where Hopewell gets redistricted instead. We will have two children attending TSES in the fall. We live in Sewell's Orchard and when we moved into the neighborhood we were districted for Jeffers Hill. Now we are districted for TSES. The fact that another re-districting is being considered is upsetting the Sewell's Orchard community as well as the TSES community. It is hard on my family and the other families with children in the neighborhood to be continually redistricted. It is not fair to our children to be uprooted from their home school and established network of teachers and friends simply because of poor planning on Howard County's part. There needs to be a more permanent solution to the county's population issues in the elementary schools (and if we're being honest here-the test results). Strong communities like Sewell's Orchard will cease to exist if there is always the threat of our children being redistricted in their formative years to solve the population and testing problems for this area. We will be inclined to move to districts outside of Howard County or look at private schools if Howard County cannot stabilize our neighborhood school districts. Please advise when the next meeting is for this issue and I will ensure that our community voice is heard.

thank you

Kim Howell

Dear Ms. Howell:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. The presentation of the Feasibility Study will be on Thursday, June 14, 2012, during the 7:30 p.m. evening session. The report will be available on [BoardDocs](#) (the Board of Education Website) on Monday, June 11, 2012. Also, please subscribe to HCPSS News to ensure you receive the most current information. The following information was sent out last week:

### **Elementary School Redistricting Under Consideration for 2013-2014**

The redistricting process for the 2013-2014 school year begins on Jun. 14 at 7:30 p.m., with the presentation to the Board of Education of the 2012 Feasibility Study, which includes draft redistricting plans. Between Jun. 19 and Aug. 28, the Attendance Area Committee will review the plans during meetings that are open to the public.

The 2012 redistricting process schedule is as follows:

- Sep. 11: Presentation of the draft redistricting plan, Howard HS, 7:30 p.m.
- Sep. 12: Presentation of the draft redistricting plan, Centennial HS, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 18: Final staff plan presented to the BOE, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 25: BOE work session, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 30: BOE public hearing, 7:00 p.m.



- Nov. 8: BOE work session, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 13: BOE work session, 7:30 p.m. (if needed)
- Nov. 15: BOE decision on redistricting for the 2013-2014 school year All meetings are held at the Dept. of Education, 10910 Clarksville Pike in Ellicott City, unless otherwise noted. More information is available on the HCPSS website at [www.hcpss.org/boundarylines](http://www.hcpss.org/boundarylines).

Once again, thank you for contacting the Board of Education.

Regards,

Kathy Hanks  
Administrative Specialist to the  
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Message

Thu, Jan 05, 2012 2:50 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks  
To: ann arnold  
Cc: joel\_gallihue@hcpss.org BOE Email Student Member - BOE **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re(2): Proposed redistricting.

**ann arnold** writes:

Howard County Board of Education  
Howard County Public School System  
10910 Route 108  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Dear Sirs,

I am a parent of childrent ages 7-13. We moved to Howard County because of the school systems Although I understand that adjustments need to be made to alleviate the overcrowding in the at Veterans and fill the Western Schools, the continued impact to the same communities and schools is alarming. I want to understand how some communities are exempt from the proposed changes while others are asorbing much of the impact. It seems like there has to be a more through review of all of the options.

My concern for the pending re-districting for SJLES and Patapsco. I have learned that you have a process that you must go through to consider all the variables, but I urge you to re-examine some specific areas impacted by your plan.

Have you taken into account the frequency with which students are redistricted and the benefits of a 100% feed. Polygons 160, 162, 1160, 1162 now attending SJLES just went through a major re-districting in 2007. The result of this redistricting was positive because it resulted in a 100% feed to Patapsco and Mt Hebron and although the communities were impacted a strong community has resulted.

- The presence of feeder patterns is important to the strength of the school community.
- What is the impact on the number of students bused and the distance bused? In order to send these proposed Polygons to from SJLES & Patapsco to Waverly & Mt. View, there will be more busses on the roads of Mt. Hebron at the same time that you have walkers going to Hebron.
- The Middle School children being sent to Mt. View will have to be on board the bus three times longer than if staying at Patapsco.
- Cost, It will cost a lot more to bus students from the Mt. Hebron area to Mt. View Middle.

If I understand correctly, one of your goals is to ensure building utilization of between 90- 110 percent where possible. St. Johns Lane is near capacity in the current utilization and operating in a 100% feed to Mt. Hebron. Why are you looking to undo all of benefits gained in 2007. Have you considered looking at other options?

Below are some other possibilities that would help to feed Waverly Mt. View and the Western Schools and relieve overcrowding at Veterans. These options may also allow some other communities the positive impact of a pure feed to their High School.

- Moving Polygons 1164 and 164 to go to the under utilized Waverly (these polygons are currently go to Manor Woods, then Burleigh Manor for MS and onto Marriott's Ridge for HS, so moving to a Waverly, Mt. View and MRHS for them would make a lot of sense and provide these communities with shortened bussing and result in 100% feed.
- From the propsoal on the Web site, I see no current plans for Burleigh Manor to be impacted at all in the Middle School redistricting. Can't they alleviate some of their capacity to send polygons on 1165 and 164 onto Mt. View in 2013 to help alleviate the capacity at Dunloggin? It would seem logical from a transportation and geographical perspective to look at sending Polygons 1164, 164 from Burligh as part of the answer allowing them to asorb some of Dunloggin? . .

Has anyone looked at sending specific polygons from Veterans to Northfield, instead of SJLES (both Worthington and Northfield Elementary don't appear to be near capacity and could absorb some polygons near their schools) this would relieve the overcrowding at Veterans and without having to impact and move students out of SJLES to absorb the majority of the Veterans transfers.

- According to the 2012 capacities, Northfield Elementary School has a capacity of 672 and is operating at 89% in 2012-2013.
- In the 2013 planning map Northfield is not slated to receive any children from the proposed re-districting despite operating below capacity. However given geographical location they are in an ideal and logical location to absorb some polygons from Veterans. Instead of moving 106, or 1106 to SJLES, perhaps Northfield can take other Polygons like. 1103 or 1191, or 191 that are located on the same side of Rt 40 as Northfield.
- Manor Woods is operating at over 100% so moving polygons 1165 and 165 to Waverly would assist in the capacity at Manor Woods, feed under capacity Waverly

Middle School alternatives?

- What is the purpose of Dunloggin MS sending Patapsco 105, 106, 1105, 2308 1308 1106. All of the slated polygons except for 106 and 1106 are on the other side of Route 40 from Patapsco and are a a logical feed to Dunloggin.
- Having to absorb all 5 of these polygons will require Patapsco the move a large number of the Children in 160, 161, 162, 1160, 1161,1162, 2161n currently on 100% feed for Hebron to Mount View. They are not geographically close to Mt. View are slated to retrun to Hebron as walkers when they reach high school just 1-2 years after re-districting. This is yet another example of an unnecessary disruption of the 100% feed that was successfully established in 2007.
- Can Ellicott Mills take any of the proposed Dunloogin students in the Middle School relocation?

Overall, it seems like there has to be a more through review of all of the options. Several petitions and parent surveys have been completed and the plea from the SJLES and Patapsco community is strong. I hope that you will please give all of these options a second review.

Thank you!

Dear Ms. Arnold:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. Each year the Feasibility Study is updated. The next Feasibility Study will be presented to the Board of Education on Thursday, June 14, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. At that time, staff will be directed whether or not to form an Attendance Area Committee to proceed with the redistricting process. If you would like to be more involved, you may submit a cover letter and resume to the Office of School Planning to apply for the Attendance Area Committee. This information is due approximately in April. The public is also welcomed to attend any of the committee meetings.

Regarding your above suggestions, please contact the Office of School Planning at 410-313-7184/1554 and Staff will be more than willing to work with you. Thank you again for contacting the Board of Education.

Regards,

Kathy Hanks  
Administrative Specialist to the  
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Message

Tue, Jun 26, 2012 5:58 PM

From:  Kathleen V. Hanks  
Syam Murikipudi

To:  **Jennifer Bubenko**

[View in Browser](#)

Subject: Fwd: Re: Regarding Deep Run/Bellows Spring ES Redistricting & Feasibility ...

Attachments:  [DeepRun Redistrict Change Request.pdf \(1000K\)](#)

Hi Jen,

This was sent to the BOE email and Joel.

Kathy Hanks  
Administrative Specialist to the  
Howard County Board of Education  
Phone: 410-313-7194  
Fax: 410-313-6833

----- Original Message -----

Dear Joel,

Since 2013-14 elementary school redistricting meetings are going on right now, can you please let us know the status on our request.

Thanks  
Syam Murikipudi  
[410 370 5512](tel:4103705512) (Mobile)

On Wed, Feb 22, 2012 at 5:30 PM, Syam Murikipudi < > wrote:

Dear Joel,

Can you please let me know if there were any discussions on changing our school redistricting based on the request that we sent to you last year?

Thanks  
Syam  
[410 358 7169](tel:4103587169) (H)  
[410 370 5512](tel:4103705512) (C)

On Wed, Oct 19, 2011 at 1:26 PM, Syam Murikipudi <[smuriki@hcpss.org](mailto:smuriki@hcpss.org)>

> wrote:

Dear Joel,

I talked to you over the phone yesterday regarding this. Please find the attached request from all of us. Please let us know if you need us to come over to your office and discuss about this.

We would appreciate if you can give us an update on this request after you have looked at it. We will also mail these documents to you.

With Sincerely  
Syam Murikipudi  
[410 358 7169](tel:4103587169) (R)  
[443 353 1577](tel:4433531577) (W)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Joel Gallihue** <[Joel\\_Gallihue@hcpss.org](mailto:Joel_Gallihue@hcpss.org)>

Date: Thu, Oct 20, 2011 at 4:01 PM

Subject: Re: Fwd: Regarding Deep Run/Bellows Spring ES Redistricting & Feasibility Study

To: , "Kathleen V. Hanks" <[KATHLEEN\\_HANKS@hcpss.org](mailto:KATHLEEN_HANKS@hcpss.org)>

No hard copy is necessary.

Joel A. Gallihue, AICP  
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Howard County Public School System  
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Ellicott City, MD 21042  
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October 18, 2011

TO,  
Joel A. Gallihue,  
Manager of School Planning  
10910 Route 108  
Ellicott City, MD 21042  
PH: 410-313-7184

**Subject:-** Concern about the proposed 2013 ES Redistricting plan for Deep Run / Bellows springs ES

Dear Joel:

We (Syam, Venkata, Srinivas and Kiran) are the residents of a small 4 home community on the Mayfield Ave. We are writing to express our concern about the proposed 2013 ES Redistricting plan. As per the feasibility study 2011 document (page 32, Table 4) and based on the HCPSS polygon map (attached), all the communities on the Mayfield ave are being redistricted from Deep Run ES to Bellows Springs ES except our 4 house community on Mayfield Ave. The drive way to our community is from the Mayfield Ave and the location of our community is marked on the attached polygon map. Our community is the closest one to Bellow springs Elementary school than any other community on Mayfield Ave and all our neighbors and friends are being redistricted to Bellows springs.

All home owners of this community prefer to go to the Bellows Springs elementary school. So, please consider our request and include these 4 houses (7703, 7699, 7695, and 7691 on Mayfield Ave) under Bellow Springs ES. If you have any questions on this request please contact Syam Murikipudi @410-358-7169 or Venkata Chikyala @443-254-7691.

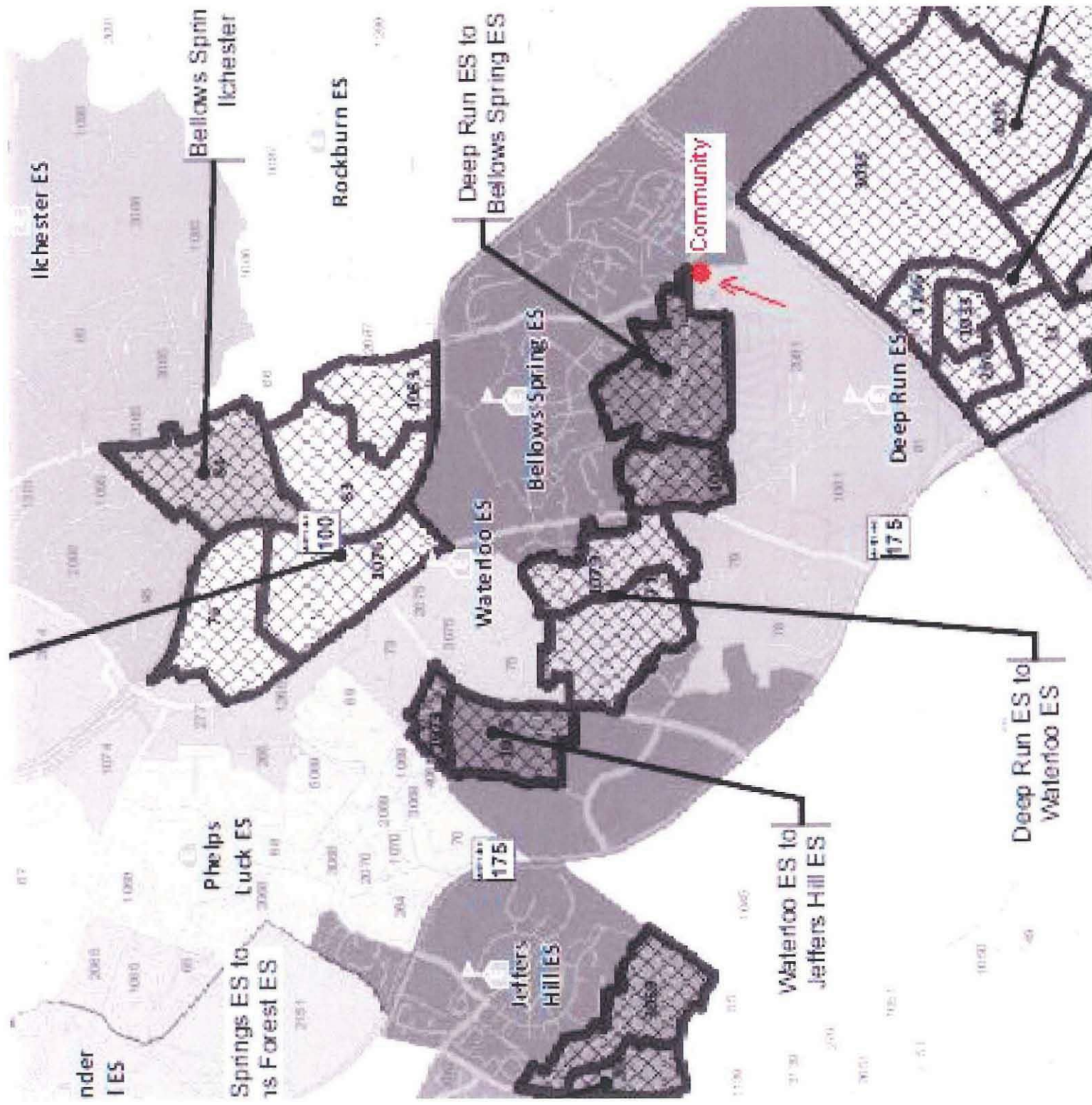
Sincerely,

**Community Home Owners**  
*Syam Murikipudi*  
**Syam Murikipudi (7703 Mayfield Ave)**  
*Venkata Chilyala*  
**Venkata Chilyala(7699 Mayfield Ave)**  
*Srinivas Katuri*  
**Srinivas Katuri(7695 Mayfield Ave)**  
*Kiran Kadali*  
**Kiran Kadali(7691 Mayfield Ave)**

Red Circle represents our community and the only community on the map that doesn't go to Bellows Spring ES.



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ALLISON STALEY  
11024 HIDDEN FOX CT, ELLICOTT CITY, MD 21042

REC'D JUN 27 2012

**A SPECIFIC PLAN FOR CONSIDERATION:**

Relieve Swansfield ES's capacity of 114.6% (the projection for 2013-14) by redistricting students to Longfellow ES, and, in turn, redistricting students from Longfellow ES to Clarksville ES (which has a projected capacity of 73.8% in 2013-14).

**WHAT ALTERNATIVE CAN YOU OFFER THE COMMITTEE CONCERNING ANYTHING YOU DISAGREE WITH:**

I disagree with the recommendation in the Feasibility Study not to include Swansfield ES in this year's redistricting. I understand that this year's redistricting is ambitious and will involve many students (due in large part to the opening of new elementary school #41), but Swansfield ES seems glaringly omitted and the projections continue to be very high for the coming years (2014-15: 113.3%, 2015-16: 114.0%, 2016-17: 114.2%; 2017-18: 115.2%; 2018-19: 116.1%).

During the Board of Education (BOE) meeting on June 14, 2012, one of the BOE members, Dr. Janet Siddiqui, specifically asked Mr. Gallihue about Swansfield ES and Clarksville ES and said that she would like the AAC "... to consider Columbia West again..." "...in particular if you look at Swansfield over those years..." and "...Clarksville elementary school hovering around fifty percent for the projected next ten years..." She stated that she "want[s] the committee to really give that some consideration."

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

I live in Polygon 1175. My community's assigned elementary school is Longfellow ES. When my husband and I bought our home during school year 2003-2004, my community's assigned elementary school was Clarksville ES. It was changed to Longfellow ES for school year 2004-2005. I was told by various people (unrelated to the HCPSS) that redistricting happens all the time and we would be switched back at some point. However, it's been eight years. I understand changes are not made unless deemed necessary due to student enrollment projections, but last year one of the members in a nearby community (Marc Steingesser) realized that Swansfield ES was over its capacity and could be relieved by moving students to Longfellow ES, and Longfellow ES students to under-utilized Clarksville ES (for my community, as stated above, "back" to Clarksville ES). This proposal received over 240 letters of support and favorable testimony at BOE public hearings. No one testified in opposition to it. However, it was not adopted last year.

Please take the time to give this request its due consideration this year. If you look at the numbers, you will see that it makes sense for the elementary schools affected. (See below for a comparison of Swansfield ES and Clarksville ES projected utilization percentages taken from the Post-Measures table of the Feasibility Study.) Thank you.

*Allison Staley*  
6-25-12

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Swansfield	114.6%	113.3%	114.0%	114.2%	115.2%	116.1%	115.0%	116.1%	118.1%	119.5%	120.8%
Clarksville	73.8%	64.0%	58.0%	54.3%	46.5%	42.6%	43.2%	44.5%	43.7%	44.0%	44.5%



Message

Mon, Jul 02, 2012 11:26 AM

From: Stacy Perrus  
To: BOE Email **Joel Gallihue**  
Cc: **Jennifer Bubenko** Jim Perrus  
 Mary Leigh Marsden

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Subject: Boundary Lines for Polygon 85

Attachments:

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Dear Howard County Board of Education and the Attendance Area Committee:

We would like to bring our concerns around the boundary lines of Polygon 85 to your attention.

The boundary lines between Polygons 85, 1085 and 3085 effectively isolate 13 homes from the Dunteachin Community. Under the current 2012 Feasibility Study 11 homes (representing a total of 4 elementary students) will be redistricted to Rockburn Elementary with Polygon 1085 and 2 homes (representing 2 elementary students) will also be redistricted to Rockburn Elementary with Polygon 3085. The majority of the Dunteachin Community would remain at Ilchester Elementary.

We would like to discuss with the planning team for HCPSS, the impact of redrawing the boundary lines for 85 to include the homes on the North side of Kerger Rd into Polygon 85. Homes include: 5348, 5352, 5356, 5360, 5364, 5368, 5372, 5376, 5380, 5384, 5388, 5402, 5406.

This move would result in 2 elementary children moving from 3085 into 85 and 4 children moving from 1085 to 85, with a total of 6 children being added into 85.

The goal of the move will be to maintain the community, as HCPSS has stated is one of its goals in developing redistricting plans. The move should not impact the ability HCPSS to meet its overall goals in the 2013 redistricting plan.

We would appreciate this topic being discussed at the Attendance Area Committee meeting on July 3. We would also appreciate the chance to meet with Joel Gallihue and the HCPSS planning team to share data and requirements, and to evaluate the feasibility of our proposal.

Mr. Gallihue - could you please respond and let us know of your availability for the week of July 9? Additionally, due to Friday's storm, can you please confirm if the July 3 meeting is still scheduled to take place?

We appreciate your time and attention and look forward to discussing our proposal.

Regards,

Stacy Perrus  
Jim Perrus - Dunteachin Community HOA President  
John & Mary Leigh Marsden - Dunteachin Community HOA Treasurers



Message

Mon, Jul 02, 2012 4:24 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**  
To: Brian Robinette  
Cc: Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko** BOE Email

Subject: Re: Redistricting/Kerger Road/Dunteachin Estates

**Brian Robinette** < > writes:

Dear Mrs. Hanks,

My neighbor, Jim Perrus, has brought to my attention that my address, 5368 Kerger Road, is one that has been included in the new proposed elementary school redistricting plan. We are currently in Polygon 85 and it is being proposed that our home, along with 9 other homes in Dunteachin Estates (a 119 home neighborhood) are being moved from our current neighborhood Polygon 85 to Polygon 1085. Two other homes in our neighborhood are being moved from Polygon 85 to Polygon 3085. Even though I do not have a child in elementary school, I do have a 6th grader and a 10th grader that both attended Ilchester Elementary School and could be affected in future middle and high school redistricting. I feel it is very important that we remain in our current polygon. Our schools and neighborhood board are in close contact and emails are regularly sent to the neighborhood with important information, our students carpool and attend school events together and when faced with neighborhood issues, like redistricting, it is important that we have our neighborhood support instead of a neighborhood where we have no communication or only know a few people. Dividing our neighborhood into 3 different polygons just doesn't make sense. I am sure when the map was drawn up, the Board did not realize that one side of Kerger Road is Strawberry Fields and the other is Dunteachin Estates. I would appreciate the Board looking into this matter and I look forward to attending future meetings to further discuss this matter.

Kelly Robinette  
5368 Kerger Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21043  
410-869-0926

Dear Ms. Robinette:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. The presentation of the Feasibility Study is just the beginning of the redistricting process. The Attendance Area Committee (AAC) is currently meeting and the schedule can be found on the HCPSS website. By copy of this email, I am forwarding your concerns to the Office of School Planning. You are welcome to attend any AAC meeting, as all meetings are open. I encourage you to stay informed throughout the process. All information is posted on the [HCPSS website](#), which I have linked for you. If you have further questions and/or suggestions, please contact Mr. Joel Gallihue's office at 410-313-7184 or Ms. Jennifer Bubenko at 410-313-1554. Once again, thank you for for contacting the Board of Education.

Regards,

Kathy Hanks  
Administrative Specialist to the  
Howard County Board of Education  
Phone: 410-313-7194  
Fax: 410-313-6833



Message

Tue, Jul 03, 2012 9:16 AM

From: **Joel Gallihue**

To: ann arnold

Cc: boe@hcpss.org

**Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re(2): Proposed redistricting.

Dear Ms. Arnold,

Thank you for your suggestions. We typically review comments with the committee. You are welcome to observe the meetings. We have reviewed your letter and offer the following thoughts:

- 1 “Have you taken into account the frequency with which students are redistricted and the benefits of a 100% feed. Polygons 160, 162, 1160, 1162 now attending SJLES just went through a major redistricting in 2007.”

*Policy 6010 identifies a number of factors that will be considered in the development of a plan including, “...make every attempt to not move a student more than once at any organization level or the same student more frequently than once every five years.” The proposed redistricting would not move a student that went through the redistricting in 2007. Even the kindergartners who started in 2007, who started at the new school assignments, will have risen to the next level in August 2013 as sixth graders in middle school.*

- 2 Proposes a plan moving 1164 and 164 to Waverly ES from Manor Woods ES. Don't move 106 and 1106 from St. John's Lane ES. Send 1103, 1191, or 191 to Northfield.

*Making these changes to the staff plan will result in overcrowding at Northfield. If an entirely new plan were made that did not bring Thunder Hill neighborhoods into Northfield it may be possible. This plan makes it harder to use western capacity. The committee will test scenarios that seek to move less students. Perhaps these suggestions can be incorporated into a viable scenarios.*

- 3 These plans would eliminate a 100% feed to Mt. Hebron.

*Assuming the middle school redistricting is approved next year, this may be true. While 100% feed may seem to be a good thing it is not easy to accomplish equitably for all. Policy 6010 anticipates feeds of less than 100% but expects plans to, “[avoid] the establishment of feeds less than 15% where possible.” Feeds are but one consideration among many others, including capacity utilization.*

- 4 These plans would increase bus costs.

*Pupil Transportation staff evaluated the plans. The aspects of the plan associated with St. John's Lane and Veterans ES were found to be comparable in cost to current bus assignments.*

**ann arnold**

**writes:**

Howard County Board of Education  
Howard County Public School System  
10910 Route 108  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Dear Sirs,

I am a parent of childrent ages 7-13. We moved to Howard County because of the school systems. Although I understand that adjustments need to be made to alleviate the overcrowding in the at Veterans and fill the Western Schools, the continued impact to the same communities and schools is alarming. I want to understand how some communities are exempt from the proposed changes while others are asorbing much of the impact. It seems like there has to be a more through review of all of the options.

My concern for the pending re-districting for SJLES and Patapsco. I have learned that you have a process that you must go through to consider all the variables, but I urge you to re-examine some specific areas impacted by your plan.

Have you taken into account the frequency with which students are redistricted and the benefits of a 100% feed. Polygons 160, 162, 1160, 1162 now attending SJLES just went through a major re-districting in 2007. The result of this redistricting was positive because it resulted in a 100% feed to Patapsco and Mt Hebron and although the communities were impacted a strong community has resulted.

- The presence of feeder patterns is important to the strength of the school community.
- What is the impact on the number of students bused and the distance bused? In order to send these proposed Polygons to from SJLES & Patapsco to Waverly & Mt. View, there will be more busses on the roads of Mt. Hebron at the same time that you have walkers going to Hebron.
- The Middle School children being sent to Mt. View will have to be on board the bus three times longer than if staying at Patapsco.
- Cost, It will cost a lot more to bus students from the Mt. Hebron area to Mt. View Middle.

If I understand correctly, one of your goals is to ensure building utilization of between 90- 110 percent where possible. St. Johns Lane is near capacity in the current utilization and operating in a 100% feed to Mt. Hebron. Why are you looking to undo all of benefits gained in 2007. Have you considered looking at other options?

Below are some other possibilities that would help to feed Waverly Mt. View and the Western Schools and relieve overcrowding at Veterans. These options may also allow some other communities the positive impact of a pure feed to their High School.

- Moving Polygons 1164 and 164 to go to the under utilized Waverly (these polygons are currently go to Manor Woods, then Burleigh Manor for MS and onto Marriott's Ridge for HS, so moving to a Waverly, Mt. View and MRHS for them would make a lot of sense and provide these communities with shortened bussing and result in 100% feed.
- From the propsoal on the Web site, I see no current plans for Burleigh Manor to be impacted at all in the Middle School redistricting. Can't they alleviate some of their

capacity to send polygons on 1165 and 164 onto Mt. View in 2013 to help alleviate the capacity at Dunloggin? It would seem logical from a transportation and geographical perspective to look at sending Polygons 1164, 164 from Burligh as part of the answer allowing them to absorb some of Dunloggin? . . .

Has anyone looked at sending specific polygons from Veterans to Northfield, instead of SJLES (both Worthington and Northfield Elementary don't appear to be near capacity and could absorb some polygons near their schools) this would relieve the overcrowding at Veterans and without having to impact and move students out of SJLES to absorb the majority of the Veterans transfers.

- According to the 2012 capacities, Northfield Elementary School has a capacity of 672 and is operating at 89% in 2012-2013.
- In the 2013 planning map Northfield is not slated to receive any children from the proposed re-districting despite operating below capacity. However given geographical location they are in an ideal and logical location to absorb some polygons from Veterans. Instead of moving 106, or 1106 to SJLES, perhaps Northfield can take other Polygons like 1103 or 1191, or 191 that are located on the same side of Rt 40 as Northfield.
- Manor Woods is operating at over 100% so moving polygons 1165 and 165 to Waverly would assist in the capacity at Manor Woods, feed under capacity Waverly

Middle School alternatives?

- What is the purpose of Dunloggin MS sending Patapsco 105, 106, 1105, 2308 1308 1106. All of the slated polygons except for 106 and 1106 are on the other side of Route 40 from Patapsco and are a logical feed to Dunloggin.
- Having to absorb all 5 of these polygons will require Patapsco to move a large number of the Children in 160, 161, 162, 1160, 1161, 1162, 2161 currently on 100% feed for Hebron to Mount View. They are not geographically close to Mt. View are slated to return to Hebron as walkers when they reach high school just 1-2 years after re-districting. This is yet another example of an unnecessary disruption of the 100% feed that was successfully established in 2007.
- Can Ellicott Mills take any of the proposed Dunloggin students in the Middle School relocation?

Overall, it seems like there has to be a more thorough review of all of the options. Several petitions and parent surveys have been completed and the plea from the SJLES and Patapsco community is strong. I hope that you will please give all of these options a second review.

Thank you!





Message

Tue, Jul 03, 2012 12:39 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**  
To: Heather Tom < >  
Cc: BOE Email Everett Tom < > Joel Gallihue  
 **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Attendance Area adjustment & polygon 3085

**Heather Tom** < > writes:

Hello-- I am writing because the polygon in which I live-- #3085-- is proposed in the Feasibility Study to be switched from Ilchester Elementary to Rockburn Elementary.

I have 3 children. Michael is my oldest, and he just completed 5th grade at Ilchester and will be entering Bonnie Branch in the Fall. My second child is William, and he will be entering 2nd grade at Ilchester in the Fall; and, my youngest-- Jennifer-- will be in her 2nd year in the RECC program at Ilchester in the Fall.

One of my concerns about being redistricted to Rockburn is transportation. I have been to Rockburn for Recreation and Parks programs that weren't available at Ilchester, and the driving takes longer than going to Ilchester. For Ilchester, I can turn right onto Kerger Road, continue on Kerger, turn right onto Ilchester Road, and, when I arrive at Ilchester Elementary, I can turn right into the school entrance. The drive to Ilchester can take as little as 3 minutes. When I drive to Rockburn, I have much more to do. I have to turn left onto Kerger, then turn left from Kerger onto Route 103 without a traffic light, then go to the traffic light where Route 103/Montgomery Road and Meadowridge Road intersect with another street and wait to turn left. I then have to go to the next traffic light and turn left again to continue on Montgomery Road. Once I arrive at Rockburn, I have to turn left again to get into the school entrance with no traffic light. If a school bus were to take my children to Rockburn, it would have to take the same or even longer route. My children would have to sit on the bus for two left turns at traffic lights and two left turns that do not have traffic lights.

Just like many people who face the possibility of redistricting, we do not want to leave Ilchester primarily because we believe our children receive an outstanding education there, and we feel we are part of a community there. As an active member of the PTA at Ilchester, I've made it a priority to help all Ilchester families feel that they are part of a community, too. To face the possibility that my two younger children will be taken from Ilchester and sent to Rockburn (eventually to return to Bonnie Branch Middle, which is right next door to Ilchester and shares parking lots) feels like we are being involuntarily taken out of our community. Please reconsider the proposal and keep polygon 3085 in Ilchester's attendance area.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Heather Tom

(410) 465-2172-- home

Dear Ms. Tom:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. The presentation of the Feasibility Study is just the beginning of the redistricting process. The Attendance Area Committee (AAC) is currently meeting and the schedule can be found on the HCPSS website. By

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Message

Tue, Jul 03, 2012 3:16 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**  
To: Brianna Claypool  
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Proposed Redistricting of Residents Living on Kerger Rd.

**Brianna Claypool** writes:

To Whom It May Concern,

My family are residents of the Dunteachin Estates neighborhood, living on Kerger Rd. (in Ellicott City). You have proposed that the residents of only our street in the neighborhood be redistricted from Illchester Elementary School to Rockburn Elementary.

One of the major reasons we moved here almost four years ago was so that our daughters could attend Illchester Elementary. My children have made wonderful friends in the neighborhood and it seems terribly cruel to have them watch all their friends from the neighborhood go to one school while they have to go to another, simply because they live on an arbitrary boundary line. All of Dunteachin Estates needs to be included in Polygon 85. The beauty of living in a neighborhood is to be *with* your neighbors. Having the neighborhood's children attend the same school only serves to strengthen a neighborhood and build its sense of community. By dividing a neighborhood up, you are essentially destroying the very essence of its community.

We plan on attending as many of the 2012 Redistricting meetings as possible. In the meantime we have a couple of questions that we need addressed:

Questions:

1. Why is it necessary to divide up the Dunteachin Estates neighborhood, so that 10% of its residents, i.e. those living on Kerger Road, are forced to go to a different school? This 10% includes only a handful of current and future students (6 to be exact)- we are **not** talking about 20-25 students that may begin to impact a school and its resources.
2. Why use a street as a boundary line for redistricting? Why not use neighborhood boundaries? If you want to divide districts using a street that separates two distinct neighborhoods, it is logical that the two sides of the street should follow the majority of their neighborhood.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Brianna & Steve Claypool  
5388 Kerger Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

(410)788-1367

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Claypool:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. The presentation of the Feasibility Study is just the beginning of the redistricting process. The Attendance Area Committee (AAC) is currently meeting and the schedule can be found on the HCPSS website. By copy of this email, I am forwarding your concerns to the Office of School Planning. You are welcome to attend any AAC meeting, as all meetings are open. I encourage you to stay informed throughout the process. All information is posted on the [HCPSS website](#), which I have linked for you. If you have further questions and/or suggestions, please contact Mr. Joel Gallihue's office at 410-313-7184 or Ms. Jennifer Bubenko at 410-313-1554. Once again, thank you for for contacting the Board of Education.

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