

**COMMENT FORM
ATTENDANCE AREA COMMITTEE**

Name FRANCIS + KELLY GREEN Polygon 1085
Address 5332 SUNNY FIELD COURT
Ellicott City, MD 21043
Phone Number 443-341-6377 (optional)
Email Address _____ (optional)

Comments/suggestions on the following:

A specific plan or consideration:

We have very serious concerns about our child's school bus making a left-hand turn ~~off~~ of Kerger Rd. onto Montgomery Rd./Rte 103. There is low visibility from the right-hand side, there have been numerous accidents at that corner and attempts at installing a light have been voted down. Traveling out of our community in the opposite direction would require our child to ~~have~~ drive by the school she currently attends to attend the school she is redistricted to.

What alternative can you offer the committee concerning anything you disagree with:

Our neighborhood is working on a plan and we will submit it in the coming week.

General comments:

I support the committee member who mentioned moving larger number of the children less frequently. I wonder what type of plans are in place to welcome new children to these new schools to make the transition that much easier.

Feel free to write additional comments/suggestions on the back of this sheet.

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Attendance Area Committee – Comment Form
HCPSS
10910 Route 108
Ellicott City, MD 21042
Attention: Jennifer Bubenko, Office of School Planning

OR EMAIL: BOE@hcpss.org

**COMMENT FORM
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Name Lori Weisinger (Polygon 1085)
Address 5305 Sunny Field Ct.
Ellicott City, Md. 21043
Phone Number _____ (optional)
Email Address _____ (optional)

Comments/suggestions on the following:

A specific plan or consideration:

Many of us in polygon 1085 have safety concerns regarding the change in our elementary school for our polygon as well as polygons 2045, 2085 and 3085 to Rockburn School. School buses would require several left hand turns at dangerous intersections where many accidents have occurred. We are working on an email regarding this.

What alternative can you offer the committee concerning anything you disagree with:

We are working on alternative plans to address the boards concerns of filling ES 41 and will share that with you.

General comments:

We look forward to working with you to create solutions that are in the best interest of our communities and children.

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**COMMENT FORM
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Name Dave Mann
Address 5347 Sunny Field Ct
Ellicott City MD
Phone Number 410-869-8210 (optional)
Email Address _____ (optional)

Comments/suggestions on the following:

A specific plan or consideration:

we are from 1085. One thing I observed was
that the ARC MAP does not easily show roads.
1085 is does not have any direct routes to Rockborn. From
the map it makes it look like it is next to Rockborn.

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General comments:

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Name Jeana DeRusso Polygon 1085
Address 5399 Sunny Field Ct.
Ellicott City, MD 21043
Phone Number 410-744-1556 (optional)
Email Address _____ (optional)

Comments/suggestions on the following:

A specific plan or consideration:

Mamy of us in Polygon 1085 are concerned about the safety issues surrounding the shift of our polygon as well as 2095, 2085, and 13085, to Rockburn Elementary. There are a number of left-hand turns that buses would need to make, and the accident rates at those intersections are significant. We will be in touch via e-mail with data regarding these concerns.

What alternative can you offer the committee concerning anything you disagree with:

We as a group are trying to identify alternative plans to address the Board's concerns in terms of filling school #41 and relieving the overcrowding. We will be happy to share our insights with you.

General comments:

We thank you for allowing us to attend this meeting, and we look forward to working with you to create solutions that will be efficient and beneficial to our communities and our students.

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**COMMENT FORM
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Name Candace Smith Polygon 1085
Address 5300 Sweet Birch Court
Ellicott City MD 21043
Phone Number 4437625200 (optional)
Email Address _____ (optional)

Comments/suggestions on the following:

A specific plan or consideration:

Many of us in polygon 1085 are concerned about the safety issues surrounding the shift of our polygon as well as 2095, 2085 and 3085 to Rockburn Elementary. There are a number of left hand turns onto Rt. 108 with no true visibility of oncoming traffic and are a real danger to students on a school bus. We will be in touch via email with data regarding these concerns.

What alternative can you offer the committee concerning anything you disagree with:

We as a group are working to identify alternative plan to address the Board's concerns in terms of filling school #41 and relieving the overcrowding. We will be happy to share our insights with you.

General comments:

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**COMMENT FORM
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Name Jim Ferris
Address 5376 Kerger Rd.
Ellicott City, MD 21043
Phone Number 410-788-0194 ___(optional)
Email Address ___(optional)

Comments/suggestions on the following:

A specific plan or consideration:

To keep 1085 at Ilchester and not move to Rockburn.
Please take into consideration the traffic safety issue
when making a left turn to 103 from Kerger Rd.

What alternative can you offer the committee concerning anything you disagree with:

General comments:

I appreciate your openness in listening to our concerns.

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Message

Mon, Jul 09, 2012 10:45 AM

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

Subject: Re: Alternative to ES Redistricting Plan

Everett Tom < > **writes:**

To the attention of Joel Gallihue and Attendance Area Committee:

I have a few suggestions on how the redistricting for the ES should be done. My proposal seeks to move fewer students in this round of redistricting while trying to balance the utilization of the capacity of the three schools my suggestions affect.

Here is My Proposal as compared to the staff plan:

Keep Polygons 1085, 2085, and 3085 in Ilchester (They do not move to Rockburn)

Keep Polygon 91 in Rockburn (It does not move to Ilchester)

Keep Polygon 3093 in Worthington (It does not move to Ilchester)

How does this affect capacity of each school? (using 2013 projections)

School Name	Projected Utility Using Staff Plan	Projected Utility Using My Plan
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Ilchester	StaffPlan = 104.2%	My Plan = 104.7%
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Rockburn	StaffPlan = 108.5%	My Plan = 105.2% (Mine helps a lot here)
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Worthington	StaffPlan = 99.6%	My Plan = 103.3%
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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Everett Tom
5446 Autumn Field Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043
Polygon 3085

Dear Mr. Everett:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. By copy of this email, I am forwarding your suggestions to Mr. Gallihue and Ms. Bubenko. Once again, thank you for contacting the Board.

Regards,

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



Message

Mon, Jul 09, 2012 10:41 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: "Del Rosso, Jeana"
Cc: BOE Email **Joel Gallihue** **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: redistricting concern

Dear Ms. Del Rosso:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. By copy of this email, I am forwarding your suggestions to Mr. Gallihue and Ms. Bubenko. Once again, thank you for contacting the Board

Regards,

Kathy Hanks
Administrative Specialist to the
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"Del Rosso, Jeana" writes:
July 6, 2012

Dear Joel Gallihue, Jennifer Bubenko, and the Attendance Area Adjustment Committee,

I am writing on behalf of a group of interested citizens concerned about the redistricting plan in the Howard County feasibility study, particularly as it pertains to Ilchester Elementary and the neighborhoods of Sunny Field, Strawberry Field, and Dunteachin Estates. We respectfully request that the committee reconsider the proposal to move polygons 1085 and 3085 to Rockburn Elementary and that you instead keep these polygons at Ilchester Elementary. We have many concerns about this potential change, which we will address in future correspondence, and we do understand that this is a planning process to which we will contribute. However, at this point we would like to address our considerable concerns about transportation safety.

Our most important shared priority is to ensure the continued safety of the children of Howard County. Therefore we request that, as you review polygons and neighborhoods, you also take road systems into account. The distance from our neighborhood to Rockburn Elementary is more than twice the travel distance to Ilchester: 0.9 miles from the Sunny Field marker to Ilchester; 2.2 to Rockburn. More importantly,

however, are the inherent dangers in the route the buses will have to take. To get to Rockburn, buses will need to exit the neighborhood via Kerger Road and go left onto Route 103/Montgomery Road. This is a busy intersection with no traffic light. In the past four years, there have been a total of 15 accidents reported to the Howard County Police at the intersection of Kerger and Montgomery Roads—and these are just the accidents to which the police have responded and filed a report. Four of the 15 accidents involved personal injury to one or more of the involved parties. And one of the accidents involved a police vehicle. The bus drivers to Rockburn would have to make this same left turn into a blind curve in heavy traffic with a busload of children on board, risking accidents and possibly lives.

In addition to the safety issues, allowing polygons 1085 and 3085 to remain at Ilchester will alleviate many other transportation difficulties. We are contiguous with Dunteachin Estates, so removing 1085 from Ilchester Elementary will make us an island. Furthermore, maintaining 1085 at Ilchester will eliminate the need to address the polygon restructuring request for polygon 85, Dunteachin Estates, in which 13 houses have been separated out from the rest of the Homeowners Association for redistricting to Rockburn.

We understand the primary goal of the committee of filling school #41 and of alleviating the overcrowding in other Howard County Elementary Schools. We do not want to create additional pressures for the committee; rather, we hope to propose solutions. In the spirit of the admirable goal of the committee to move fewer students and create less of a negative impact upon children and communities, we plan to send, in the next few days, an alternative redistricting plan for the committee to consider.

We thank you for your time and attention to these matters. Members of our group will be in attendance at the Tuesday committee meetings; we would be grateful for the opportunity to speak to the committee at these meetings to present our case in person. We look forward to working with you to help build a stronger school system in Howard County for all of our children.

Sincerely,

Jeana DelRosso

Jillian Amate

Gina Bruzdinski

Allie Ehart

Tom Ehart

Dave Freeman

Karen Lawlor

Ken Lee

Ashleigh Magrin

Marnie Mann

Dave Mann

Mary Leigh Marsden

Katrina Noonan

Candace Smith

Stacie Ward

Lori Weisinger

Harry Weisinger (

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Message

Mon, Jul 09, 2012 10:43 AM

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

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

"Lee and Peggy" <[redacted]> writes:

I would like to preface this by saying that I am not a complainer nor am I typically a letter writer. However, I have some serious worries about my neighborhood school already, no less with the redistricting plan.

I am writing to you out of concern for my Oakland Mills neighborhood schools – particularly Stevens Forest Elementary School. My grown children all attended Stevens Forest Elementary School, Oakland Mills Middle School, and Oakland Mills High School, and each had wonderful experiences in each of these schools.

I have been quite concerned for the past couple of years as I hear parents of pre-school and elementary school age children in my neighborhood comment how they are either sending their children to private schools or wish they had the money to send them to private schools as they do not want their children attending the neighborhood school – Stevens Forest Elementary School. To me this is very upsetting as my neighborhood has many original owners and “empty nesters” who will eventually be trying to sell their homes to young families. Our neighborhood, like any neighborhood, needs young families and our elementary school, Stevens Forest, needs young families to support the school. The school needs, as do all schools, a diverse, balanced group of students

When looking at your projections, I am not sure that the redistricting plan is going to support Stevens Forest Elementary School in achieving this balance. I sincerely hope that as you work on this redistricting, you keep in mind that Stevens Forest was a wonderful school and it is currently not perceived the same way as it once was. This is cause for concern.

Sincerely,

Peggy Skaggs

Dear Ms. Skaggs:

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,

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