



Message

Mon, Jul 23, 2012 6:19 PM

From: ann arnold <>
To: Joel_Gallihue@hcpss.org
Cc: boe@hcpss.org **Jennifer Bubenko**
 KATHLEEN_HANKS@hcpss.org ;

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Subject: Polygon 1164 Enchanted Forest ???

Attachments:

Joel,

I have a few additional questions and ideas that I hope will be reviewed before a final decision is made.

I have not had anyone address my notes about moving polygons 1164 and 164 from Manor Woods to Waverly. Are they untouchable?

Has there been anyone looking at the polygon 1154 and (The Enchanted Forest Community) as you look at the redistricting. We have a large community of with over 35 elementary School aged children who have been impacted over the last 10 years. I have neighbors who live directly behind us on Greenforest Ct. and Woodstream Way,(Polygon 1164) who are being bussed all the way to Manor Woods despite the fact that Waverly is the closest school.

I understand that even with the proposed redistricting, Waverly will still only be at 90%. To help address this I would like to suggest that in addition to 1162, 1160 and 162, you look at 1154 and 159, 1164, 164 and,as one area? The children and families in 1162, 1160 and 162 started their elementary school years together at SJLES when the last resitrciting happend. They live next to and play with kids in 1164. This allignment will at least alow the community to contine with some sence of community even if they are attending a diffent school.

I understand that Sending 1103, 1191, or 191 to may overcround Northfield so if that is not an option, I plead that you look at the boundries and provide better solutions that will keep a neighborhoods and communitites together.

I work for Marriott and have counterparts who are relocating this fall. In am often asked where people should move for the best schools and communities. I don't feel comfortable telling them Howard County given the challanges with school planning and redistricting that we have expereincd in the last 10 years.

I hope there are some more solutions that can be examined.

Thank you.

Ann Arnold
410 461 3903

--- On Tue, 7/3/12, Joel Gallihue <Joel_Gallihue@hcpss.org> wrote:

From: Joel Gallihue <Joel_Gallihue@hcpss.org>

Subject: Re: Proposed redistricting.

To:

Cc: boe@hcpss.org,

"Jennifer Bubenko" <Jennifer_Bubenko@hcpss.org>

Date: Tuesday, July 3, 2012, 9:16 AM

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:

- “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.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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 children 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 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 absorbing much of the impact. It seems like there has to be a more thorough 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 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 the 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 proposal 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, 2161n 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 24, 2012 8:08 AM

From: **Barbara A. Bowers**
To: Kimberly Moeller < >
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Plan L redistricting concern from polygon 2074

Kimberly Moeller > writes:

Dear Board of Ed and Adjustment Area Committee,

My name is Kimberly Moeller and I have two sons that currently attend Waterloo ES. We live on Rosecroft Terrace, which is included in Polygon 2074. On Friday, I spoke with Joel Gallihue's office to get a better understanding of all the different redistricting scenarios that have been posted to the hcps.org website. We reviewed the original feasibility study and the most recent redistricting proposal, "Plan L".

I'd like to express my concern with "Plan L". I am very concerned that this plan leaves my neighborhood (polygon 2074) as an island going to Waterloo Elementary. We are actually very happy with Waterloo as a school. However, while all our nearby neighborhoods are being redistricted to other schools, it appears that we would be the only polygon north of route 100 to still go to Waterloo. Route 100 is a natural and significant barrier. When you look at where our polygon is located, we are right in between the Montgomery Meadows, Worthington and Brampton neighborhoods (along with polygon 74) and feel that we are a part of these communities and should therefore be included with these areas during this redistricting process.

In the past, before our last redistricting, we were at Ilchester Elementary with the Montgomery Meadows neighborhood. Then we were moved, along with Wheatfield, Brampton and areas north of Grove Angle Road (polygon 74) to Waterloo Elementary. While we weren't pleased about changing schools, we were at least grouped with neighbors in our community. I'm not sure if it is still possible to make changes to Plan L, but we would hope that the committee and board would take our concerns into consideration as they continue to work through this difficult process.

We appreciate your efforts!

Thanks,

Kim

Kimberly Moeller

(443) 997-0639

Dear Ms. Moeller,

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






Regards,

Barbara Bowers
Administrative Secretary
Board of Education Office
410-313-1584



Message

Tue, Jul 24, 2012 8:15 AM

From:  **Barbara A. Bowers**
To:  "Del Rosso, Jeana" <
Cc:  BOE Email  Joel Gallihue  **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: quick follow-up

"Del Rosso, Jeana" < > writes:

July 23, 2012

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

I am writing yet again on behalf of a group of interested citizens from the neighborhoods of Sunny Field, Strawberry Field, and Dunteachin Estates in regard to the Feasibility Study. Many of us continue to attend the Tuesday meetings, and we are pleased by and grateful for the respectful and thoughtful tone in which our concerns have been addressed.

I am writing today to express our full support of Plan L, the proposal discussed at the committee meeting on Tuesday, July 17. This plan addresses the multiple concerns our community has raised regarding the staff plan, including the safety issues that we addressed in one of our previous letters, dated July 6; the polygon division of Dunteachin Estates; the separation of tight-knit communities; and the creation of an island in the neighborhood of Sunny Field Estates. Plan L aligns with our common goals of filling school #41 while minimizing the disruption to neighborhoods and families. We sincerely hope that the committee will continue to move this plan forward.

We thank you for your continued time and attention to these matters, and 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 (

Gail Chen (

Dave Chen (

Brianna Claypool (

Allie Ehart (

Tom Ehart (

Dave Freeman (

Dan Green (

Kelly Green (

Karen Lawlor (

Ken Lee (

Ashleigh Magrin

Marnie Mann (

Dave Mann

John Marsden (

Mary Leigh Marsden

Christopher Mason (

Mary Nicklin

Katrina Noonan

Jim Perrus

Stacy Perrus

Candace Smith

Stacie Ward

Lori Weisinger

Harry Weisinger

Michelle Young

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Dear Ms. Del Rosso,

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

Regards,

Barbara Bowers
Administrative Secretary
Board of Education Office
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Message

Tue, Jul 24, 2012 8:21 AM

From: **Barbara A. Bowers**

To: Laurie Myers <

Cc: BOE Email "J. D. Myers"

Joel Gallihue

Jennifer Bubenko

Subject: Re: Redistricting Plan for 2013-2014 School Year

Laurie Myers < **> writes:**

Dear Committees working on the redistricting plan:

I currently live at 8376 Glenmar Rd, in Ellicott City from Polygon 95, 1095, and 2095. I am writing to you to express my concern over the new redistricting plan for the 2013-2014 school year. I know that you are looking at numbers, population growth and changes, new building and the way Howard County is changing, but I am concerned you are just looking at the numbers, and are forgetting that behind each of those numbers is a house and in those houses are children and each has a story to tell.

Our concerns are these:

1. We recently purchased our house in this neighborhood and just moved our son to Ilchester at the end of last year. As you know, changing schools is hard for children. It takes time for a child to feel comfortable at a new place and make new friends. We are now going to have to ask my son to change schools again. This is very difficult for him, change is hard in general, but just when he will start to feel comfortable in his new (to him school) he will have to ask him to change. Also, it takes time as parents to get to know the staff and feel good about a school. To navigate our way around the school. It does take a village and a community to raise our kids to be the kind of adults we want them to be, and as parents, my husband and I are still learning and meeting the staff and members of the Ilchester community. All of these things take time and with this change my son will not feel settled for most of his elementary school career.

2. We purposely bought our house in the neighborhood we chose, based on the schools close to that neighborhood. That is not to say that we don't understand change and growth, it is to say that we do understand, that you want our children to go to an ALSO crowded school that is also under-performing the school we have just joined (Ilchester). Also, our new house is not very close in distance/ location to the proposed school. I am not sure how we are supposed to feel a part of that community when we are not near that community, nor to we live in a neighborhood that is near that community. We would also be asking our kids to be on the bus longer to get to this school that is not that close to our new house.

3. Lastly, my youngest son is starting kindergarten this year. I understand that there will never be a good time to have families change schools, but it seems like a much heavier burden to my family who has just joined the neighborhood, the Ilchester community, and who will have her youngest son start kindergarten at one school, only to have to tell him not to get to happy or comfortable or EVEN LIKE that school too much, because you will soon have to change to a new school. So twice I will have to deal with the extra burden of managing a child going through some big transitions for school.

I urge you to reconsider your options and to look at any and all other options before following through with this redistricting plan. Thank you for your time.
Sincerely,

Laurie and John Myers
8376 Glenmar Rd. Ellicott City

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Laurie Myers

Dear Ms. Myers,

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







Regards,

Barbara Bowers
Administrative Secretary
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Message

Tue, Jul 24, 2012 8:22 AM

From:  **Barbara A. Bowers**
To:  Lori Wilson
Cc:  BOE Email  Lori Cook Wilson  Joel Gallihue
 **Jennifer Bubenko**

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

Lori Wilson

writes:

Dear BOE,

I was just informed that my neighborhood is now "on the table" for possibly redistricting in 2013-2014. I have several questions about this. This just happened on July 17th and is the first I have heard of us being considered so soon. I have been trying to keep an eye on this - and thought it was scheduled for a few years later.

I am in polygon 305 (Turf Valley Vistas and Legends) - currently attending Manor Woods. It appears that the possible plan is to move "13" kids from our neighborhood to West Friendship. I am wondering where the numbers come from? This year coming up, for example, I know there are only two children in the Vistas that will be attending MWES and I believe only 2 or 3 from the Legends. There will be one child on Turf Valley Road. There are currently no other children that will be attending MWES unless there is a drastic turnover in the houses. If it truly is only those 5 or 6, I am confused and concerned by this projection. Two children in 1304?

Of course, I admit, no one usually likes redistricting and it feels "personal" when it involves your child. We moved here specifically for Manor Woods, Mt View, and Marriotts Ridge. I'm just looking at that being my last child's last year in Elementary School. I am a former Howard County School teacher and I currently sub at Manor Woods. She has one friend that lives in the polygons that will be moved. I believe that will be a very tough year if that happens; and I know you have heard that over and over. The numbers are much smaller here than represented by the planning committee so I am wondering if it makes sense?

Just wondering my best course of action. Is there a certain meeting I should attend to be heard? Is this "set in stone" yet?

Thank you so much for your time and any answers you can give me. I really appreciate it.

Lori Wilson

Dear Ms. Wilson,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. By copy of this email, I am forwarding



Message

Tue, Jul 24, 2012 8:24 AM

From: **Barbara A. Bowers**
To: Cristen Boarman
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Confusion over Polygon 6169

Cristen Boarman

writes:

After reviewing the meeting notes on the Board's Website tonight, I noticed some confusion over Polygon 6169 in Plan L. I attended the July 17th meeting. Afterwards, I spoke to Mr. Gallihue and Amy, a member of the Attendance Committee and they both were under the impression that Polygon 6169 was not going to be redistricted to West Friendship. 6169 was going to remain at Waverly Elementary. On the website, under Plan L, Polygon 6169 is redistricted to West Friendship. I know that there was a lot of noise during the meeting and was wondering if the person on the computer didn't hear the correct 2 polygons that were proposed the remain at Waverly. Please bring up this confusion at the July 24th meeting.

Thank you
Cristen Boarman
10745 Taylor Farm Rd

Dear Ms. Boarman,

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

Regards,

Barbara Bowers
Administrative Secretary
Board of Education Office
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Message

Tue, Jul 24, 2012 2:12 PM

From: **Barbara A. Bowers**
To: David Hayes
Cc: BOE Email **Joel Gallihue** **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: AAC Middle School Redistricting Consideration

David Hayes writes:
BOE,

I was recently informed that the AAC, without notification to residents I might add, changed the Middle School Redistricting Consideration from 2014-2015 to 2013-2014.

Is this true?

Thank you,

Dave Hayes

Dear Mr. Hayes,

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

Regards,

Barbara Bowers
Administrative Secretary
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Message

Wed, Jul 25, 2012 7:36 AM

From: **Barbara A. Bowers**
To: Lindsay Klaff
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Re-Zoning- Complaint/ recommendation

Lindsay Klaff writes:

To whom it may concern,
We may be a small townhouse development, but trust me when I say our voices should be heard! As part of Polygon 2074 I can tell you that option L is unfair and unrealistic. Please understand that you who are the deciders are not living in our community. Therefore please take into consideration the resale value as well as the educational value that you are destroying if plan L is accepted.

Our community needs to be kept together and not isolated as an island. Interestingly enough the 3000 sq. newly built homes which are less than a block away are not impacted in the re-zoning. As a concerned neighbor and citizen I highly recommend that when the re-zoning occurs, that you keep us with our neighbors and that we all move to ilchester ES,

Thanks,
A concerned neighbor.

Spruce Run Court, Ellicott City Md. 21043

Dear Ms. Klaff,

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

Regards,

Barbara Bowers
Administrative Secretary
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Message

Thu, Jul 26, 2012 7:16 AM

From: **Barbara A. Bowers**
To: Mike Blum
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Redistricting Plans

Mike Blum writes:

Mr. Gallihue,

I am writing on behalf of a those in the Timber Run Valley neighborhood, part of polygon 2074. While I understand the daunting task that the redistricting committee faces when trying to balance the number of projected students in each school, I am concerned that one of the plans (Plan L) leaves our neighborhood as an island, the only polygon north of Route 100 that would remain at Waterloo Elementary School.

In previous redistricting studies, the committee has tried to group smaller neighborhoods, such as our own, with larger surrounding neighborhoods to avoid this type of scenario. I hope that this same consideration can be given to polygon 2074 as well, grouping us with at least one of the other nearby neighborhoods (Brampton, Montgomery Meadows, Grove Angle Road).

By utilizing the natural barrier of Route 100, the polygon groupings remain more logical not only in terms of elementary redistricting but for later adjustments to middle and high school boundaries as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michael Blum

Dear Mr. Blum,

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

Regards,

Barbara Bowers
Administrative Secretary
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Message

Thu, Jul 26, 2012 7:17 AM

From: **Barbara A. Bowers**
To: Rhea White
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Redistricting - polygon 2074

Rhea White

· writes:

I would like to request that polygon 2074 remain within the same school district as the other polygons we have historically gone to school with. This would at a minimum include polygon 74, and ideally include polygons 98 and 1098. Years ago we were not happy to be sent to Waterloo Elementary, but it helped to be going as a group. Route 100 is a major boundary, and I would like for our polygon to stay with other neighbors north of Route 100. My kids are able to ride their bikes to friend's homes that are in polygon 74, 98, and 1098. They are able to safely do this by going through the back side of the neighborhood. If polygon 2074 is the only polygon to remain at Waterloo, it would no longer be possible to get together with school friends in this way.

My other concern would be at the middle school and high school levels. Would this force a change at the high school level making our polygon an island? Howard is close enough to walk. It is not ideal due to lack of sidewalks in some areas, but it is possible for older kids to do if they have to stay after school.

Thanks for considering Route 100 as a boundary for redistricting.

Rhea White
8510 Rosecroft Terrace
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Ms. White,

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

Regards,

Barbara Bowers
Administrative Secretary
Board of Education Office
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**COMMENT FORM
ATTENDANCE AREA COMMITTEE**

Name Eric Heinlein
Address 8106 Woodview Road
Ellicott City MD 21043
Phone Number 410-465-2665 (optional)
Email Address _____ (optional)

Comments/suggestions on the following: V

A specific plan or consideration:

I support Plan L-3, which keeps Worthington, Ilchester,
and other schools intact.

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

I submitted a tweak to the Staff Plan, which is
not relevant to L3. The suggestion was
submitted to Mr. Gail, here on 6/21 and
resubmitted to Mr. Gallinuc and the BBE on 7/13
It is included in AAC minutes of 7/17. If
the committee returns to the Staff Plan, I
would like this suggestion considered.

General comments:

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

Complete form and place in the comment form box or mail to:
Attendance Area Committee - Comment Form
HCPSS
10910 Route 108
Ellicott City, MD 21042
Attention: Jennifer Bubenko, Office of School Planning

OR PREFERRED METHOD - EMAIL: BOE@hcpss.org



Message

Thu, Jul 26, 2012 2:40 PM

From: **Barbara A. Bowers**
To: Beth Cohen < >
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: 2013-14 Redistricting Concerns

Beth Cohen < > **writes:**

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing at this time to voice my concerns about part of the redistricting plans that are being proposed for the 2013-14 school year. I live on Crescent Moon Court in the Waverly Woods subdivision (within polygon 6169), which is currently zoned for attendance at Waverly Elementary. The proposed changes for 2013-14 have our street redistricted to West Friendship Elementary. I'm extremely concerned that we are the only set of homes within the Waverly Woods subdivision that would be redistricted to West Friendship. The other homes in our polygon are age 55+ homes, which would not produce any elementary schoolers for HCPSS.

When any changes to school districts are considered, it would seem sensible to keep neighborhoods together, and to single out this one small group of homes in the greater Waverly Woods community seems somewhat arbitrary. I'm disappointed that, if this change goes through, my children will not be going to school with the other children in the Waverly Woods neighborhood. These are the children whose homes they can walk or bike to, the children they would see in the grocery store, at the pool, out playing in the neighborhood, yet they wouldn't be building those relationships in the classroom.

Please see the attached photo. In the current redistricting proposal, the homes on the right side of this picture would attend Waverly Elementary, and the homes on the left would attend West Friendship. These homes are separated by approximately 40-50 feet. And the children will be going to different schools? This doesn't seem like the best choice for our children.

While I understand that overcrowding at some schools is a concern, it seems that redistricting students from one street of a large subdivision is not in the best interest of the students and families in this community. I look forward to discussing this matter further.

Thank you,
Beth Cohen
[443-904-6715](tel:443-904-6715)

Dear Ms. Cohen,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. By copy of this email, I am forwarding



Message

Fri, Jul 27, 2012 7:10 AM

From: **Barbara A. Bowers**

To: Melissa < >

Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Worthington Redistricting

Melissa < > writes:

Hello,

I am writing to request that you please consider keeping the Worthington Elementary school district in tact for 2013/2014.

I have two children that attend Worthington and we are incredibly fond of our school. We love that Worthington is walking distance to our home - we have enjoyed many walks to/from school during the school year, as well as for school functions and meetings.

My daughters would be heartbroken if they had to leave their school and would be impacted on other levels as well (Daisy/Brownie troops, Soccer teams, etc).

We have a very tight-knit school community. If there is anything that can be done to prevent redistricting, I would be so grateful.

Sincerely,

Melissa Maheu

Dear Ms. Maheu,

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

Regards,

Barbara Bowers
Administrative Secretary
Board of Education Office
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Message

Fri, Jul 27, 2012 7:11 AM

From:  **Barbara A. Bowers**

To: 

Cc:  BOE Email  Joel Gallihue  **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Worthington

writes:

We support keeping Worthington Elementary School intact....Thank you!

Karam Family

Dear Karam Family,

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






Regards,

Barbara Bowers
Administrative Secretary
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Message

Fri, Jul 27, 2012 9:32 AM

From:  **Barbara A. Bowers**
To:  Lena Furr
Cc:  BOE Email  **Joel Gallihue**  **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Plan L

Lena Furr writes:

My name is Lena Furr I live on Rosecroft Terrace in Howard County. I don't have any children, but would like to express my concerns for the children in my neighborhood. (polygon 2074).

It appears that we would be the only polygon north of RT 100 to still go to Waterloo. When you look at where the polygon is located, we are right between the Montgomery Meadows, Worthington and Brampton neighborhoods. We are part of these communities and should be included with these areas during the redistricting process.

Thank You,
Lena Furr

Dear Ms. Furr,

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

Regards,

Barbara Bowers
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