Message Mon, Jul 30, 2012 7:45 AM

From: **Barbara A. Bowers**

To: Edwige Griffith < >

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

Subject: Re: Concerns about redistricting

Edwige Griffith < > writes:

Dear Board of Education,

I am a mother of three children, Emma, 11 years old, Sarah and Thomas, 9 years old. We live on Horseshoe Road (part of Polygon 2074) and I have recently heard of redistricting, which would affect our neighborhood.

Under the latest plan, plan "L", we would be separated from what we consider our neighborhood. My children have made friends on our street, as well as Tyana Court, Roscroft Terrace and Sunset Drive, but also on Joppenda Drive, Grove Road and even Avoca Avenue. They have been taking the bus with kids from these different streets since Kindergarten. It has also been nice for them to be able to walk to these streets, especially the ones that are a little bit further, yet easy to access from our home (Joppenda is behind our backyard.) Learning that we would not be part of this group saddens me greatly, as it is already so hard for our kids to go to friends homes without being driven everywhere. My children have built friendships, and at their age, I really do not want them to have to start over again, as it would happen on plan "L".

I also do not quite understand why our small neighborhood would be the only one north of Route 100 not going with all the others. I understand redistricting is sometimes necessary but please consider moving entire neighborhoods, not just a small cluster, which probably does not mean much to you, but because of the geographical barrier route 100 presents, and having already been separated years ago from the Montgomery Meadows neighborhood, please consider keeping the little we have.

We have been happy with Waterloo Elementary school, but I would really question what would happen next. Would we also be moved to another Middle school and then worse, another high school, even though Howard is so close that we actually can walk there?

We moved 10 years ago, because we strongly believed that there was no way our kids would not be going to Howard High School, which we have heard great things about. The idea that this may not happen really shocks me. Again, we are at walking distance from the High School.

I hope that you will revisit your plan and see that it is simply not acceptable to tear apart a neighborhood. I understand that redistricting is a hard and long process, and I hope that our neighborhood may not have as many children as other neighborhoods, we can still be taken under consideration.

Thank you.

best regards,
Edwige Griffith

Dear Mr. Edwige,

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 Mon, Jul 30, 2012 7:49 AM

From: **Barbara A. Bowers**

To: Jessica Schwendeman < >

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

Subject: Re: Redistricting of Polygon 224

Jessica Schwendeman < > writes:

Please see the attached letter regarding the redistricting plan for polygon 224.

Thank you,

Jessica Schwendeman
2062 St. James Rd.
Marriottsville, MD 21104
410.442.4403

Dear Ms. Schwendeman,

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

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my concern in regards to the proposed redistricting of polygon 224 in 2014 and following years. I currently have two children at West Friendship Elementary (WFES), and another who will start there in a few years. My immediate concern is for the changes to the Elementary redistricting, but I am also looking ahead to the changes to our future Middle and High Schools.

Polygon 224 is in a very close-knit community. The people who choose to live in this community have chosen to move to a community that does not have a lot of amenities. We are a 15-25 minute drive to most of the shopping areas, restaurants, and activities. We don't move here for convenience, we move here for the chance to find that small-town feel in the hustle and bustle of our suburban lives. By moving our children outside of their community they will not have the same opportunities to have their friends nearby or to just run over to the school for an event, and the sense of community is broken. However important this is, families in this community do have other valid concerns for the proposed changes.

My first concern has to do with the distance our children would have to travel to school under the proposed plan. From our street we can hear the band at Marriotts Ridge practicing and playing on Friday nights and we can hear the announcers from the football games. Mt. View Middle and Marriotts Ridge are so close that many students walk to and from the school complex from our neighborhood. If our students get sent to Bushy Park Elementary (BPES) and, subsequently, Glenwood Middle, they will be traveling out of their community and into a community that, other than school, they live too far to ever be a part of when their current schools are within sight. Under the current proposal those students will then be pushed back to Marriotts Ridge for their High School years. The students returning from Glenwood Middle to Marriotts Ridge will be a very small feed that does not meet the 15% minimum criteria to make such a move.

My second concern also has to do with the distance, but more specifically the bus ride. The students in our neighborhood currently have a bus ride that is less than 15 minutes to the Elementary school and less than 5 minutes to the Middle and High Schools. If redistricting occurs students could potentially be forced to ride the bus for 30-40 minutes each way increasing the length of their day by 60-80 minutes. With the school day at BPES ending near 4pm the children could be on the bus until almost 4:45pm. In the morning, students would be on the bus just as long causing them to have to leave their homes much earlier as well. For Middle School students who have to be at Glenwood Middle School at 7:40am their day will have to start quite early to head off to school. The additional burden of traveling a much longer distance and getting off to school so much earlier is absurd when we have a Middle school .5 miles from our neighborhood. Many studies show that extended times on the bus cut in to the children's time to sleep, increase instances of bullying, and provide a deficient amount of time for them to complete homework, spend time with family, or participate in extra curricular activities. With this new plan the bus routes will also potentially include some of the most dangerous routes and intersections (Rt 99/32 and possibly travel on I-70). If they choose to take back routes to avoid highway travel then the ride becomes longer.

I am sure the Board is taking these decisions quite seriously, and that much work has gone in to ensuring the welfare of the students involved in the changes, it is certainly not an easy job. I do think it is necessary to dissect the districting of our schools and make the best choices for the students involved. So many schools are over capacity and a handful are under, it is a problem. Many families will have to be make adjustments in order to address the changes across the county and I know not everyone will be happy about it. While you seek to determine future plans I hope that you will consider the issues presented here and put the welfare of all of the children impacted at the forefront of your decisions.

Thank you in advance for your time and hard work on this matter.

Sincerely,

Jessica Schwendeman

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Marriottsville, MD 21104
(410) 442-4403

Message Mon, Jul 30, 2012 7:54 AM

From: **Barbara A. Bowers**

To: Stefanie Owens <>

Cc: BOE Email Jerry Ressler > Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Redistricting WFES and Mt. View

Stefanie Owens < > writes:

Please see the attached letter in regards to the redistricting.

Thanks,
Stefanie Owens

Dear Ms. Owens,

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 Mon, Jul 30, 2012 7:56 AM

From: **Barbara A. Bowers**

To: Pat and Jackie Tuma

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

Subject: Re(2): IMPORTANT - CONCERN REGARDING PROPOSED REDISTRICT OF POLYGON 224 - P...

Pat and Jackie Tuma > writes:

Dear Howard County Board of Education members,
I just realized that the formatting of my letter got messed up when I copy/pasted it in an email to you, so I am also sending it as an attachment to this email. Thank you again for your consideration of these very important concerns!!

Jackie Tuma
Attachment

On 07/29/12, Pat and Jackie Tuma< > wrote:

Dear Howard County PublicSchool System Board of Directors:

I am writing to express my deepconcern with regard to the proposed redistricting of my neighborhood (St. JamesRoad/Whitman Way – Polygon 224) away from West Friendship Elementary, MountView Middle, and/or Marriotts Ridge High Schools. I currently have a child in *each* of these schools.

Out of respect for your time,I will keep my concerns very brief.

-Any change to ourneighborhood's attendance to these three schools will truly destroy the senseof community that exists. *Mount View Middle and Marriotts Ridge inparticular are a campus that is only ½ mile from our neighborhood*! Theteachers and administrators from these two schools are in constant contact,which works particularly well to prepare the 6th-8thgraders to succeed in high school and beyond. I have seen the benefits of this teamwork firsthand with my children anda few of their friends – please do not take this away!

-Again, we are currently ½mile from Mount View and Marriotts Ridge. To move us anywhere else would add up to 30+ minutes of commuting time,which would certainly be a huge disruption to the students' days.

-The additional commutingtime leads me to my biggest concern about the proposed redistricting – safety. I cannot fathom exposing our children to a bus or carpoolcommute in traffic everyday (often multiple times per day for activities) whenthey are currently able to travel to their neighborhood schools right down theroad. Yes, an accident can occurtravelling just ½ mile, but the risk of an accident is significantly less than thecommute that would be required

under the current proposal. I can't imagine that any benefit ofredistricting Polygon 224 outweighs the risk of the increased commute thatwould be required.

I truly appreciate the workthat you do and the challenges you face with redistricting issues inparticular. Thank you for yourconsideration of my concerns. If youneed additional information, I can be reached at 410-294-0903 or

Sincerely,

Jackie Tuma

2087 St. James Rd.

Marriottsville, MD 21104

Dear Ms. Tuma,

In case you didn't receive my previous response, here is what it said.

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 Mon, Jul 30, 2012 7:57 AM

From: **Barbara A. Bowers**

To: Susan <>

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

Subject: Re: Middle School Redistricting

Susan <> writes:

Dear Howard County Board of Education,

I am writing to you with my concerns about possible Redistricting for middle schools. I live on St. James Rd. and both of my children attended Mount View Middle School. I am very disappointed to hear about the possibility of our neighborhood possibly being moved to Glenwood Middle School. This makes no sense at all since we are one of the closest neighborhoods to Mount View. One mile is extremely close with about a 5 minute bus ride to and from. To be changed to a school that would require a 35 minute bus ride allowing for all the stops is not acceptable. If sidewalks were in our part of the county, our kids could walk to Mount View and make it home in less than half the time it would take for a bus to get them home from Glenwood. I really wish the Redistricting committee would take a step back and look for logical conclusions. This solution is not a solution at all. I was a public educator for many years before raising a family and I know that families who live closer to schools are much more apt to be involved since there is more of a community feel. Also, friends are made in neighborhoods that are close and, as such, children are more likely to get together outside of school and form meaningful connections. Redistricting is much more than numbers. We cannot remove children and families from the equation.

Thank you,
Susan Brown
2091 St. James Rd.
Marriottsville, MD 21104

Dear Ms. Brown,

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 Mon, Jul 30, 2012 7:58 AM

From: **Barbara A. Bowers**

To: Jeff and Lisa Caplan

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

Subject: Re: Comments for the Attendance Area Committee

Jeff and Lisa Caplan < > writes:

I understand that the Attendance Area Committee may be considering middle school redistricting this week, and I am very concerned about the possibility of Polygon 224 being redistricted from Mount View Middle (MVMS) to Glenwood Middle (GMS), as shown in the Staff Plan. While both MVMS and GMS are excellent academically, consideration of the first factor in Policy 6010, educational welfare, includes more than a school's academic performance.

Polygon 224 is very close to MVMS, only a 3 minute bus ride. It is south of Route 99 and east of Route 32, and the students would be walkers if not for safety concerns for walking on Route 99. In fact, we are close enough to the two schools at the location (MVMS and Marriotts Ridge High), that we can hear the football games and band playing from our homes.

Redistricting to GMS would result in a 30 – 45 minute bus ride, with the students needing to be on the bus stop well before 7:00 a.m. The substantially increased bus ride brings a greatly increased safety risk – 50 to 80 more minutes on the bus, and a requirement to travel on some of the county's busiest roads during the morning rush hour. In addition to the safety risk, it is logical, and studies also show, that longer bus rides contribute to significant problems, including but not limited to increased bullying, and reduced time for extracurricular activities, homework, play, and/or sleep.

The Staff Plan creates a new feed of 8% from GMS to Marriotts Ridge High (MRHS), in direct contrast to the example given in the policy to avoid "…the establishment of feeds less than 15% where possible."

Also impacting the educational welfare of these students is the potential loss of the close working relationship between teachers at MVMS and MRHS. Our daughter just finished MVMS and will start Marriotts Ridge High (MRHS) this fall. As her time in MVMS was ending, I observed how teachers from both schools worked together to help the students and parents prepare for the transition to high school.

Thank you for consideration of my concerns. I understand that redistricting is an extremely difficult task, as I have observed at the several AAC meetings I have attended.

Jeff Caplan

2127 Whitman Way
Marriottsville, MD 21104
(410) 442-9922

Dear Mr. Caplan,

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 Mon, Jul 30, 2012 8:02 AM

From: **Barbara A. Bowers**

To: Fan Zhang

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

Subject: Re: School Redistricting

Fan Zhang **writes:**

To Board of Education,

I am writing to express my strongconcern in regards to the proposed redistricting of polygon 224 in 2014 andfollowing years. I have two children. One has recently graduated from MarriottsRidge High School. The other one goes to Mount View Middle School and will be aseventh grader after the summer. My immediate concern is for the middle school redistricting.I also have concerns for any changes to our future high school.

Polygon 224 is in a veryclose-knit community. The people whochoose to live in this community have chosen to move to a community that doesnot have a lot of amenities. We are a fifteento twenty minute drive to most of the shopping areas, restaurants, andactivities. We don't move here forconvenience, we move here for the chance to find that small-town feel in thehustle and bustle of our suburban lives. By moving our children outside of their community they will not have thesame opportunities to have their friends nearby or to just run over to theschool for an event, and the sense of community is broken. However, as important as this is, families inthis community do have other valid concerns for the proposed changes.

My first concern has to dowith the distance that our children would have to travel to school under theproposed plan. From our street we canhear the band at Marriotts Ridge practicing and playing on Friday nights and wecan hear the announcers from the football games. Mount View Middle and Marriotts Ridge are soclose that many students walk to and from the school complex from ourneighborhood. If our students get sentto Glenwood Middle, they will be traveling out of their community and into acommunity that, other than school, they live too far to ever be a part of whentheir current schools are within sight. Under the current proposal those students will then be pushed back toMarriotts Ridge for their high school years. The students returning fromGlenwood Middle to Marriotts Ridge will be a very small feed that does not meetthe 15% minimum criteria to make such a move.

My second concern also has todo with the distance, but more specifically the bus ride. The students in our neighborhood currentlyhave a bus ride that is less than three minutes to the Middle and HighSchools. If redistricting occurs,students could potentially be forced to ride the bus for thirty to fortyminutes each way increasing the length of their day by sixty to eightyminutes. For Middle School students whohave to be at Glenwood Middle School at 7:40am their day will have to startquite early to head off to school. Theadditional burden of traveling a much longer distance and getting off to schoolso much earlier is absurd when we have a Middle school only half mile from ourneighborhood. Many studies show thatextended times on the bus cut into the children's time to sleep, increaseinstances of bullying, and provide a deficient amount of time for them tocomplete homework, spend time with family, or participate in extra-curricularactivities. With this new plan the busroutes will also potentially include some of the most dangerous routes andintersections (Rt 99/32 and possibly travel on I-70). If they choose to take back routes to avoidhighway travel then the ride becomes longer.

I am sure the Board is takingthese decisions quite seriously, and that much work has gone in to ensuring thewelfare of the students involved in the changes, it is certainly not an easyjob. I do think it is necessary todissect the districting of our schools and make the best choices for thestudents involved. So many schools areover capacity and a handful are under, it is a problem. Many families will have to be makeadjustments in order to address the changes across the county and I know noteveryone will be happy about it. Whileyou seek to determine future plans I hope that you will consider the issuespresented here and put the welfare of all of the children impacted at theforefront of your decisions.

Thank you in advance for yourtime and hard work on this matter.

Sincerely,

Zhongjun Wu and Fan Zhang
2111 Whitman Way
Marriottsville, MD 21104
(410) 292-7068

Dear Zhongjun Wu and Fan Zhang,

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 Mon, Jul 30, 2012 8:04 AM

From: **Barbara A. Bowers**

To: "Anderson, Mark" <[redacted]>

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

Subject: Re: Elementary School Redistricting 2013-2014

"Anderson, Mark" <[redacted]> writes:

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Mark Anderson and I am the President of the Home Owner's Association of the Enclaves at Waverly Woods.

I am writing you because the currently proposed Elementary School redistricting would move my community from Waverly Elementary to West Friendship Elementary.

My community consists of fifty-six (56) townhouses that are located on Star Chaser Circle and Crescent Moon Court in Waverly Woods. The current Attendance Committee map pairs my community with the Courtyards at Waverly Woods Community and designates it as polygon 6169. There are no additional communities in that polygon.

The Courtyards at Waverly Woods is a community consisting of three hundred twenty-one (321) townhouses and condominium apartments that are age restricted for ages fifty-five (55) and above. That community is age restricted by both County zoning and home owner covenants to not have any residents below eighteen (18) years of age. There are not any waivers or exceptions for these age restrictions. Therefore, those three hundred and twenty (321) homes are irrelevant to any discussion of school overcrowding because there cannot be any school age residents.

The Enclaves at Waverly Woods is part of the overall Waverly Woods Home Owner's Association that consists of a larger group of homes. Included are single family houses, town homes, and apartment style condominiums. Waverly Woods shares a community pool, playground, shopping center, and other community based amenities that we all pay quarterly dues to preserve. Our homes are closer in proximity and demographics to the homes in polygon 5169 than we are to Courtyards which make up approximately ninety-nine percent (99%) of polygon 6169. Importantly, the community of Waverly Woods boarders Waverly Elementary school.

Celebree learning center, which is located inside of Waverly Woods is the local daycare center utilized by most of the residents. They provide before and after care for Elementary School aged children. School buses for Waverly Elementary drop off and pick children up out front of Celebree. This relationship has been a selling point for the community because as working parents we need before and after care. Because we live so close to Waverly Elementary and Celebree Learning Center many parents utilize this program. My understanding is that there will not be this type of relationship with West Friendship and that the busses will not be picking up or dropping off the children from my Community there. To give you and idea of how close the Enclaves are to Celebree learning center, you can see the shopping center from resident's backyards. We usually walk to pick our children up. All of the children who attend Celebree attend Waverly Elementary, if they attend Public School. That will no longer be the case for only the children from the 56 homes that make up the Enclaves under the current proposal.

Under the current plan for redistricting polygon 6169 is the only part of Waverly Woods being redistricted from Waverly to West Friendship. Since three hundred twenty-one (321) out of the total three hundred seventy-seven (377) are age restricted homes we are only talking about fifty-six (56) town homes in the entire 6169 polygon that could produce children that would attend Howard County Public Schools.

We feel that the fifty six homes (56) in our community is a negligible amount of potential students and should be allowed to stay in our current designation.

Waverly Woods is an intertwined community with the children using the same facilities and building neighborhood bonds. Taking such a small group away from the rest of the children does not make sense and will not achieve the greater goals of the School Board to alleviate overcrowding.

For comparison purposes, Waverly Elementary is 1.6 driving miles from our homes and West Friendship is 6.6 driving miles away. It is not in the children's best interest, or Howard County's to relocate such a small amount of children in such a short proximity to Waverly to a school approximately 5 times in the other direction.

There are children in our Community who will have attended Waverly Elementary for as many as four (4) years and will have to make new friends and start over at West Friendship. These children live in the shadow of Waverly Elementary and will have to travel at least another twenty-five (25) extra minutes every morning to get to a school they have never seen before. When I was a Public School student we would have been designated "walkers" since we live in such close proximity to Waverly Elementary.

Additionally, there are communities currently still under construction that are further west than ours that are still designated for Waverly. The polygon for these communities look smaller on your map but they contain more eligible homes because none of theirs are age restricted. Additionally, since they are still being built and construction was started after our community was built they do not fit the model of "last ones in, first ones out." Furthermore, they are not part of Waverly Woods and are further away in mileage from Waverly and closer to West Friendship.

While I understand that the School Board cannot please everyone and that these decisions are always difficult, I ask you to evaluate polygon 6169 again. Upon further review, I hope that you will see that it is not in the best interest of anyone to redistrict one street out of the whole Waverly Woods community to another school. I appreciate you taking the time to read my letter and consider my position.

I also look forward to being able to address the concerns of my Community as well as myself at the open meetings in September.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Anderson, Esq.

Dear Mr. Anderson,

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 Mon, Jul 30, 2012 3:11 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks

To: Patricia King <>

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

Subject: Re: Current Redistricting Concern

Patricia King <> writes:

Dear Howard County Board of Education,

I have significant concerns regarding the current redistricting proposal of my polygon, 2074. Currently 2074 is assigned to Waterloo Elementary, Ellicott Mills Middle and Howard High. I am a mother of three children, of whom two are currently enrolled at Waterloo and the youngest will be enter Kindergarten in three years.

My concern is that all the nearby neighborhoods in our community are being redistricted to other schools. Polygon 2074 is being left at Waterloo as an island north of 100 while the surrounding neighborhoods that we were previously grouped with during the last redistricting of elementary schools will now be going to other schools. Route 100 is a natural and a significant barrier.

With the current redistricting proposal you are isolating our children from their friends in the surrounding neighborhoods. Please reconsider which schools you assign to polygon 2074. Due to the size of our polygon, the change would not be would not be a significant increase if you kept us with our surrounding neighbors.

Finally, for my daughter's sake and mine, I beg that you keep her with her friends. Last year she was diagnosed with Leukemia. Thanks to the families in her grade and their abundant generosity, we were given an amazing amount of support. With the proposed changes you are separating my daughter from the friends and families that helped her smile during her fight with cancer. Hopefully, in 2013 her treatment will be over and she will get to enjoy life without chemotherapy. It would be heartbreaking if she couldn't celebrate this victory with the friends and family that help through her two years of treatment.

Sincerely,

Patricia King
8380 Sunset Dr.
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Ms. King:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. 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 Mon, Jul 30, 2012 3:11 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Allison Staley < >
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Support for Plan L-2

Allison Staley < > writes:

Dear Attendance Area Committee Members,

We have reviewed the AAC Reports and our support is for Plan L-2 because it alleviates the overcapacity issue at Swansfield Elementary School and improves a very underutilized school, Clarksville Elementary School.

Thank you for all your work thus far.

Staley Family
11024 Hidden Fox Ct.
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Dear Staley Family:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. 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 Mon, Jul 30, 2012 6:09 PM

From: HCAAC
Elizabeth Benevides <>

To: Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Whitesel**

View in Browser

Subject: Fwd: redistricting in Western Howard County

Dear Board of Education and AAC,

As a resident of the Lyndonbrook neighborhood on St. James Road (in Marriottsville), my children currently attend Mount View Middle School. I am very concerned about the current discussion to redistrict them to Glenwood Middle. While Glenwood is an excellent school, the prospect of sending our children to school well outside of our own district will negatively impact our children and our neighborhood:

1. Current distance to Mount View is LESS THAN 1 MILE. The distance to Glenwood will be 7.5 miles.
2. Current travel time to Mount View is LESS THAN 2 MINUTES. The travel time to Glenwood in morning and afternoon commuting traffic is at least 20 minutes.
3. Current roads to Mount View is half-mile on Old Frederick Road. The roads to Glenwood would entail very busy, heavily traveled, and dangerous commuting roads--Route 32 or Route 70 or Route 97.
4. Our property values will surely decrease.
5. Our children will be completely outside of their neighborhood and community activities.
6. Our children will be displaced for middle school and perhaps returned to the "community" high school; thereby being displaced from social groups not once, but twice.

Please reconsider this proposal and maintain the Lyndonbrook (St. James and Whitman Way) attendance at Mount View and Marriotts Ridge. These schools are the very reason we moved to this neighborhood. We never imagined that a neighborhood LESS THAN 1 MILE from the schools would be in danger of redistricting.

Respectfully,
Elizabeth Benevides
2074 St. James Rd.
Marriottsville, MD 21104
410-442-2112

Message Tue, Jul 31, 2012 1:28 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To: "Patrick Tuma" < >

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

Subject: Re: Note for AAC: Redistricting concerns for polygon 224

"Patrick Tuma" < > writes:

Hello,

I am writing to express my concerns with the proposed redistricting of my neighborhood (Polygon 224) away from West Friendship Elementary, Mount View Middle, and/or Marriott's Ridge High Schools.

Policy 6010 School Attendance Areas identifies 11 factors to be considered in the development of the plans. The proposed redistricting of polygon 224 does not meet a number of the factors listed in Policy 6010.

1. *Educational Welfare of Students* – Moving polygon 224 would negatively impact the educational welfare of the students in polygon 224.

a. Increased bus and travel time. The current distance between polygon 224 and Mt. View Middle ranges between .5 -.9 miles (3-5 minute ride). Redistricting the middle school to Glenwood Middle would increase by the travel distance by 7 miles and increase the travel time by 30-45 minutes each day.

b. The Mt. View MS teachers and the Marriott's Ridge HS teachers work very closely together and do a great job of preparing middle school students for high school. This close relationship is partially a result of the schools being across the street from one another. I have 2 children that have graduated from Mt. View and are attending Marriott's Ridge HS so I can attest to quality of preparation that Mt. View provides to succeed at Marriott's Ridge. This does not happen in every middle school.

2. *Frequency students are redistricted*

a. Current plan calls for redistricting of West Friendship in 2013 and again in 2016.

3. *Impact on number of students bused and distance students are bused.*

a. The current plan to move West Friendship ES and Mt View MS is a 7 mile increase from polygon 224. That is a 700% increase.

b. In looking at the proposed polygon redistricting maps, there a numerous polygon that are significantly closer to Glenwood MS. The current proposed plan is moving polygon 212 & 213 away from Glenwood MS to Folly Quarter MS. These polygons (212 &213) are very close to Glenwood as are many other polygons (1220, 2220, 216, 1210……many other polygons are closer to Glenwood than polygon 224).

4. *Cost.*

a. The proposed redistricting is increasing the daily bus travel time by 30-45 minutes which must substantially increase the cost to Howard county taxpayers.

b. Polygon 224 is less than 1 mile from Mt. View MS and Marriott's Ridge HS. It's probably more cost effective to pay for sidewalks than buses.

c. What about the cost to families? Many parents in our polygon (224) spend a lot of time volunteering in the schools and/or have other children attending West Friendship, Mt. View, Marriott's Ridge. Moving our polygon to another school will have a financial impact and time impact on the families in polygon 224.

5. Demographic makeup and academic performance .

a. Minimal impact.

6. Number of students redistricted.

a. The proposed plan of redistricting to Glenwood MS leaves a small number of students feeding back to Marriott's Ridge HS. I was unable to find the exact figures but I believe it is substantially less than the 15% target feed.

b. High School is difficult time for many students and having such a small feed from Glenwood MS to Marriott's Ridge HS would certainly cause problems for many students.

7. Maintenance of feeder patterns.

a. Polygon 224 is less than 1 mile from Mt. View MS. As student population changes again in the future, given the close proximity of polygon 224 to West Friendship, Mt. View, Marriott's Ridge I believe our chances are extremely high to move back to West Friendship and Mt. View.

8. Schools capacity.

a. West Friendship ES and Mt. View MS are both under capacity.

9. *Impact on specialized programs.*

a. No impact.

10. *Functional capacity.*

a. No impact.

11. *Building utilization*.

a. No impact.

I've listed all 11 factors and most factors are NOT met in this redistricting plan. Additionally, polygon 224 is part of the West Friendship, Mt. View MS, Marriott's Ridge HS communities. Many of the families in polygon 224 have several children attending these school and redistricting us to other schools drastically impacts the sense of community for the students. Lastly, safety must be a consideration. Moving children around on 32, 70, 97 raises significant safety concerns.

Thanks,

Patrick Tuma

2087 St James Road

Marriottsville, MD 21104

Dear Mr. Tuma:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. 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.

Message Tue, Jul 31, 2012 1:28 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To:

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

Subject: Re: Subject: Note for AAC: Redistricting Concerns

writes:

My name is Rev. Judith A. Emerson and I am a United Methodist Pastor who lives i the community. I am writing to express my concerns with the proposed redistricting of my neighborhood (Polygon 224) away from West Friendship Elementary, Mount View Middle, and/or Marriott's Ridge High Schools. This change would have a significant detrimental impact on the educational welfare of the students in our neighborhood and for many church members in the area.

Mount View Middle and Marriott's Ridge are less than a mile from our neighborhood! To move us as proposed would add up to 30-45 minutes of commuting time in each direction. The bus routes will likely include some of the most dangerous routes and intersections (Rt 99/32 and possibly travel on I-70). If the route is via back routes to avoid highway travel, then the ride becomes longer. And while I understand that an accident can occur travelling just 3 minutes, the risk of an accident is significantly less than the commute that would be required under the proposed redistricting.

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to avoid "…the establishment of feeds less than 15% where possible."

I truly appreciate the challenges you face with redistricting. While you seek to determine future plans I hope that you will consider the issues presented here and put the welfare of all of the children impacted at the forefront of your decisions. Thank you for your consideration.

If you need additional information, I can be reached at my cell number 443-257-9726 or my home 410-442-2881.

Sincerely,

Rev. Judith A. Emerson
2091 St. James Road
Marriottsville, Maryland 21104

Dear Reverend Emerson:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. 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
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Message Tue, Jul 31, 2012 1:29 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To: valeriya kochunova < >

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

Subject: Re: potential redistricting

valeriya kochunova < > writes:

My name is Valeriya Kochunov. We moved to Ellicott City a year ago from San Antonio, Texas. I have twin girls who are about to turn 4. I am against this redistricting. When we bought our house we expected them to go to Ellicott Mills Middle and Howard High School. And the house is going to be hard to sell too with this redistricting.

Sincerely yours,

Valeriya

Dear Ms. Kochunova:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. 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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Message Tue, Jul 31, 2012 1:32 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To: "Vicki Wilhelm" <

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

Subject: Re: FW: Waverly Elementary

Dear Ms. Wilhelm:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. By copy of this email, I am forwarding your concerns to Mr. Joel Gallihue and Mrs. Jennifer Bubenko in the Office of School Planning. Once again, thank you for contacting the Board.

Regards,

Kathy Hanks
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"Vicki Wilhelm" < writes:

Joel

I am a parent of a child who attends Waverly Elementary and it is my understanding that my neighborhood, Taylor Farm, may be subject to a redistricting plan that may affect my daughter's elementary school attendance in the year 2013-2014. I reached out to the Board, see below, a year ago requesting information about the 2011 feasibility study and I was told that Waverly wouldn't be affected until 2015 at which time my neighborhood would still feed into Waverly.

I'm curious as to why the change of direction just a year later?

Several of my neighbors have attended recent planning meetings and they have communicated that there is a plan "L" that would keep the Taylor Farm neighborhood in the Waverly District. It goes without saying that I support that plan! It is my understanding that the thought process is why move Taylor Farm to West Friendship only to have to possibility move them back a few years later.

Also, in the past, 5th grade students were grandfathered in and were allowed to remain in the school for which they had attended for the last 5 years. Will that be the same with this redistricting plan if plan "L" isn't approved?

While I know my daughter isn't the first child to be redistricted, and certainly will not be the last, it is sad to think that she would be moved for 1 year, while the Board of Ed is waiting for the Turf Valley development to fill an old school which some would argue should have been closed years ago, when Waverly Elementary still has unused class rooms!

I look forward to your response to my above questions.

Thank you in advance for your time.

Vicki Wilhelm

410.418.4534

From: Jennifer Bubenko [mailto:Jennifer_Bubenko@hcpss.org]
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2011 4:10 PM
To:
Subject: Re: Waverly Elementary

Good afternoon Ms. Wilhelm,

I am responding to a flood of questions regarding the regional meetings tonight and tomorrow due to the Weekly News for Parents that was just sent out. I believe that the following answers your questions, but if you feels it does not, or you want more details, please feel free to call my manager, Joel Gallihue at 410-313-7184 or me at 410-313-1554. Waverly ES was listed for potential redistricting in 2015 in the Feasibility Study (link below). The focus on tonight's meeting will be elementary schools in the Southeast portion of the county for August 2012.

Each year the School Planning office reviews all schools in the county for redistricting consideration. This June, staff presented the Feasibility Study with a near- and long-term redistricting plan. The proposal for the 2012-2013 redistricting is focused on elementary schools in the Southeast portion of the county.

The Feasibility Study can be found here: http://www.hcpss.org/boundarylines/feasstudy_2011.pdf

Notes from the Attendance Area Committee can be found here:
http://www.hcpss.org/boundarylines/committee.shtml

The attendance area schedule can be found here:
http://www.hcpss.org/boundarylines/faq_aaap.shtml

Tonight's 9/6/11 meeting will be at 7:30pm at Hammond HS auditorium. Tomorrow's 9/7/11 meeting will be at 7:30pm at Centennial HS auditorium. Staff will have a short presentation and then receive public input at both meetings. There will be some difference because the citizen comments and questions will vary, but the focus will be the elementary schools in the Southeast portion of the county.

The Superintendent's final recommendation will be made to the BOE on 10/20/11 and that plan will be online on the BoardDocs site on 10/18/11.

Please let my manager, Joel Gallihue at 410-313-7184 or me at 410-313-1554 know if you have any other questions.

Take care.
Jennifer

Jennifer Bubenko
Planning Specialist
Howard County Public School System
410-313-1554
Jennifer_Bubenko@hcpss.org

"Vicki Wilhelm" < > on Tuesday, September 06, 2011 at 2:52 PM -0400 wrote:

Jennifer

I received the county wide email today about the potential redistricting at the elementary school level. Is Waverly Elementary effected by possible redistricting in the next 2 to 3 years?

Vicki Wilhelm

Waverly Parent

Message Tue, Jul 31, 2012 1:33 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To: Alicia Mabry <

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

Subject: Re: 2013-2014 Redistricting

Alicia Mabry < **> writes:**

Hello,

My husband and I are parents of two children living at 2065 Crescent Moon Court (polygon 6169) which is located in the Waverly Woods community. We recently learned of the 2013-14 redistricting plan and we're concerned about the plan to send children on our street to West Friendship Elementary. Our first concern is that the homes located on our street (as well as two groups of town homes located on Star Chaser adjacent to our street) will be the only homes in all of the Waverly Woods community sent to WFES. All of the other children in the neighborhood, at our pool and at our day care center will attend Waverly. In fact, our children have good friends who live directly behind us who won't go to the same school. The our kids' classmates will live several miles away, across busy roads like Marriottsville Road and Frederick Road.

We realize that the polygon map includes other streets and appears to include a larger portion of the Waverly Woods community, however these homes are zoned to be 55 and older so there are (and never will be) school-aged children living there. If you study the polygon map with the understanding that Crescent Moon Court is the only portion of the polygon with school-aged children, the redistricting seems very arbitrary.

We'd like to suggest that redistricting polygons 7169/166 to West Friendship makes more sense than 6169, as these areas are stand-alone communities and wouldn't be cut off from other portions of their neighborhoods. Additionally, polygon 7169 is projected to carry 44 elementary school-aged students in 2013, compared to 26 in polygon 6169. Moving 7169 would provide more relief to Waverly.

Additionally, in reading the long-term plan it appears that an addition is planned for Waverly Elementary in 2016, which would serve the growing Turf Valley community. If that's the case, we would imagine that our street would be pulled back to Waverly at that point. It doesn't seem to make sense to redistrict our street for three years only, just to be moved back to where our children began.

We appreciate the job you have to do - coming up with long-term plans that make sense for the community as a whole, while listening to individual concerns is a difficult job. Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Best regards,

John & Alicia Mabry
2065 Crescent Moon Ct.
Woodstock, MD 21163

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Mabry:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. 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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Message Tue, Jul 31, 2012 1:34 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To: Jerica Myers < >

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

Subject: Re: Note for AAC- REdistricting Concerns

Jerica Myers < > writes:

To whom it may concern,

We are writing to express our concerns with the proposed redistricting of my neighborhood (Polygon 224) away from West Friendship Elementary, Mount View Middle, and/or Marriott's Ridge High Schools. This change would have a significant detrimental impact on the educational welfare of the students in our neighborhood.

Mount View Middle and Marriott's Ridge are less than a mile from our neighborhood! To move us as proposed would add up to 30-45 minutes of commuting time in each direction. The bus routes will likely include some of the most dangerous routes and intersections (Rt 99/32 and possibly travel on I-70). If the route is via back routes to avoid highway travel, then the ride becomes longer. And while we understand that an accident can occur travelling just 3 minutes, the risk of an accident is significantly less than the commute that would be required under the proposed redistricting.

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We tLast Modified8 AMhe challenges you face with redistricting. While you seek to determin future plans We hope that you will consider the issues presented here and put the welfare of all of the children impacted at the forefront of your decisions.
Thank you for your time and hoping for your kind consideration.
Sincerely,
Louis and Jerica Myers
(410) 442 5172

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Myers:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. 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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Message Tue, Jul 31, 2012 1:36 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To: Julchen and Paul < >

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

Subject: Re: Note for AAC: Redistricting Concerns

Julchen and Paul < > writes:

We are writing to express our concerns with the proposed redistricting of our neighborhood (Polygon 224) away from West Friendship Elementary, Mount View Middle, and/or Marriott's Ridge High Schools. This change would have a significant detrimental impact on the educational welfare of the students in our neighborhood.

Three years ago we relocated to this area and sought out an area with schools in close proximity to our chosen home. Mount View Middle and Marriott's Ridge are less than a mile from our neighborhood! To move us as proposed would add up to 30-45 minutes of commuting time in each direction. The bus routes will likely include some of the most dangerous routes and intersections (Rt 99/32 and possibly travel on I-70). If the route is via back routes to avoid highway travel, then the ride becomes longer. And while we understand that an accident can occur traveling just 3 minutes, the risk of an accident is significantly less than the commute required under the proposed redistricting.

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We truly appreciate the challenges you face with redistricting. While you seek to determine future plans we hope that you will consider the issues presented here and put the welfare of all of the children impacted at the forefront of your decisions. Thank you for your consideration.

If you need additional information, we can be reached at 443-992-4404.

Paul Howard and Julchen Ramaekers
2090 Saint James RD
Marriottsville, MD 21104

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Message Tue, Jul 31, 2012 1:36 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To: Richard and Lisa Lach <

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

Subject: Re: Note for AAC: Redistricting Concerns

Richard and Lisa Lach <_____ writes:

We are writing to express our concerns with the proposed redistricting of my neighborhood (Polygon 224) away from West Friendship Elementary, Mount View Middle, and/or Marriott's Ridge High Schools. This change would have a significant detrimental impact on the educational welfare of the students in our neighborhood.

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If you need additional information, we can be reached at 410-442-5523.

Regards,

Richard and Lisa Lach

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lach:

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Regards,

Kathy Hanks
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Message Tue, Jul 31, 2012 10:17 PM

From: Allison <[redacted]>
To: Joel_Gallihue@hcpss.org
Cc: **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Prior email

Joel,

I sent in an email yesterday voicing my support for Plan L-2. After hearing at tonight's meeting about the resulting impact to FARM, and that the transportation department wasn't supportive of it, I would like to withdraw my email.

I am supportive of Plan L-5 that relieves Swansfield ES without creating the FARM (or transportation) issues and utilizes capacity at Clarksville ES.

I've learned so much by coming to these meetings.

Thank you.
Allison Staley/Staley Family

Message Wed, Aug 01, 2012 12:03 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To: Jeannie Lim < >

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

Subject: Re: Redistricting plans – Waverly ES to West Friendship ES

Jeannie Lim < > writes:

Good evening,

We are strongly displeased to learn that out of the entire Waverly Woods community, we are the only area no longer districted for Waverly Elementary. My family lives in Enclaves at Waverly Woods (Polygon 6169) and our child attends Waverly Elementary. I am writing to express my concern and disapproval of Waverly students being moved to West Friendship ES. Our daughter has attended Waverly Elementary for three years and would definitely like to be able to stay in her current school.

Thank you for your consideration!

Best regards,
Jeannie Lim

Dear Ms. Lim:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. 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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Message Wed, Aug 01, 2012 2:37 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To:

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

Subject: Re: 2013 Elementary School Redistricing

writes:

All,

I am a mother of two kids 8 and 6 years old and we live in a community that is part of polygon 91. Our neighborhood is the first community off the intersection of Ilchester and Landing. We are a small neighborhood of less than 50 homes and we are walking distance to Ilchester ES about little over a 1/2 mile .7 miles to be exact but our children are bused 3.5 miles to Rockburn ES. There are older houses behind our neighborhood that attend Ilchester because their mailboxes are on Ilchester road which gives them a Ellicott City zipcode. So if they have school age children buses would have to drive through our neigborhood to transport them to a different school from the one that my children attend. We are the only community in our surrounding area that attends Rockburn ES everyone else attends Ilchester. The children that our children meet at school live in neighborhoods miles away.

I've read the concerns of the other neighborhoods that could be potentially effected by the redistricting plan but I ask that you please include polygon 91 back in the redistricting plan to attend Ilchester ES.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Dana McCourt
4878 Royal Coachman Dr
Elkridge, Md 21075

Dear Ms. McCourt:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. 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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Message Wed, Aug 01, 2012 2:37 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To:

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

Subject: Re: School Zone Redistricting

writes:

Hello, my wife and I are from polygons 95, 1095, 2095 and we are upset to hear about a possible re-zoning of our local elementry school. We bought our home in 2009 in our area specifiaclly because we want our children to go to Ilchester Elementry School. We want to express our extreme concern that our address may get re-zoned to Rockburn Elementry School. We are also concerned about what this re-zoning will do to property values in our development. We would like our opinion/vote to show that we want the zoning to stay the way that it is for our area. If there is anything additional we can do to help with this matter, please let us know.

Brandon and Carmella Hart
8162 Elko Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043
(410) 465-6036

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hart:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. 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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Message Wed, Aug 01, 2012 3:13 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To: Margaret Becker < >

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

Subject: Re: Redistricting Polygon 91

Margaret Becker < > writes:

Dear Board of Education-

I am a concerned parent of two young boys and I live in the Cascade Overlook development near the intersection of Landing Road and Ilchester Road. My address is 4963 Pale Morning Dun Road, Elkridge, MD.

I am very concerned about the redistricting that is currently being considered by the Board. In particular I would like my development, Cascade Overlook, to be redistricted from Rockburn Elementary to Ilchester Elementary school. Part of the reason we bought here was due to the proximity of Ilchester Elementary school. It is well within walking distance unlike Rockburn. Rockburn is over 4 miles away and Ilchester is a mile. It would be great if I could walk my children to school.

Please take my concerns into consideration when deciding on the redistricting of Polygon 91. My contact information is below if you need any additional information.

Thank you-

Margaret Becker
4963 Pale Morning Dun Road
Elkridge, MD 21075

phone 410-747-1934

Dear Ms. Becker:

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Message Wed, Aug 01, 2012 3:17 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Shweta Singh
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: redistricting

Shweta Singh <[redacted]> writes:
We live in Cascade overlook subdivision.

polygon 91 should be redistricted to Ilchester..

Distance to the Ilchester elementry school is short compare to Rockburn. Their middle school is Bonnie Branch so why not have them go to Ilchester so they can have same friends as they get older. FOr kids this would be the best situation. Transition would be easier.

Thanks,
SHweta singh

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Message Wed, Aug 01, 2012 3:18 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks

To: Madhu Kantheti < >

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

Subject: Re: school re-districting--polygon 91

Madhu Kantheti < > writes:

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Madhu Kantheti residing at 4886 Royal Coachman Dr, Elkridge MD-21075.

I want to write you and vote for school re-districting happen ASAP. This means my kids will be going to Illchester Elementary School vs Rock Burn elementary.

Illchester ES is very near to us and there will be no issues when kids move to Bonnie Branch middle school which is next to Illchester ES. There will be no adjustment time for kids when they go to middle school. Also it would be good for kids to mingle with same kids.

Please consider this as high priority.

Should you need more information, do not hesitate to contact me.

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Thanks,
Madhu

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Message Wed, Aug 01, 2012 3:19 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks

To: "Thomas, Laura (>

Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue
Jennifer Bubenko

Subject: Re: Enclave at Waverly Woods - elementary school moved to West Friendship

"Thomas, Laura (Philadelphia IFS)" < > writes:

Hi

My husband & I are property owners in the Enclave at Waverly Woods development. It has come to our attention that our little cul-de-sac has been lumped in with the 55 & better housing developments down the street and will be shifted to the West Friendship Elementary School district. While this makes no difference to the over 55 communities, it does affect our one younger family block. Under the new boundaries, we would be the only block in the broader Waverly Woods Community that is not going to Waverly Woods Elementary as of 2013-2014 school year.

1) I wanted to make sure you were aware that our street is not part of the over 55 community.

2) The Waverly elementary school is very close, so kids get to know each other there, and play together in the community. Our community has shared facilities (pool, golf, tennis etc) so it invites community activity. To have the Enclave children not also go to the same school as the other neighborhood kids means the Enclave kids will not get to know the other neighborhood kids as well. It puts them at a social disadvantage at community events and activities, as well as after school play.

3) The West Friendship school is on the other side of I70, while Waverly is just down the block. So it is quite a bit farther from home and will require unnecessary busing and inconvenience.

4) Both schools are ranked the same.

Can you please review the elementary school boundaries for the Enclave at Waverly Woods and hopefully revise the new Waverly vs West Friendship elementary school district boundaries so our children are not segregated from the rest of the Waverly Woods communities.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you

Laura A Thomas & John W Fenn

646-472-9916

Affected residence:

2015 Crescent Moon Court

Woodstock MD 21163

Mailing address:

1760 Nantasket Dr

Eldersburg MD 21784

Dear Ms. Thomas and Mr. Fenn:

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Message Thu, Aug 02, 2012 10:59 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To: Yolanda Hutchins <[redacted]>

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

Subject: Re: Redistricting- Illchester Elementary

Yolanda Hutchins <[redacted]> writes:

My name is Yolanda Hutchins and my husband and I live in Cascade Overlook- the development near the corner of Landing Rd and Illchester. I am sending you this letter as a concerned parent regarding Polygon 91. I have never understood why the children in my development would be aligned to Rockburn when Illchester is 3 blocks away. We purchased the home under the assumption that our children would be going to the school down the street. From a busing perspective- it would be more convenient,less time consuming, and costly for parents and bus drivers if they were driving our children 3 blocks vs. 2 miles. This would afford us parents an opportunity to walk our children to or from school, providing us an opportunity to share in their learning moments, free from distractions. Currently, I along with other parents in the area are currently sending our children to private schools. However, should we be aligned to Illchester, we would enroll them in Illchester Elementary, supporting the Howard County School system and all that it has to offer.

I do hope you reconsider.

Regards,

Yolanda

Sent from my iPad

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Message Thu, Aug 02, 2012 10:59 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To: Hoang Du <>

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

Subject: Re: Citizen feedback on Ilchester redistrict Polygon91

Hoang Du <> writes:

Dear Board of Education,

We are writing in regard to recent BOA discussion about CascadeOverlook/Rockburn redistricted to Ilchester; we want to express our 'Strongest' feeling in favor to do so due to many benefits for our community, parents and children.
Here are a few that comes to mind:
It is only 1 street accross the community
Parents can walk or drive their kids on the way to and from work
Convenience for Bus to comes and go
In case of emergency, home is not far away
Parents can spend more time with their children after school
Participate more school activities
Help all during Winter time
And we believe as parents, we will feel much safer when our children are closer to home, and in return the children will be more productive at school and the parents at work.
We hope the school board will take our thoughts into consideration and make the best decision for our community.

Sincerely,

Don and Luyen
4804 Yellow Owl Ct.
21075

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Kathy Hanks
Administrative Specialist to the

Message Thu, Aug 02, 2012 3:35 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To: Shylice Nelson <>

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

Subject: Re: Redistricting polygon 1098

Shylice Nelson < > writes:

In reviewing the notes, it looks like our polygon is being changed to Thunder Hill elementary school. I have serious concerns with this change because my children catch the bus and that is an extremely long bus ride that would include time on the highway. I have grave safety concerns. We were originally planned to be moved to Worthington which is a much better logistical choice. Why was this changed?

Shylice Nelson
Sent from my iPad

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Message Thu, Aug 02, 2012 3:35 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To: "Balaji.B"

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

Subject: Re: Howard County Redistrict - Polygon #: 6169 (Elementary)

"Balaji.B" **writes:**

Hello,

My name is Balaji Balasubramaniyam. Living in Crescent Moon Ct, Woodstock, MD 21163. Our street comes under Howard County Public School System Polygon Number 6169.
We are learning that county is considering to redistrict the schools and our address falls under the changes for consideration. Currently, my kid is going to Waverly Elementary School.

While hearing the news, my kid was very shocked and she want to continue going to Waverly Elementary School. She really enjoys and doing well after moving to Waverly Elementary. She didn't want to miss her school, her teachers and her friends.

As a Parent, we moved to the community just because of this school. It's shocking for us to hear that our address is considered for different school.

We request you to keep our Street Address (Crescent Moon Ct, Woodstock, MD 21163) to the Waverly Elementary School for the following reasons.
- Our Child would love to going to school at Waverly. The Kid will shine well with her friends and teachers that she loves.
- Except for our just one street, rest of the entire community in Waverly Woods is in Waverly Elementary School. This seperates the kids from the community; which is not a good thing.
- Waverly Elementary is 1.8 miles from the home and the West Friendship school is 5 miles from home.
- We as a parent, would like to live in this community just because of the great news about the waverly elementary school.
- Waverly school has great reputation compared to West Friendship school.

I am sure you as a parent will consider all the factors that are good for your kids. Consider us in all these aspects and keep us in the same school district.

Thanks,

Balaji Balasubramaniyam
2048 Crescent Moon Ct,
Woodstock, MD 21163

410-461-9637

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Message Fri, Aug 03, 2012 1:02 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To: jeffrey merkey

Cc: BOE Email

Joel Gallihue

Jennifer Bubenko

Subject: Re: Brampton Hills Redistricting - very fustrated

jeffrey merkey **writes:**

Good evening,

I have been living in Brampton Hills for nearly 6 years and have heard about redistricting it seems every year. When I purchased the house I had one set of schools and it has seemed to be influx every year since I have been here. This neighborhood is quite desirable for young families due to the current schools as well as the anticipation of Worthington. What is amazing now is that I am hearing we may be going to Thunder Hill. That is the 5th farthest school from my house. As you can see that does not make sense. Schools closer to this neighborhood are; Worthington, Veterans (both schools within 2 miles), Ilchester (less the 3 miles), and Rockburn and Warterlo (less then 4 miles). Also, Worthington, Veterans and Ilchester are all in the same town I live in - Ellicott City.

I really hope that Thunder Hill is not the final decision or if I am incorrect with what I heard please let me know. To be honest I think I may be incorrect because I really can not believe the school system would be thinking about redistricting that way.

But if this is something that is truly being considered who can I speak to about this? Are there names you can give me and who are politicians I should speak too?

Any help you can give would be appreciated.

Thanks,
Jeff Merkey
443-277-4193

Dear Mr. Merkey:

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Message Sat, Aug 04, 2012 8:07 PM

From: Victoria Hollenbeck ·

To: Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

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Subject: Fwd: Moving Brampton Children to the 7th Closest School? Ref: Polygon 10...

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Victoria Hollenbeck** < >
Date: Sat, Aug 4, 2012 at 6:35 PM
Subject: Moving Brampton Children to the 7th Closest School? Ref: Polygon 1098, 98
To: BOE@hcpss.org

My name is Victoria Hollenbeck, and I am a resident of the Brampton Hills Community, Polygon 1098 (address: 4791 Ilkley Moor Lane). I am writing to express my concern and confusion over the more recently developed plans to move our community of Brampton Hills (polygons 1098 and 98) to Thunder Hill Elementary School for the 2013/2014 school year.

People in the community realize that the task of adjusting school districts in Howard County is an arduous process. It also sparks a great deal of emotion, because all parents are striving to do what is best for their children. The plan, however, also needs to be based on logic, the overall health and safety of all children, and should not just be a numbers game where our children are continually moved around like pawns on a chess board.

When the original 2012 Feasibility Study was presented, our community was to move from Waterloo to Worthington. This is a logical choice.

The geographical breakdown of Brampton is as follows:

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For obvious reasons, this move made sense. It took us from the sixth closest school from our residence to the second closest. Based on the most recent plans, however, we are slated to move to Thunder Hill Elementary. This is the seventh closest school from our residence even further than our current districted school of Waterloo. Although I applaud the efforts of residents and the AAC who have worked together this summer to put together alternate plans, when Plan J was initiated, the impact on Brampton's community (polygon 1098 and 98) was overlooked.

At this time I support the 2012 Feasibility Study which brought polygons 1098 ad 98 to Worthington, or adjusting plan ACC-L6 to move polygons 1098 and 98 from Thunder Hill to Worthington.

At the beginning of this process the committee was asked to review several factors in assessing the reasonableness of moves within the county. The move of Brampton to Thunder Hill contradicts the guiding principles of these factors, while the move to Worthington supports

them.

1. Educational Welfare of students in both the sending and receiving schools

Educational welfare of our children is predicated upon the social, physical, and emotional welfare of children. The current plan to move to Thunder Hill entails negative consequences such as longer bus rides each day for our children on major roads, which is a major safety concern. It also eliminates the opportunity for them to build a sense of community with neighboring children and residents.

As my son prepares to enter kindergarten this year, I have read through the literature that Howard County has supplied in preparation for this big day. The number one way that children thrive is by having parents involved in the school and building a strong community where both parent and child remain active. As we can all agree, this is crucial in the formative elementary years. Currently, parents in Brampton already struggle with traveling a great distance to go to Waterloo. With these new alternatives, we are asked to start all over again at a neighborhood that is even farther from our homes.

A move to Worthington however, would: 1) help provide a sense of community by bringing our children closer to other area children attending that school, 2) promote a 'Healthy Howard' community initiative through more play time in closer neighborhoods and, 3) allow more parents to get involved in their school community due to the proximity of the location. Worthington's educational scores would also align nicely with Brampton's current school, Waterloo.

2. Impact on the number of students bused and the distance bused students travel

Moving students from polygon 1098 and 98 to Thunder Hill will increase travel time for students, which is already needlessly lengthy due to the location of Waterloo and the roads needed to travel to get there from our community. Although on a polygon map it may appear that Thunder Hill is an option, our community does not have access to any other road other than route 103. Therefore, this map is a case of 'looks can be deceiving. The move to Thunder Hill will create added congestion on routes 103 and routes 104, which is already extremely busy during school busing hours.

A move to Worthington, however, reduces bus time for students allowing them the opportunity for more productive activities than commuting. It also addresses safety issues related to travel. It cuts out needless traffic on route 104, and also creates less traffic and travel at the intersection of 103 and 104 which can be dangerous at all hours of the day.

3. Cost

Longer bus rides equal more mileage, more gas costs, more repair costs, needless congestion, etc, which a move to Thunder Hill would create. This type of daily travel also takes a toll on something more important than a checkbook; our children. As many parents can personally attest commuting is not fun. Children should not have to deal with the rigors of commuting at 5-11 years of age, especially when travel to Worthington could alleviate these costs, and even reduce these costs from the current travel to Waterloo.

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Thank you for your consideration of this matter. At all future AAC meetings, Brampton residents will have a significant presence. Please look for us in blue!

Sincerely,

Victoria Hollenbeck

Message Sat, Aug 04, 2012 8:48 PM

From: Lenora Merkey

To: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko** Renee_Fooset@hcpss.org

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Subject: Brampton Hill Redistricting change

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Thanks,

Lenora Merkey
4109520584

Message Sat, Aug 04, 2012 9:07 PM

From: Traci Barnhart
Traci Barnhart

To: Joel_Gallihue@hcpss.org **Jennifer Bubenko**
BOE@hcpss.org

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Subject: school redistricting

Dear Mr. Joel Gallihue, Ms. Jennifer Bubenko, and members of the Attendance Area Adjustment Committee,
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Traci Barnhart

Message Sat, Aug 04, 2012 9:37 PM

From: Ben Barnhart
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To: Joel_Gallihue@hcpss.org **Jennifer Bubenko**
BOE@hcpss.org

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Subject: School redistricting

Dear Mr. Joel Gallihue, Ms. Jennifer Bubenko, and members of the Attendance Area Adjustment Committee,

My name is Ben Barnhart, and I am a resident of the Brampton Hills Community, polygons 1098 and 98 (address: 4713

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Message Sat, Aug 04, 2012 9:42 PM

From: Jennifer Wetzel Douglass
Jennifer Wetzel Douglass

To: Joel_Gallihue@hcpss.org **Jennifer Bubenko**
BOE@hcpss.org

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Subject: Deep Concern for Brampton Hills and Elementary School Redistricting

Dear Mr. Joel Gallihue,Ms. Jennifer Bubenko, and members of the Attendance Area Adjustment Committee, My name is Jennifer Douglass,and I am a resident of the Brampton Hills Community, polygons 1098 and 98(address: 4782 Ilkley Moor Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21043). I am writing to express my concern andconfusion over the more recently developed plans to move our community ofBrampton Hills (polygons

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Resident of Brampton Hills

Message Sat, Aug 04, 2012 11:47 PM

From: Suellen Hubbard

To: **Jennifer Bubenko**

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Subject: Brampton Hills Redistricting (Polygons 1098 and 98)

Dear Mr. Joel Gallihue, Ms. Jennifer Bubenko, and members of the Attendance Area Adjustment Committee,

Our names are Suellen and Brian Hubbard, and we are residents of the Brampton Hills Community, polygons 1098 and 98 (address: 5033 Brampton Parkway). We are writing to express our concern and confusion over the more recently developed plans to move our community of Brampton Hills (polygons 1098 and 98) to Thunder Hill Elementary School for the 2013/2014 school year.

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Message Sun, Aug 05, 2012 12:38 AM

From: skim

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

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Subject: Support Brampton Hills Comm to Worthington ES

Dear Mr. Joel Gallihue, Ms. Jennifer Bubenko, and members of the Attendance Area Adjustment Committee,

My name is Sharon Kim and my address is 4725 Widdup Ct, Ellicott City. I am a resident of the Brampton Hills Community, polygons 1098 and 98. I am writing to voice my concern over the recently developed plans to move our community of Brampton Hills to Thunder Hill Elementary School.

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Sharon Kim

Message Sun, Aug 05, 2012 10:12 AM

From: Diane Hinds

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

Subject: Brampton Hills elementary school redistricting

Dear Mr. Joel Gallihue, Ms. Jennifer Bubenko, and members of the Attendance Area Adjustment Committee,

My name is _Diane Hinds_____, and I am a resident of the Brampton Hills Community, polygons 1098 and 98 (address: 4913 Brampton Pkwy., Ellicott City, Md._____). I am writing to express my concern and confusion over the more recently developed plans to move our community of Brampton Hills (polygons 1098 and 98) to Thunder Hill Elementary School for the 2013/2014 school year.mailto:BOE@hcpss.org

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Sincerely,

_Diane Hinds_____
4913 Brampton Pkwy.
Ellicott City, Md. 21043

Message Sun, Aug 05, 2012 12:37 PM

From: Danielle Blair

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

Cc:

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Subject: Planned Redistricting of Brampton Hills

Dear Board Members,

I'm writing to express my extreme disappointment in the plan to redistrict the Brampton Hills neighborhood to Thunder Hills Elementary. I have two young sons, 6 and 8, who attend Waterloo Elementary. I also have

3 step-children that attended Rockburn Elementary and are now in middle school, high school and college. I have truly seen the effect that attending a elementary school that is not part of the community or neighborhood has had on my two young sons. It has greatly effected their elementary school experience. There is no sense of community among the parents or the children because we live so far away from the school. It has hampered them socially because other than the kids directly in Brampton Hills, they do not live near any of the kids they attend elementary school with. This has made it very difficult for them to develop a community. In addition, they both ride the school bus, and the long bus trip has also had a negative effect on us as a family. The school day is already very long for two young boys, and the additional long commute leaves them frustrated and exhausted with little time to even eat or finish homework before activities or bedtime. My husband and I have also suffered the effects of having the boys commute far away to their elementary school. There is no sense of community among the parents at the school because there is very little overlap between community and school.

Waterloo is an excellent school, and the lack of community is not the fault of the administration or the staff. It's just a reality of busing kids across town, and not allowing them to experience the community school that I had the good fortune to grow up with. I see the difference with my older step-children who had the advantage of going to elementary school with children that lived closed to them. There is a much stronger bond when parents, and children share a sense of community. And, this bond as carried over for my step-children into middle school, high school and even college. I envy their experience, but we tolerated it because Waterloo is where we were districted, and nothing could be done.

However, now, I've learned that the plan is to redistrict Brampton Hills to an even more removed community and school of Thunder Hills. This is so disappointing. I'm sure Thunder Hills is an excellent school, but my children will be even further disadvantaged than they already are. They will suffer even longer bus rides, and even more detachment from a community. Please don't do this to my young sons. I moved to Howard County from Arlington, VA because I was assured the schools were just as good as Arlington. I've already been disappointed, please don't disappoint me further. In Arlington, every community has a neighborhood school. In addition, there are voluntary magnet schools to increase diversity and to provide opportunity, but every child has the option of attending elementary school near their home, with a short ride or walk to school, and an opportunity to grow up as part of a larger community. You have the opportunity to remedy this situation for my children and others in Brampton Hills. Please do not redistrict us to Thunder Hills, and please make the right decision to build a community and send the children to a geographically contiguous elementary school such as Worthington Elementary. The kids and the parents of Brampton Hills will benefit from such a community for their entire lives.

Sincerely,

Danielle Blair
Brampton Hills Resident
4701 Bounty Court

Message Sun, Aug 05, 2012 12:47 PM

From: Nelson Family < >

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

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Subject: Brampton Hills redistricting

Dear Mr. Joel Gallihue, Ms. Jennifer Bubenko, and members of the Attendance Area Adjustment Committee,

My name is Shylice Nelson, and I am a resident of the Brampton Hills Community, polygons 1098 and 98 (address: 4742 Widdup Court). I am writing to express my concern and confusion over the more recently developed plans to move our community of Brampton Hills (polygons 1098 and 98) to Thunder Hill Elementary School for the 2013/2014 school year.

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Shylice Nelson

Message Sun, Aug 05, 2012 2:52 PM

From: Keri Landry
Keri Landry

To: Joel_Gallihue@hcpss.org **Jennifer Bubenko**

Cc: BOE@hcpss.org

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Subject: Brampton Hills Redistricting Concerns

Dear Mr. JoelGallihue, Ms. Jennifer Bubenko, and members of the Attendance Area AdjustmentCommittee,

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98 (4705 Ribble Crt, Ellicott City, MD. 21043).
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Message Sun, Aug 05, 2012 9:28 PM

From: "Cathy Smith"

To: **Jennifer Bubenko**

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Subject: Brampton Hills: Redistricting Polygons 1098 & 98

Dear Ms. Jennifer Bubenko:

My name is Cathy Smith, and I am a resident of the Brampton Hills Community, polygons 1098 and 98. My

address is 4710 Bounty Court. I am writing to express my concern and confusion over the more recently developed plans to move our community of Brampton Hills (polygons 1098 and 98) to Thunder Hill Elementary School for the 2013/2014 school year.

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Cathy Smith

4710 Bounty Ct.

410-302-4662

Message Mon, Aug 06, 2012 8:18 AM

From: Rob Callahan

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

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Subject: Support for Brampton Hills Polygons 1098 and 98 Waterloo to Worthington E...

Dear Mr. Joel Gallihue, Ms. Jennifer Bubenko, and members of the Attendance Area Adjustment Committee,

My name is Robert Callahan, and I am a resident of the Brampton Hills Community, polygons 1098

and 98 (address: 4941 Brampton Parkway, Ellicott City). I am writing to express my support for the original 2012 Feasibility Study as presented, which would move our community from Waterloo to Worthington. This is a logical choice. The geographical breakdown of Brampton Hills is as follows:

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4941 Brampton Parkway

Ellicott City, MD 21043

Message Mon, Aug 06, 2012 8:39 AM

From: Elissa Wykoff

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

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Subject: Attendance Area Adjustment Plan - Brampton Hills

Dear Mr. Joel Gallihue, Ms. Jennifer Bubenko, and members of the Attendance Area Adjustment Committee,

My name is Elissa Wykoff, and I am a resident of the Brampton Hills Community, polygons 1098 and 98. My family and I just moved to 4691 Yorkshire Drive for two main reasons. First because it is a vibrant, family oriented neighbor and second so that my son, who is entering the 3rd grade, would be able to continue to attend Waterloo Elementary School. Quickly, I learned that Brampton was once again part of the attendance area adjustment plan. While disappointed to be moving from Waterloo, I heard great things about Worthington and the fact the school is essentially across the street made the change appealing.

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Sincerely,

Elissa Wykoff
4691 Yorkshire Drive

Message Mon, Aug 06, 2012 9:58 AM

From:

To: Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

View in Browser

Subject: Brampton Hills redistricting

Dear Mr. Joel Gallihue, Ms. Jennifer Bubenko, and members of the Attendance Area Adjustment Committee,

My name is Kim McCauley, and I am a resident of the Brampton Hills Community, polygons 1098 and 98. My address is 5013 Brampton Parkway. I am writing to express my concern and confusion over the more recently developed plans to move our community of Brampton Hills (polygons 1098 and 98) to Thunder Hill

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Kim McCauley
5013 Brampton Parkway
Ellicott City, MD 21043
410-750-0233

Message Mon, Aug 06, 2012 10:25 AM

From: "Vadnais, Karen"

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

View in Browser

Subject: Redistricting

Dear Mr. Joel Gallihue, Ms. Jennifer Bubenko, and members of the Attendance Area Adjustment Committee,

My name is Karen Vadnais, and I am a resident of the Brampton Hills Community, polygons 1098 and 98 (address: 4718 Bounty Ct.). I am writing to express my concern and confusion over the more recently developed plans to move our community of Brampton Hills (polygons 1098 and 98) to Thunder Hill

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Karen Hinds Vadnais

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Message Mon, Aug 06, 2012 11:00 AM

From: "Earl, Matthew"

To: **Jennifer Bubenko**

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Subject: Redistricting

Attachments: Brampton Hills Elementary School Redistricting.docx / Uploaded File (18K)

Jennifer,

Please see attached document for our position on the proposed redistricting

Thank you for your time and efforts.

Patrick Vadnais

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Message Mon, Aug 06, 2012 11:11 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To: "Dana McCourt"

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

Subject: Re: 2013 Redistricting Concerns

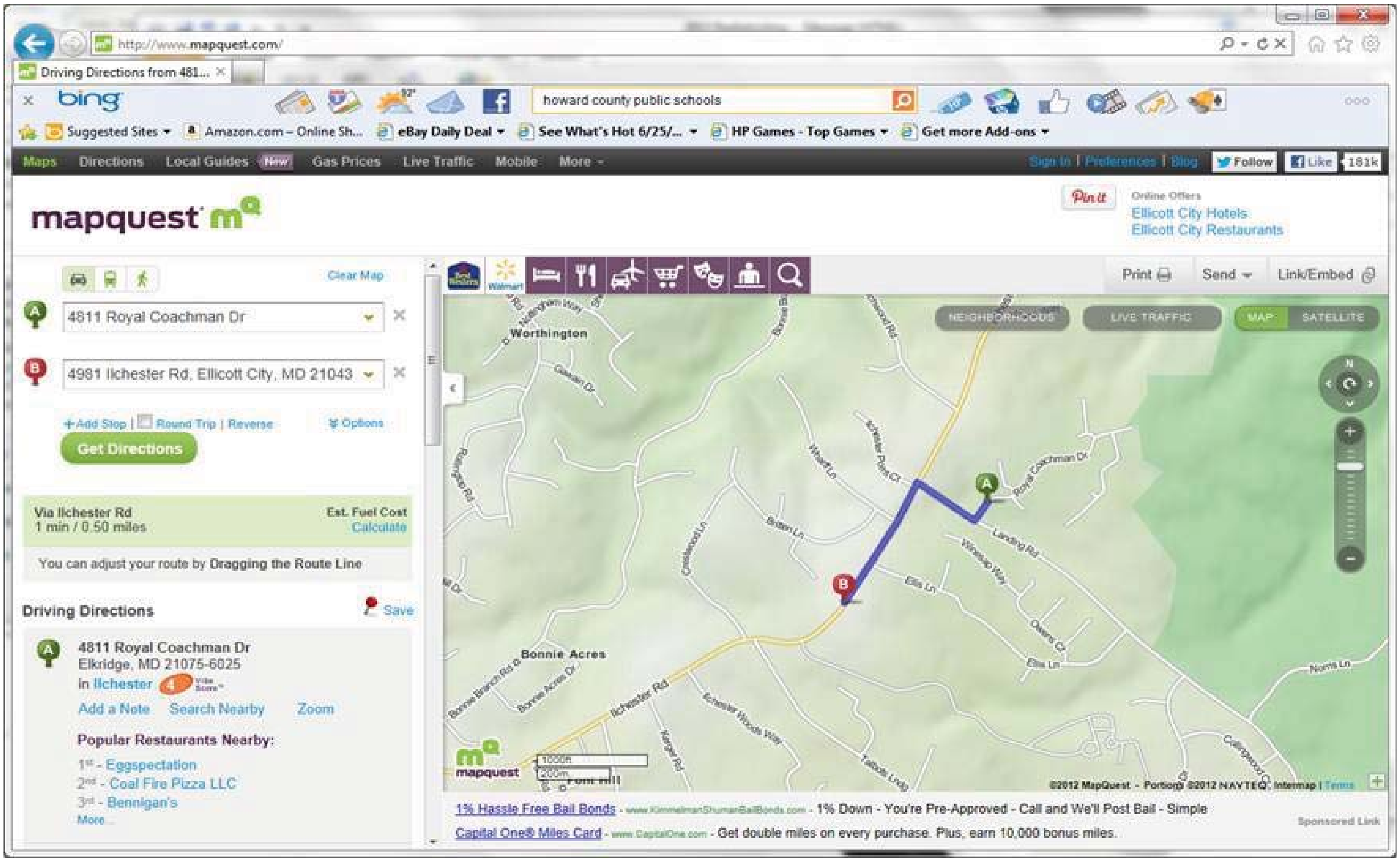
"Dana McCourt" writes:

Dear Attendance Area Committee,

Please take into consideration that polygon 91 is a 1/2 mile from Ilchester ES. Currently sidewalks are partially in place near the Cider Mill Community that borders Ilchester Road. Adding a continuation of sidewalks along Ilchester and Landing Road onto Royal Coachman Drive would allow our children to walk to Ilchester ES. With all the talks of raising taxes to fund our schools it would make sense to have children that live within a 1/2 mile of a school a chance to attend that school.

I would like to also mention that a portion of polygon 1089 includes the older homes that are at the end of our neighborhood and for most of them the only entrance to and from their homes is to drive through Royal Coachman Drive. Before our neighborhood was developed they used a narrow private access road as their main corridor but with the new development in our neighborhood that private access road is no longer accessible. This would mean potentially buses transporting kids to both Ilchester ES and Rockburn ES would travel through Royal Coachman Drive which is a neighborhood street with no outlet.

Below is map displaying the walking distance to Ilchester ES from the first home address on Royal Coachman Dr. and a map of polygon 91 and 1089.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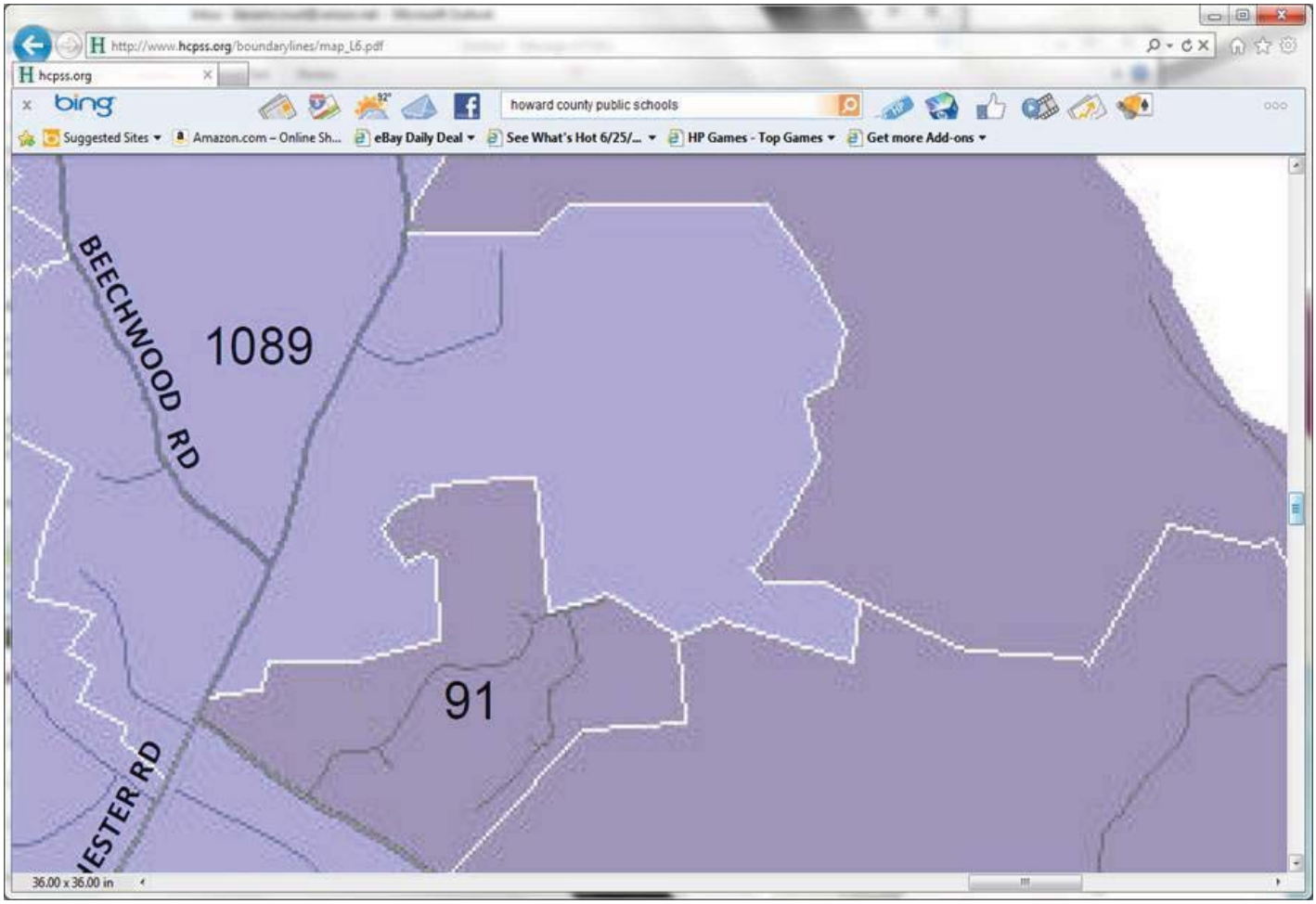

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Message Mon, Aug 06, 2012 11:19 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To:

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

Subject: Re: Waverly Elementary School Redistricting

shelleytolle@verizon.net writes:

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to you to address the potential redistricting of Waverly Elementary School. We have been monitoring the redistricting process closely, but did not appear to be affected. So I was somewhat surprised to review the meeting notes from July 31, 2012 where the "L5" map had our polygon, 2166 suddenly redistricted to West Friendship Elementary. Our home is 1.8 miles (3 minutes) from Waverly. The mileage and travel time would more than triple, not to mention that school buses would literally pass each other with the children from the same area being driven to two different schools. Logistically and economically, this plan is not the best choice. The reasons for not removing this small group of children from the community that not only houses their academic home, but their scout troops, sports teams and other social organizations, are obvious.

For all of the above reasons and so many more, my husband and I strongly support plan AAC_L6. It is the plan best suited to keep the Woodstock Road families and the Taylor Farm families part of the close-knit Waverly community that we have all worked so hard to create for our children.

Thank you for attention to this matter and for all of your hard work.
Shelley Tolle

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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, Aug 06, 2012 11:20 AM

From: Daniel Wilt

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

Cc: "Susan E. Wilt"

Subject: Brampton Hill Redistricting (polygons 98 and 1098)

Attachments: Brampton Hills Elementary School Redistricting.pdf / Uploaded File (86K)

Dear Mr. Joel Gallihue, Ms. Jennifer Bubenko, members of the Attendance Area Adjustment Committee, and the Howard County Board of Education:

I am not in support of the proposed redistricting of Brampton Hill polygons 98 and 1098 from Waterloo to Thunder Hill and would like the it be reconsider the original proposal to move to Worthington. Please see the attached file for my concerns and wishes.

Sincerely

--
Daniel H. Wilt
(410) 371-0369

Dear Mr. Joel Gallihue, Ms. Jennifer Bubenko, members of the Attendance Area Adjustment Committee, and the Howard County Board of Education:

My name is Daniel Wilt, and I am a resident of the Brampton Hills Community, polygons 1098 and 98 (address: 4798 Ilkley Moor Lane). I am writing to express my concern over the more recently developed plans to move our community of Brampton Hills (polygons 1098 and 98) to Thunder Hill Elementary School for the 2013/2014 school year.

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Sincerely,

Daniel H. Wilt

Message Mon, Aug 06, 2012 11:20 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To: John Filigenzi

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

Subject: Re: Redistricting Plan L5

John Filigenzi ‹ › writes:

Dear Howard County Board of Education members,

It has recently come to my attention that one of the potential redistricting plans (L5) moves our "polygon" (1166) from Waverly Elementary to West Friendship Elementary. Our oldest son just completed 5th grade at Waverly Elemnetary, and our youngest son will be entering 3rd grade at Waverly this fall. We live in a small neighborhood with only 14 homes, but we feel that we are a part of the Waverly community. All of our sons' friends live in the Waverly community. We belong to the Waverly pool and my wife was a den leader in the Waverly cub scout pack for the past 5 years. I do not understand the rational of moving our neighborhood from our community's school that is 2.5 miles and 7 minutes from our home to a school that is 6.5 miles and 15 minutes from our home. I feel this extra travel is unnecessary given the close proximity of the current school, and the extra time in commute would take away from our children's time for homework and extra-curricular activities. The proposed plan would actually have us pass neighborhoods that would continue to go to Waverly while driving to the new school. I understand with population shifts that periodical redistricting is needed. However, given the relatively few elementary age children that live in our polygon, I fail to see how shifting these children to a new school will significantly affect the attendance numbers at Waverly, but I can foresee the significant adverse effects that such a change would have on these children. Given these concerns, I would strongly encourage the board to allow our children to continue to attend Waverly Elementary, as proposed in the alternate plan, L6.

Sincerely,

John and Courtney Filigenzi

410-562-0506

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Filigenzi:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. 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

Message Mon, Aug 06, 2012 11:24 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To: "Matricciani, Cheryl"

Cc: Joel Gallihue BOE Email "Matricciani, Cheryl"
Jennifer Bubenko

Subject: Re: Brampton Redistricting (polygons 98 and 1098)

"Matricciani, Cheryl" **writes:**

Hello Joel,

Thank you for talking with me last Thursday, August 2nd to discuss the most recent redistricting proposal for 2014 (Plan L1). I have outlined my concerns below and I ask that you share them with Ms. Bubenko and the members of the Attendance Area Committee ("ACC"). I have also included a "proposal" for you to consider that does not have our Brampton kids travelling as far as Thunder Hill. I do appreciate the work that staff and the ACC have put into the plan thus far and look forward to monitoring the process in the future.

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Second, I am concerned about the travel time from Brampton to Thunder Hill. According to Google Maps, my home is 4.6 miles or 12 minutes from Thunder Hill. (By comparison, Wheatfield, which was originally scheduled to be redistricted to Thunder Hill, is only 3.9 miles or 7 minutes from Thunder Hill.) It seems unreasonable that Brampton children should have to pass at least two other closer elementary schools (Veterans and Worthington – depending on which way you travel) to reach their destination. I truly appreciate the complexities of redistricting, but when you consider the time our students have to ride on the school bus (after all, Brampton is not located in a rural community, as we discussed), an 11 minute ride seems excessive when there are other elementary schools within 1.8 miles (Veterans), 1.9 miles (Worthington), and 3.0 miles (Ilchester) of our homes. Moreover, the 4.6 mile, 12 minute timeframe presumes there is no traffic. Since I work full time, I have to drop off my daughter at before care between 7:15 and 7:30.

I know of other Brampton parents who follow a similar drop off schedule. I don't know if you have ever driven on 108 in the morning when Howard High students are getting to school, but traffic routinely backs-up at the school and at the light at Phelps Luck Drive/Centre Park Drive and 108. This 12 minute ride can easily turn into 20 minutes just to traverse a 1.7 mile stretch of 108. I don't believe taking route 29 is a viable alternative since that road also is frequently subject to traffic back-ups in the morning.

Finally, I'm concerned about the effect that redistricting our neighborhood will have on middle school placement. According to the recent planning information, it appears that 136 children will be moving from Thunder Hill to Ellicott Mills MS. Approximately 103 of those children will be from the Brampton community. I am concerned about the limited integration of children from Thunder Hill into Ellicott Mills where 32.9% of the population will be from Veterans ES and 31.7% will be from Worthington ES. I do believe it would be preferable, if possible, for a higher concentration of feeder school students to move into the same middle school. I think this assists with creating a seamless learning environment and helps to counteract dominance from one or two schools. Moreover, moving Brampton to Thunder Hill (a school that currently only has only 5.1% feeding to Ellicott Mills risks that Brampton will be redistricted to another middle school in a future redistricting. This would be unfortunate since the Brampton community is within walking distance of Ellicott Mills.

I have shared with you my primary concerns. I'm sure I will consider other adverse ramifications of redistricting the Brampton children to Thunder Hill and I will share those thoughts with you in the future. In the meantime – the proposal. I have taken the most recent plan "aac_L1" and made some amendments. Although, not optimal to address my first concern, it does at least limit the six surrounding communites to five schools (removing Ilchester), which is still an improvement over Plan L1. As you will see in the attachment, I've made changes to Ilchester, Rockburn, Worthington, Waterloo, and Thunder Hill to keep our Brampton kids closer to our community. I've only considered the effect on population, and I know there are many other factors you need to consider, but I thought it couldn't hurt to send in a "friendly amendment" for your consideration. (It's the lobbyist in me. I couldn't resist).

Best regards, and thank you again for your time,

Cheryl F. Matricciani

4996 Brampton Parkway

Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Ms. Matricciani:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education and Mr. Gallihue. By copy of this email I am forwarding your concerns to the Office of School Planning. I encourage you to continue tostay informed throughout the process. All information is posted on the

Message Mon, Aug 06, 2012 12:02 PM

From: Kara Nanni
Kara Nanni

To: Joel_Gallihue@hcpss.org **Jennifer Bubenko**
BOE@hcpss.org

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Subject: Brampton Hills Redistricting

Dear Mr.Joel Gallihue, Ms. Jennifer Bubenko, and members of the Attendance AreaAdjustment Committee,

My nameis Kara Nanni, and I am a resident of the Brampton Hills Community, polygons1098 and 98 (address: 5017 Brampton Parkway). I am writing to express myconcern and confusion over the more recently developed plans to move ourcommunity of Brampton Hills (polygons 1098 and 98) to Thunder Hill ElementarySchool for the 2013/2014 school year.

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Ellicott City, MD 21043

Message Mon, Aug 06, 2012 12:12 PM

From: Sanjay Shah

To: Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

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Subject: Brampton Hills Redistricting

Dear Mr. Joel Gallihue, Ms. Jennifer Bubenko, and members of the Attendance Area Adjustment Committee,

My name is Sanjay Shah, and I am a resident of the Brampton Hills Community, polygons 1098 and 98 (address: 4675 Yorkshire Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043). I am writing to express my concern and confusion over the more recently developed plans to move our community of Brampton Hills (polygons 1098 and 98) to Thunder Hill Elementary School for the 2013/2014 school year.

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Message Mon, Aug 06, 2012 1:14 PM

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To: Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko** andBOE@hcpss.org

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Subject: (no subject)

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Julie and David Fisher
4967 Bramhope Lane
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Urgent: Message Mon, Aug 06, 2012 1:41 PM

From: "OConnell, Ryan M."

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

Cc: Ryan O'Connell <
Susan O'Connell

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Subject: Brampton Hills School Redistricting

Dear Mr. Joel Gallihue, Ms. Jennifer Bubenko, and members of the Attendance Area Adjustment Committee,

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Message Mon, Aug 06, 2012 2:04 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To: Veera Netla

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

Subject: Redistricting

Veera Netla **writes:**

Hello,

This is Veera Netla. I am Living in Crescent Moon Ct, Woodstock, MD 21163. Our street comes under Howard County Public School System Polygon Number 6169.

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We request you to keep our Street Address (Crescent Moon Ct, Woodstock, MD 21163) to the Waverly Elementary School for the following reasons.
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Thanks,

Veera Netla
2005 Crescent Moon Ct,
Woodstock, MD 21163

410-598-4286

Dear Ms. Netla:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. 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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Message Mon, Aug 06, 2012 2:41 PM

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

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Subject: Brampton Hills and Elementary School Redistricting

Dear Mr. Joel Gallihue, Ms. Jennifer Bubenko, and members of the Attendance Area Adjustment Committee,

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