




Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 1:13 PM

From:  "Kathleen V. Hanks" <KATHLEEN_HANKS@hcpss.org>

To: 

Cc:  Joel Gallihue  **Jennifer Bubenko**

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Subject: Re: Brampton Hills Redistricting Concerns

Dear Ms. Landry,

Thank you for your email. It has been received. Please stay involved as the plan at this time is fluid. Thank you again for your comments.

Regards,

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

Keri Landry > writes:
To Whom it may concern:

I want to take this time to Thank you for considering the emails sent by the residents of Brampton Hills. I understand that at this time our elementary students have moved to Worthington instead of Thunder Hill in 2013. I believe this plan will be much better for our children, as well as the over all community, in terms of distance, cost and safety.

Regards,
Keri Landry
4705 Ribble Crt
Ellicott City, MD 21043

From: Kathleen V. Hanks <KATHLEEN_HANKS@hcpss.org>
To:
Cc: [Joel Gallihue@hcpss.org](mailto:Joel_Gallihue@hcpss.org); [Jennifer Bubenko@hcpss.org](mailto:Jennifer_Bubenko@hcpss.org)
Sent: Monday, August 6, 2012 11:17 AM
Subject: Re: Brampton Hills Redistricting Concerns

Keri Landry > writes:
Dear Mr. JoelGallihue, Ms. Jennifer Bubenko, and members of the Attendance Area AdjustmentCommittee,

My nameis Keri Landry, and I am a resident of the Brampton Hills Community, polygons1098 and 98 (4705 Ribble Crt, 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.

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 Hills is as follows:

Closest Schools (in order):

1. Veterans
2. Worthington
3. Ilchester
4. Northfield
5. Rockburn
6. Waterloo

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 the Brampton Hills' Community (polygon 1098 and 98) was overlooked.

At this time I support the 2012 Feasibility Study which brought polygons 1098 and 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 Hills to Thunder Hill contradicts the guiding principles of these factors, while the move to Worthington supports them.

- **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.

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 Hills 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 Hills' current school, Waterloo.

- **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.

- **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

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.

- **Frequency with which students are redistricted**

Every year, it appears that no one knows where to move Brampton Hills. Ten years ago we were at Ilchester and currently we are at Waterloo. The 2012 Feasibility Study yielded we should be at Worthington, Plan J moved us to Thunder Hill, while a plan entitled Ich2 which was worked on after Plan J suggested that we move back to Ilchester. Now with plan ACC-L6 we are back at Thunder Hill. This indecisiveness and movement causes a great deal of consternation to parents, students, and as I can imagine the Area Adjustment Board. It also does not instill a great deal of confidence to residents in this overall process. Since the move to Thunder Hill is without merit and there are no other apparent reasons to move us there, it sets us up for a possible future redistricting in less than 5 years.

By instituting a move to Worthington, as the 2012 Feasibility Plan suggested, long term projections would not change substantially for Worthington over time. Brampton (1098, 98), is a well-established neighborhood with no new spots for rebuilding, therefore, changes for long range planning are negligible.

As I have mentioned, I applaud the efforts of the committee. I do believe however, that the aforementioned reasons I have listed require consideration in Brampton Hills' (1098 and 98) move to Thunder Hill. Of course Brampton Hills residents could start moving other polygon numbers around to suit our own purposes, and present that plan to you, however, we don't presume to know the makeup of another neighborhood, just our own.

The last plan presented moved almost as many students as the original 2012 Feasibility plan. As everyone will agree if we are moving this many students in any plan, it should be the right move and not just a shift in an excel spreadsheet

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

Sincerely,

Keri and Matt Landry



Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:06 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: "Reeb, Kevin"
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Redistricting Discussion for Glenmont

"Reeb, Kevin" writes:

Dear AAC members,

I live in the Glenmont neighborhood in Columbia and am writing to express my concern about the proposed redistricting of my neighborhood.

Glenmont students currently attend Ellicott Mills Middle School (EMMS) and walk to Howard HS. The 2012 Feasibility Study proposes sending Glenmont students to Oakland Mills Middle School (OMMS) in 2014. This proposal would, however, create a feeder problem because Glenmont students would be the only OMMS students to feed to Howard HS—a feed of only 1.8 percent. That would be an incredibly small feed at an incredibly important developmental stage in our childrens' lives. Plus, it would contradict HCPSS's Policy 6010, which recommends avoiding feeds of less than 15 percent.

I am also concerned that if Glenmont students are redistricted to OMMS, they might then be redistricted out of Howard HS to resolve the feeder problem. AAC members clearly appreciate the value—both the financial and environmental value—of maintaining walkers as walkers, and it is critically important to me that my neighborhood remains one that walks to Howard HS. Therefore, I urge you to keep Glenmont at EMMS or at any middle school that feeds to Howard HS.

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Dear Mr. Reeb:

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Message

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From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: Matthew Buckley
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Worthington Elementary

Matthew Buckley writes:

To whom it may concern,
I understand that the BOE has not reached a decision regarding any redistricting in the Worthington area, but the prospect of breaking up our community is very disconcerting. One of the appeals of Worthington is that it is a very tight group of folks. More so than I have experienced in other neighborhoods. The Worthington community shares common areas (the Taylor Village pool and shops) that allow us to congregate, and we have come together as a community around sports and activities outside of what is offered through Howard County and the school system. We ask that you please keep the Worthington Community intact.

Regards,
Matt Buckley
Doncaster Drive

Dear Mr. Buckley:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. As you know, the Attendance Area Committee (AAC) is currently meeting and the schedule can be found on the HCPSS website along with the minutes of each meeting. By copy of this email, I am forwarding your input to the Office of School Planning, which is responsible for preparing the final recommendations and presenting them to the Board on October 18, 2012. Until then, all ideas formulated by the AAC are fluid as the members deliberate on this difficult task.

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Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:12 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To:
Cc: BOE Email <kcolbert@umd.edu> Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Area Attendance Committee Consideration

My name is April Wall and I reside in the Glenmont neighborhood in Columbia. I understand that our community is being considered for a possible re-districting of our middle and high schools. I am writing to express my concern regarding this possible change. Glenmont is a very small community with less than 25 students going to each of the 3 public schools. Currently we are the ONLY group that leaves Thunder Hill Elementary to go to Ellicott Mills Middle; there were 9 students in my son's 5th grade class and 7 in my daughter's. It was a difficult 6th grade year for both of them because of leaving so many familiar faces. My daughter in particular had difficulty making friends because of the large groups from other elementary schools and it seemed that girls have a harder time allowing new girls into their established groups. Fortunately we are current walkers to Howard High school and the feeder group from EMMS to Howard is much larger.

When Glenmont was originally districted to OMMS, once again we were the only community that went to Howard High. During the process of redistricting us to EMMS, the major concern was to be able to get a larger feed for Glenmont into high school because studies have shown that is THE most difficult transition for most teens. I still believe that fact holds true and would be disappointed if our middle school was changed back to OMMS.

Glenmont is a very small community and the amount of our students at any of our schools is generally less than 5% of the total population, and in high school less than 2%. Therefore, it is my opinion that our community does not have any significant impact on any of our 3 schools. I ask that you consider these 2 issues during your decision making process.

I understand that it is impossible to satisfy every neighborhood in Howard County and that redistricting is an inevitable process due to our large and growing population. I appreciate your efforts and your consideration of my opinions.

Respectfully,

April Wall

5264 Candy Root Ct.

April Wall

Dear Ms. Wall:

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From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: Jamie Starr
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Possible Redistricting

Jamie Starr writes:

Dear AAC members,

I live in the Glenmont neighborhood of Columbia. I am concerned about the proposed redistricting of my neighborhood.

Glenmont students currently attend Ellicott Mills Middle School (EMMS) and walk to Howard HS. The 2012 Feasibility Study proposes sending Glenmont students to Oakland Mills Middle School (OMMS) in 2014. This proposal would, however, create a feeder problem because Glenmont students would be the only OMMS students to feed to Howard HS—a feed of only 1.8 percent. That would be an incredibly small feed at an incredibly important developmental stage in our childrens' lives. Plus, it would contradict HCPSS's Policy 6010, which recommends avoiding feeds of less than 15 percent.

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Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration and for volunteering your time to this important endeavors.


Sincerely,


Jamie Starr
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Columbia, MD 21045
(410) 715-4580



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From:  "Kathleen V. Hanks" <KATHLEEN_HANKS@hcpss.org>

To: 

Cc:  Joel Gallihue  **Jennifer Bubenko**

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Subject: Re: Brampton Hills redistricting

Traci Barnhart

To the members of the Attendance Area Committee,

Thank you for all the work you have done for the county. After attending the meeting last Tuesday, I was really able to appreciate how challenging your tasks are. I thank you very much for hearing the concerns of the Brampton Hills committee. We truly appreciate that you were willing to take input from the public in making your already difficult decisions. Brampton Hills has been bounced around among elementary schools for years, and currently attends Waterloo. While this is an excellent school with amazing administrators and teachers, the distance between our neighborhood and the school really affects our children. They are picked up early in the morning and don't get off the bus until 4:20 in the afternoon due to relatively long bus rides. For young children who go to bed by 8, this can put stress on the family. If you had not switched us to Worthington from Thunder Hill for 2013, the children would have even longer and farther bus rides each day. While looking at the map with the polygons, it does appear that Brampton Hills is a natural extension of the Thunder Hill community. However, there is no direct or easy way for us to get to Thunder Hill and no easy way for our community to be included with Rte. 100 cutting us off. I strongly support the most recent plan (as of August 6) and hope it becomes the final draft.

Thank you.

Traci Barnhart

4713 Bounty Ct.

Ellicott City, MD 21043

Brampton Hills resident

Dear Ms. Barnhart:

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To: 

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Subject: Re: Brampton Hills redistricting

Ben Barnhart :
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Thank you.
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Message

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From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: Gerard and Mary Perseghin
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Brampton Hills Elementary School Redistricting

Gerard and Mary Perseghin :

Dear BOE:

This email sends a hearty thank you for listening to the petition of Brampton Hills residents to maintain the 2012 Feasibility Plan to move our neighborhood to Worthington Elementary School.

My husband and I are 26 year residents of Brampton Hills. We are among the few original owners and have seen many new families with young children move in to the neighborhood. The school assignment is important not only to the parents with young children, but to the entire community. This current plan to be able to use Worthington Elementary School beginning in 2013 is so important to our Brampton Hill community to provide a school in close proximity and afford safety, minimize transportation cost and provide for the overall wellbeing of the young children.

Again, thank you for listening and reacting in favor of Brampton Hills.

With kind regards,

Gerard and Mary Perseghin
4713 Wigglesworth Ct
Ellicott City MD 21043

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Perseghin:

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Regards,

Kathy Hanks



Message

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From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: Gerry Frank
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Regarding Redistricting

Gerry Frank <

Good morning.

I am a resident of the Glenmont community in Columbia and it has come to my attention that there are new discussions in place related to the possible of redistricting our neighborhood.

All three of my children have attended Ellicott Mills Middle School and have walked to Howard High. The 2012 Feasibility Study proposes sending Glenmont students to Oakland Mills Middle School. This would create a flawed feeder system in that these students would be the ONLY OMMS students to feed to Howard. (and a feed of just 1.8 percent). Having seen my children maintain friendships that they have made from middle school (even now — two of my children are in college and still have these friendships) and knowing how incredibly important this developmental stage is in their lives causes me great concern.

Additionally, if the ultimate intent is to move these students from OMMS to Oakland Mills High School — the issue becomes them being unable to walk to school. All of my children have participated in extracurricular activities. This would dramatically impact the students ability to do so as they would not be walking to the school just up the road, but rather would likely have to forego this important part of their lives and academic enrichment. I would not want my kids crossing Rt. 175, and have them walk nearly 4 miles IF they wanted to participate in any extracurricular activities or after-school events.

I am sure that AAC members can appreciate the value — both financial and environmental — of maintaining walkers **as walkers**. I urge you to keep Glenmont at EMMS or at any middle school that feeds to Howard High School.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Gerry Frank
5367 Five Fingers Way
Columbia, MD

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

Subject: Re: Message for AAC re: Glenmont Redistricting

"andrealwinter@cs.com" ·

is:

Dear AAC:

Thank you very much for your service to our County and our school children by taking on this difficult and time consuming task of looking at how to best district our children. Your efforts are much appreciated.

It was announced at the last meeting on 8/7 that you may well begin discussing middle school redistricting at the meeting this Tuesday 8/14. In case you do, I thought it was important that I share my concerns about what is proposed for my community, Glenmont, which is comprised of polygons 65, 1065, and 2065.

Glenmont is slated to be redistricted from Ellicott Mills MS to Oakland Mills MS. This move makes no sense because OMMS has no other students that feed to Howard High School, and Glenmont is districted to HHS and walks to HHS. If our children were to go to OMMS, they would have an incredibly low feeder to HHS, less than 2%, which does not comply with redistricting policy guidelines and, more importantly, would be disastrous for our children during a critical stage of their development.

We have been told that if we are redistricted to OMMS, it would then make sense to redistrict us out of HHS to Oakland Mills HS. As I stated, we walk to HHS, and to take away the valuable benefits that being in close proximity to a school provides a community and, instead, to add the cost to the HCPSS budget of one or potentially 2 buses to get Glenmont kids to OMHS (our community averages around 12 students a year per grade, so there could well be years that we need 2 buses to transport the children from our small neighborhood), seems very misguided.

I appreciate that not every community in Howard County has the benefit of walking, which studies show result in increased participation in extracurricular activities; better health from walking before and after school; and, increased community involvement in school events like football games, concerts, plays etc. These benefits are so valuable, the County should not deny them to any child and community that can take advantage of them.

From a "green" perspective, it is frustrating to see the County propose to add additional buses for a

community within walking distance of a school. Further, HCPSS needs to absorb considerable costs in coming years from the transfer of retirement benefits from the State to the County and to think that HCPSS may chose to fund buses instead of teachers is very troubling.

I understand that there is overcrowding at EMMS and HHS. However, as stated, Glenmont is such a small community, our children don't even make up 1/2 a classroom of students in any given year. Thus, it is very difficult to see how redistricting our children will really affect overcrowding, especially long term. Instead, it will just create a feeder problem or make walkers into busers.

Thus, I strongly urge you to recommend that Glenmont not be redistricted out of EMMS. Or, if you do think Glenmont needs to move, please transfer us to a school that also feeds to HHS, like Bonnie Branch MS, so that we can continue to walk to HHS.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration,

Andrea LeWinter
Glenmont Resident

Dear Ms. LeWinter:

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Subject: Re: Glenmont Redistricting

writes:

Dear Attendance Area Committee:

My name is Stephen Seliger and I live in Glenmont. The polygons for the Glenmont neighborhood are 65, 1065, and 2065.

I have 3 children that are or will be in the Howard County Public School System.

Right now, Glenmont students attend Thunder Hill Elementary (THES), Ellicott Mills Middle School (EMMS) and Howard High School (HHS). We are "walkers" to THES and HHS.

It is my understanding that you have been asked to advise the Office of School Planning and BOE about middle school redistricting for 2014. The current feasibility study has Glenmont being redistricting out of EMMS to Oakland Mills MS.

My two older children currently attend THES and walk almost every day. This really benefits them and I understand that, at the HS level, the benefits are even greater and more important, allowing children to be more involved in extracurricular activities and families to attend more HS events. I think that all children should be afforded these benefits and certainly should not be denied them if at all possible.

Redistricting Glenmont to OMMS raises serious problems because at OMMS Glenmont would be the only population of students going, or "feeding" to HHS. They would be a very small group, only 1.8%, which is unacceptably low. If Glenmont is redistricting, the result may well be that we are also redistricted to a different HS, and we would lose our walker status. This makes no sense.

The cost of buses when children can walk and the loss of the social benefits of being in close proximity to a school are prohibitive. I sincerely hope that you see redistricting us to a MS that does not feed to HHS is illogical.

Also, we are a very small community, so redistricting us really will not have an impact on overcrowding.

Thus, I strongly urge you to advise against the current feasibility plan and recommend that Glenmont stay at EMMS. Another option would be to redistrict us out of EMMS but to a MS that feeds to HHS, like Bonnie Branch MS.

I appreciate your service to the community by serving on this committee and I hope that you will take my concerns into consideration.

Stephen Seliger
Glenmont Resident

Dear Mr. Seliger:

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Regards,

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Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:18 PM

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

Subject: Re: please let Glenmont WALK to Howard High!

Allyson

rites:

Dear AAC members,

I live in the Glenmont neighborhood in Columbia and am writing to express my concern about the proposed redistricting of my neighborhood.

Glenmont students currently attend Ellicott Mills Middle School (EMMS) and walk to Howard HS. The 2012 Feasibility Study proposes sending Glenmont students to Oakland Mills Middle School (OMMS) in 2014. This proposal would, however, create a feeder problem because Glenmont students would be the only OMMS students to feed to Howard HS—a feed of only 1.8 percent. That would be an incredibly small feed at an incredibly important developmental stage in our childrens' lives. Plus, it would contradict HCPSS's Policy 6010, which recommends avoiding feeds of less than 15 percent.

I am also concerned that if Glenmont students are redistricted to OMMS, they might then be redistricted out of Howard HS to resolve the feeder problem. AAC members clearly appreciate the value—both the financial and environmental value—of maintaining walkers as walkers, and it is critically important to me that my neighborhood remains one that walks to Howard HS. Therefore, I urge you to keep Glenmont at EMMS or at any middle school that feeds to Howard HS.

Although I recognize that the primary focus of the 2012 AAC is on elementary school redistricting, I am contacting you because of indications that the AAC intends to discuss middle school redistricting at your final meetings. Thus, this seems like an appropriate time to share my concerns about the proposed redistricting of Glenmont. Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration and for volunteering your time to this important endeavor.

Sincerely,
Allyson Glassband
Winter Moss Court

Dear Ms. Glassband:



Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:19 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Thomas Woods
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: 2012 Attendance Area Committee

Thomas Woods

writes:

Dear AAC members:

I'm a resident of the Glenmont neighborhood in Columbia, which is currently slated to be redistricted in 2013-14 from Ellicott Mills to Oakland Mills Middle School. While I understand the AAC's current focus is on elementary school redistricting, several of my neighbors who have been following this closely told me that at a recent AAC meeting it was announced that middle school redistricting will also be discussed, so I wanted to share my concerns with you.

I have three children who will be impacted by this decision. Under the current proposal, they would have to change schools after just one year of middle school - a disruption that I'm very concerned would impede their academic progress, especially for one of my boys (who is on the Autism Spectrum; he has been doing well with no services, only accommodations, for the past 3 years, but even a straightforward transition to middle school will be a challenge given some of his social deficits). Then 2 years later they would either be the only kids from OMMS to feed into Howard High School (to which they'd be able to walk and with which they are already familiar, but they'd be part of an exceptionally small feeder group) or have to take the bus to Oakland Mills High School (at considerable expense to the County, and contrary to HCPSS policies that promote walking for a host of great reasons).

I understand the many competing priorities you need to balance, and thank you very much for your service on the AAC. I urge you to let Glenmont kids keep continuity through the important school transitions they'll be making in the coming years by keeping them at EMMS and then letting them walk to Howard High School.

Thank you.

Tom Woods
5315 Five Fingers Way
Columbia, MD. 21045

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Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:19 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Kathy Woods
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Glenmont middle school redistricting

Kathy Woods <

Dear AAC members,

I am a resident of the Glenmont neighborhood (polygons 65, 1065, and 2065) in Columbia. I have attended two AAC meetings thus far this summer and am writing with regard to the proposed middle school redistributing of my neighborhood.

Glenmont students currently attend Ellicott Mills Middle School (EMMS) and walk to Howard High School. The current Feasibility Study would create a feeder problem by sending Glenmont students to Oakland Mills Middle School (OMMS) - and they would then be the only OMMS students feeding to Howard. That is an incredibly small feed of only 1.8%, which contradicts HCPSS's Policy 6010 - which recommends avoiding feeds of less than 15%.

If Glenmont students were redistricted out of Howard HS to resolve the feeder problem, that would create a new problem of turning Glenmont students from walkers to busses - a situation which AAC members have thus far clearly tried to avoid during the meetings that I have attended.

Glenmont is too small to have a noticeable impact on overcrowding at EMMS, yet (in some years) would be too large to fit into one bus to be transported to another high school. According to the HCPSS transportation office, each bus holds about 44 high school students.

As a Howard County taxpayer - and someone who tries to follow "green" practices - I am concerned about the financial and environmental costs of unnecessarily adding a bus (or two) to transport Glenmont students to another high school. Adding a bus (or two) to transport Glenmont students would mean sacrificing money for other essential items, such as a teacher's salary.

It is important to me that my neighborhood remains one that WALKS to Howard HS. Therefore, I ask that you keep Glenmont at EMMS, or at any middle school that feeds into Howard HS.

Thank you for volunteering the many hours and the careful thought that is asked of all AAC members. I have been genuinely impressed by the process at the meetings. Thank you also for considering my - and my neighbors' - concerns.

Sincerely,

Kathy Woods

Dear Ms. Woods:



Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:20 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: "Gina Simowitz"
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Worthington ES

"Gina Simowitz"
Good Morning,

3:

Please reconsider the possible redistricting of Worthington ES. This is a very tight knit community. It would be devastating if the neighborhood becomes split and sent to several different schools. What a terrible thing to do to these children. They will be going to different school than their neighbors.

Thank you,

Gina & Bryant Simowitz

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Simowitz:

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Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:20 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Linda McLaughlin
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: WE WANT WORTHINGTON TO REMAIN INTACT!

Linda McLaughlin

[n](#)> writes:

All,

I live on Hillsborough Road and have been following the potential redistricting conversations/meetings. Recently, we've heard Hillsborough Road mentioned as part of the potential redistricting. We are not supportive of this and WE WANT WORTHINGTON TO REMAIN IN TACT.

Linda McLaughlin

Dear Ms. McLaughlin:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. As you know, the Attendance Area Committee (AAC) is currently meeting and the schedule can be found on the HCPSS website along with the minutes of each meeting. By copy of this email, I am forwarding your input to the Office of School Planning, which is responsible for preparing the final recommendations and presenting them to the Board on October 18, 2012. Until then, all ideas formulated by the AAC are fluid as the members deliberate on this difficult task.

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Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:21 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: "Kim L. Colbert"
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Glenmont Neighborhood - Middle School Redistricting Considerations

"Kim L. Colbert"

Dear AAC committee members,

I live in the Glenmont neighborhood (polygons 65, 1065 and 2065) and I am writing to the committee to express my concern about the proposed middle school redistricting for our neighborhood. Although I understand that school changes may be necessary, Glenmont seems to be a frequent target for redistricting and I hope that you will reconsider moving our community again. My understanding is that the AAC committee may be discussing middle school redistricting at their final meetings and I hope that the committee will consider my feedback during these discussions.

Currently, Glenmont students attend Ellicott Mills Middle School (EMMS). The 2012 Feasibility Study proposes sending our children to Oakland Mills Middle School (OMMS) in 2014. This move would create such an incredibly small feed (1.8%) back to Howard High School for which we are walkers. This would also contradict HCPSS's Policy 6010, which recommends avoiding feeds of less than 15 percent. So, I ask the committee to keep these considerations in mind:

- **If Glenmont students are redistricted to OMMS, they would be the only students who feed to Howard High;**
- **Glenmont students should remain at Howard High since they are walkers;**
- **Therefore, Glenmont students should attend a middle school that has a larger feed to Howard High.**

It is also my understanding, from other residents, that a move to OMMS was made in the past and it proved to be very difficult on the children with maintaining friendships and relationships particularly during these middle/high school years. So, as a result, our community was then redistricted again to Ellicott Mills Middle, which has helped our children with a bigger feed to Howard High School.

We drive by Howard High School just about every day, it is literally in our backyard and we feel very connected to this school as part of our community. Glenmont residents of all ages attend Howard High sporting events, musicals, pasta nights, etc., making all of us members of the Howard High community. We want to continue this relationship. Therefore, I ask the committee to please consider keeping our Glenmont children at EMMS or at any middle school that has a larger feed to Howard HS.

Thank you in advance for your time and I hope that you will consider this feedback as you make your final proposals for middle schools.

Sincerely,

Kim Colbert

Glenmont Neighborhood (Polygons 65, 1065, 2065)

5305 Night Roost Court

Dear Ms. Colbert:

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Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:23 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks

To: "Cathy Smith"

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

Subject: Re: Brampton Hills: Redistricting Polygons 1098 & 98

"Cathy Smith" <

es:

Dear Members of the BOE:

Thank you for taking the concerns of the Brampton Hills community into consideration during your recent AAC meeting. I feel revising the plan to move Brampton Hills students to Worthington Elementary instead of to Thunder Hill in 2013 is the right decision for the following reasons:

- **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.

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 Hills 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 Hills' current school, Waterloo.

- **Maintaining the current middle school feed to Ellicott Mills and high school feed to Howard**

Currently, Brampton Hills feeds from Waterloo ES to Ellicott Mills and then to Howard HS. By moving our community to Worthington, we would be able to maintain the continuity of these secondary school feeds. By instituting a move to Worthington, as the 2012 Feasibility Plan suggested, long term projections would not change substantially for Worthington over time. Brampton (1098, 98), is a well-established neighborhood with no new spots for rebuilding, therefore, changes for long range planning are negligible. This in turn assures that our children attend the closest schools to our community, maximizing their educational welfare, and minimizing the additional transportation time and costs.

- **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.

- **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.

- **Frequency with which students are redistricted**

Every year, it appears that no one knows where to move Brampton Hills. Ten years ago we were at Ilchester and currently we are at Waterloo. The 2012 Feasibility Study yielded we should be at Worthington, Plan J moved us to Thunder Hill, while a plan entitled Ich2 which was worked on after Plan J suggested that we move back to Ilchester. Now with plan ACC-L6 we are back at Thunder Hill. This indecisiveness and movement causes a great deal of consternation to parents, students, and as I can imagine the Area Adjustment Board. It also does not instill a great deal of confidence to residents in this overall process. Since the move to Thunder Hill is without merit and there are no other apparent reasons to move us there, it sets us up for a possible future redistricting in less than 5 years.

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Thank you again for your consideration.

Cathy Smith

Jean Moon & Associates

Horizon Councils Coordinator

Cell: 410.302.4662

Dear Ms. Smith:

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Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:24 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Gregory Ducot
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Redistricting of Glenmont - Concerns

Gregory Ducot **es:**

Dear Members of the Attendance Area Committee:

My name is Gregory Ducot and I live in the neighborhood of Glenmont, Columbia. I am writing to provide feedback about the proposed redistricting of my neighborhood. I have two school-aged daughters, who will be negatively impacted by these redistricting plans.

As you know, Glenmont students currently attend Ellicott Mills Middle School (EMMS) and walk to Howard High School (HHS). The 2012 Feasibility Study proposes sending Glenmont students to Oakland Mills Middle School (OMMS) in 2014. This proposal would, however, create a feeder problem because Glenmont students would be the only OMMS students to feed to HHS—a feed of only 1.8%. That would be a notably small feed at an incredibly important developmental stage in our children's lives. Plus, it would contradict HCPSS's Policy 6010, which recommends avoiding feeds of less than 15%.

As with many of my neighbors, I am also concerned that if Glenmont students are redistricted to OMMS, they might then be redistricted out of HHS to resolve the feeder problem. I know that AAC members appreciate the value—both financial and environmental—of maintaining walkers as walkers, and it is critically important to me that my neighborhood remains one that walks to HHS. Therefore, I strongly urge you to keep Glenmont at EMMS or, if necessary, at another middle school that feeds to HHS.

A number of Glenmont residents, whose children would be directly impacted by this critical redistricting question, have assembled a list of additional thoughts to support our concern. I am including these in my message to help stress why I feel it is critical to maintain the current districting arrangement (EEMS => HHS). Admittedly, some of these concerns are universal truths, but, nonetheless, they add to my conviction that redistricting is not good for Glenmont:

- 1) The middle-to-high school transition is emotionally demanding and with a small feed (1.8%) from OMMS to HHS, our children would have fewer middle school chums to count on for this transition;
- 2) Redistricting children partway through middle school can negatively impact a child (emotionally, psychological, socially) and cause undue stress on a child's life;
- 3) With the current EEMS to HHS plan, Glenmont benefits from having its high school students walk to school. We do not want to lose the health benefits of, what amounts to, about 40 minutes of walking each day;
- 4) By living close to home and having the opportunity to walk, Glenmont high schoolers tend to be more engaged in the HHS community and participate in extracurricular activities at school;
- 5) Realistically, the overall impact of redistricting Glenmont on the overcrowding at EMMS will be minimal, yet (in a few years) this same group will be too large to fit into one bus to be transported to another high school. According to the HCPSS transportation office, each bus holds about 44 high school students.
- 6) Glenmont residents are committed to minimizing our carbon footprint, so sending our high schoolers to a

“non-walkable” option would require an additional school bus in circulation to transport our high schoolers away from their current “walkable” option (HHS);

7) And, the financial cost of adding a bus (or two) to transport Glenmont students to another high school would, potentially, mean sacrificing money for other essential items, such as a teacher's salary;

8) In addition, sending our high schoolers to a “non-walkable” option would undoubtedly put more teenagers on the road. Statistics show that motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for U.S. teens. Crash risk is particularly high during the first year that teenagers are eligible to drive. An AAA study shows that after-school hours can be as deadly for teenage drivers as weekend nights;

9) And, the presence of teenage passengers increases the crash risk of teen drivers. Having the option to walk to and from school reduces the number of teenagers needing to catch rides with friends;

10) Glenmont residents can often hear the marching band practicing in the mornings and performing on Friday nights. This is a critical connection, which creates a sense of community and reminds us to support our neighborhood high school sports teams. We would lose this sense of community if we were redistricted to a high away that is far away;

11) Glenmont residents of all ages attend Howard High sporting events, musicals, pasta nights, etc., making all of us members of the Howard High community. We want to continue this relationship.

In summary:

* If Glenmont students are redistricted to OMMS, they would be the only students who feed to HHS;

* Glenmont students should remain at HHS since they are walkers;

* Therefore, Glenmont students should attend a middle school that feeds to HHS.

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Sincerely,

Gregory E. Ducot
5266 Pine Bark Ct.
Columbia, MD 21045
(240) 393-9904

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Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:25 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Deana Abrams
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Redistricting

Deana Abrams

writes:

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My own children were able to participate in multiple afterschool activities as a result of our proximity to Howard High School. They participated in multiple sports, the Howard leadership program, Art Honor Society, National Honor Society, and the Pink Ribbon Club. Their participation in these opportunities would have been limited if they were not within safe walking distance to their high school. As a teacher and parent of Howard County Public School System students, I recognize the important academic and personal growth benefits of extra-curricular activities and support Glenmont Students remaining at Howard High and a middle school that has multiple neighborhoods feeding to Howard High School.

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Sincerely,

Deana Abrams

Dear Ms. Abrams:



Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:26 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks

To:

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

Subject: Re: Proposed Redistricting of Glenmont

Attachments: Letter to AAC.docx / Uploaded File (16K)

writes:

Attached hereto please find my letter regarding the proposed redistricting of Glenmont.

Dear Mr. Barnes:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. As you know, the Attendance Area Committee (AAC) is currently meeting and the schedule can be found on the HCPSS website along with the minutes of each meeting. By copy of this email, I am forwarding your input to the Office of School Planning, which is responsible for preparing the final recommendations and presenting them to the Board on October 18, 2012. Until then, all ideas formulated by the AAC are fluid as the members deliberate on this difficult task.

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Glenmont students currently attend Ellicott Mills Middle School (EMMS) and walk to Howard High School. The 2012 Feasibility Study proposes sending Glenmont students to Oakland Mills Middle School (OMMS) beginning with the 2014 school year. This proposal would create a feeder problem because Glenmont students would be the only OMMS students to feed to Howard High School—a feed of only 1.8 percent. The proposal violates HCPSS's Policy 6010, which recommends avoiding feeds of less than 15 percent.

That HCPSS has contrived a proposal which violates its own policy (6010) by creating a feed that is only about one-tenth of what its own policy requires demonstrates a clear lack of regard for its own policies and calls into question the integrity of the decision making process, which should rely on established policies, laws, and precedents. That this proposal violates a written and well-established policy demonstrates a clear lack of regard for these ideas and displays unwillingness on behalf of officials to uphold the policies they have sworn to uphold. The recommendation of 15 percent feeds set forth in Policy 6010 was put in place for a reason, that is to prevent all of the problems that are inherent with smaller feeds, in this case, a substantially smaller feed. The move of Glenmont students creates more problems than it resolves and willfully violates a policy that clearly considered the detrimental impact that small moves, like 1.8 percent have on children, neighborhoods and communities.

I am also concerned that if Glenmont students are redistricted to OMMS, they might likewise be redistricted away from Howard High School, a school to which students in Glenmont have always walked, to resolve the feeder problem. Being bused across the county to a high school when one is within walking distance of Glenmont simply defies any logical thought process.

Accordingly, for all of the foregoing reasons, I urge the ACC to do what it has sworn to do, namely, to follow the policies by which it is bound and which members have sworn to uphold, to do otherwise calls into question the entire decision making process, displays a lack of regard for established policies, and provides no clear precedent for future decisions. A perceived quick fix is not the appropriate way forward. Do what is right and what you have sworn to do, keep Glenmont at EMMS

Sincerely,

Blake C, Barnes
5281 Five Fingers Way
Columbia, MD 21045



Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:27 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Kara Shuman
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Worthington redistricting

Kara Shuman

⌘:

To Whom it Concerns,

I live in polygon 309 and was very surprised to hear that some discussion was given to students from Worthington and more specifically polygon 309 possibly moving Veterans. Kids are wonderfully resilient and my issue is NOT that my kids will have to make new friends or meet new teachers or function in a new environment. I am very unhappy about the idea that our neighborhood school would be split apart. We chose this neighborhood in part because it had the benefit of a neighborhood school.

You only need to walk the sidewalks of our neighborhood to see that we live in a very close-knit community. We share in a community pool, a community playground, and community tennis courts. Every time we go to the neighborhood pool, my daughters see many friends and classmates and adults they know and trust. We have a community daycare center and recreational activities such as the dance studio and karate center. We have neighborhood events such as movie nights by the pool and ice cream socials. I can literally walk on a sidewalk anywhere in the neighborhood...to all my daughters' friend's houses, to the pool, or the playground. We can bike or walk to the school, or to a dance class. The Worthington community is truly a connected community and Worthington has always been a neighborhood school.

Neighborhood schools have many benefits for the students and have been well-documented including better attendance, higher achievement, more parent involvement, and less travel time and lower transportation costs. Kids at a neighborhood school have more opportunity to exercise by walking or biking to school. Even my own children who are not in the walking area can safely walk or bike to school. And at Worthington my children will have a stronger connection to their neighbors, giving them a sense of safety and belonging in their community. Neighborhood schools are the ideal in my opinion and what you should be moving towards, not away from.

I know these are difficult decisions and I realize that redistricting is a necessary evil in Howard County. Veterans is overcrowded and obviously that needs to be addressed. Just focusing on the numbers... moving 500 kids out of veterans and 150 into Veterans seems like you are moving 300 kids to a new school unnecessarily. And at the same time moving Brampton Hills back into Worthington and splitting our neighborhood seems counterproductive. Why not keep Worthington unchanged and move Brampton Hills to Veterans. Both neighborhoods would stay intact.

Thanks for your consideration.

Kara Shuman

4301 Songsmith Ln.

Ellicott City, MD 21043

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Dear Ms. Shuman:

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Regards,

Kathy Hanks
Administrative Specialist to the
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Phone: 410-313-7194
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Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:28 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Frank Rhoad
Cc: BOE Email allan.kittleman@senate.state.md.us gail.bates@house.state.md.us
 warren.miller@house.state.md.us Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Worthington Elementary District

Frank Rhoad

is:

To Whom it May Concern,

My wife and I moved to the Worthington community in 2009. Our decision hinged in no small part because of the excellent school in the neighborhood. We understood that school districts move around from time to time, but we felt confident that because our new home was only a half-mile away from the school and in the same contiguous neighborhood that there was no way we would ever be redistricted out. It is very distressing to learn that this is now being considered -- again as it turns out. In 2010 we attended a meeting at WES at which redistricting was being discussed. The gentleman representing the County assured everyone that many factors went into drawing district line and keeping neighborhoods intact was a priority. As the meeting went on, however, it became clear that the proposed new lines - the ones you are considering again, I believe - were drawn only to make the projected school population numbers come out right without any consideration whatever for neighborhood integrity. The largest financial decision of our lives held no sway at all. Our daily walks often take us to Worthington Elementary School. We interact with our neighbors regularly and feel we have become a part of the community here. There is no practical way we could have the same kind of relationship in another district.

If you need to cut from our district, the only reasonable choices lie in the periphery: New Cut Rd., College Ave., and Stone Hill Dr. If you want to gut our community, why does it make more sense to dissect the original neighborhood than to parcel off the newer, higher density sections of Four Quarters Rd., High Castle Rd., and the back half of Doncaster Dr.? If last time is any indication, these choices haven't even been considered because you've already drawn lines that make the number come out just as you want them. Life, and school districts, should be about more than numbers. The *Worthington* neighborhood should go to *Worthington* Elementary because we are a community and have been since the 1960's. If that means our school will be a little too crowded, or not crowded enough for the County's tastes, then so be it. I intend to keep a close eye on this round of redistricting and I will make sure my entire neighborhood remembers the outcome at election time.

Sincerely,

Frank Rhoad
8022 Nottingham Way
Ellicott City, MD 21043

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Message

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From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Ella Ducot
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: No to Redistricting of Glenmont!

Ella Ducot :

To Whom It May Concern:

I hope that your summer is going well :). My family moved from Kings Contrivance to Glenmont village just few years ago in great part to benefit from the incredible line-up of THES, EMMS, and HHS. Education is very important to our family, which is why both of my daughters (ages 11 and 7 and currently at THES) work hard at school and have done extremely well. However, moving process was not easy - it took them long time to adjust to new friends and neighborhood.

During these few years living here we have developed this wonderful feeling that members of Glenmont district matter to one another and to the group.

We were in shock to find out that, due to the proposed redistricting of the Glenmont community our kids may be forced to attend far away schools.

My major concern it that redistricting my daughters partway through the middle school can negatively impact them (emotionally and psychologically). Since my daughters are 4 years apart, they will end up going to different schools which will involve additional inconvenience and stress for our family.

In our opinion, the decision to redistrict Glenmont students to OMMS (and potentially to OMHS) will violate BOE Policy 6010 that indicates that:

- a. students who are walkers should remain walkers and
- b. feeds of less than 15 percent should be avoided

Please feel free to contact me at anytime to father discuss school redistricting alternatives and options.

We love living in Glenmont and would like to stay, but we may need to consider moving if our kids cannot attend EMMS and HHS.

Sincerely,

Ella Ducot
(240)393-9903
5266 Pine Bark Ct.
Columbia, MD 21045

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Message

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From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Ian Reynolds
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Concerns Regarding Redistricting Proposal

Ian Reynolds <

Dear AAC members,

I live in the Glenmont neighborhood in Columbia and am writing to express my concern about the proposed redistricting of my neighborhood.

Glenmont students currently attend Ellicott Mills Middle School (EMMS) and walk to Howard HS. The 2012 Feasibility Study proposes sending Glenmont students to Oakland Mills Middle School (OMMS) in 2014. This proposal would, however, create a feeder problem because Glenmont students would be the only OMMS students to feed to Howard HS—a feed of only 1.8 percent. That would be a very small feed at an incredibly important developmental stage in our children's lives. Plus, it would contradict HCPSS's Policy 6010, which recommends avoiding feeds of less than 15 percent. For students like my son Trevor, the proposed redistricting would be further complicated by the fact that they would be forced to transition to OMMS after a year at EMMS. Redistricting children partway through middle school can have negative consequences (emotional, psychological, social) and cause undue stress.

I am also concerned that if Glenmont students are redistricted to OMMS, they might then be redistricted out of Howard HS to resolve the feeder problem. AAC members clearly appreciate the value—both the financial and environmental value—of maintaining walkers as walkers, and it is critically important to me that my neighborhood remains one that walks to Howard HS. Therefore, I urge you to keep Glenmont at EMMS or at any middle school that feeds to Howard HS.

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Sincerely,

Ian Reynolds
9088 Bellwart Way

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

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Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:31 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: "Fuller, Darlene" ·
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Please read- My concerns with the potential redistricting of Glenmont

Attachments: AAC letter 8-12-12.docx / Uploaded File (19K)

"Fuller, Darlene"

writes:

Dear ACC Committee,

I live in Glenmont and am concerned with the possible redistricting of our neighborhood. Attached are my thoughts.

I realize this is a difficult decision and there are no easy answers. I would appreciate if the ACC Committee read my attached letter.

Thanks for your consideration.

Darlene Fuller

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Regards,



Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:32 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks

To:

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

Subject: Re: A concerned parent from Glenmont (regarding redistricting)

_____ writes:

Dear AAC members,

I am an eight-year resident, with two small children, living in the Glenmont neighborhood in Columbia. I am writing to express our concerns about the proposed redistricting of my neighborhood – in particular, the possibility of middle school redistricting.

The Concern (and importance of feeders):

Glenmont students currently attend Ellicott Mills Middle School (EMMS) and *walk* to Howard HS. The 2012 Feasibility Study proposes sending Glenmont students to Oakland Mills Middle School (OMMS) in 2014. This proposal would, however, create a feeder problem because Glenmont students would be the only OMMS students to feed to Howard HS—a *feed of only 1.8 percent*. That would be an incredibly small feed at an incredibly important developmental stage in our childrens' lives. Plus, it would contradict HCPSS's Policy 6010, which recommends avoiding feeds of less than 15 percent.

I am also concerned that if Glenmont students are redistricted to OMMS, they might then be redistricted out of Howard HS to resolve the feeder problem.

Importance of Walking:

I know that the Board of Education and AAC members place value on maintaining walkers as walkers – and it is equally, if not more, important to us, as a family, that our neighborhood remains one that *walks* to Howard HS. To highlight the importance of walking to us, I wanted to mention that since kindergarten, I have walked both of my children, every Wednesday, no matter what the weather, to Thunder Hill Elementary – a one-way .75-mile walk. More often than not, I will walk

them to school twice a week. I gladly do this because I believe that this will help promote lifelong health benefits for them, as well as an appreciation for burning calories as an alternative to burning petroleum.

Importance of After-School Activities and Athletics:

In addition, my wife and I are lifelong runners and have gotten our children involved in running and general athletics, as well. Ensuring that our children remain districted to Howard HS will also tremendously aid them in their ability to stay late to participate in after school athletic and academic programs. Instead of taking the bus, or driving a car, or arranging alternate transportation to get home from extracurricular activities, as Howard HS students, they would merely just walk straight home.

My Request:

Therefore, I urge you to keep Glenmont at EMMS or at any middle school that feeds to Howard HS.

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Sincerely,

Brendan Bassett

5262 Pine Bark Court

Columbia, MD 21045



Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:33 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Lynn and Andrew Clements
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Redistricting of Worthington Elementary

Lynn and Andrew Clements

ites:

Dear Board Members,

I understand that the Howard County School District committee discussed various options for redistricting the geographic areas that attend Worthington Elementary School at its July 2012 meeting. Although I did not attend the meeting, I understand some of the discussion centered around possibly moving parts of the current Worthington Elementary school community to other schools. Apparently, it is now possible that portions of Taylor Village, the neighborhood where I live, may be impacted.

Please keep the Worthington community intact. Our neighborhood was built on the premise that we could eat, shop, play and go to school with our neighbors. Dividing our children into different schools completely defeats the purpose of neighborhoods like ours - high density, small parcel living which is designed to feel like a neighborhood where you know your neighbors and see them regularly. Our neighborhood also encompasses other older subdivisions near us, many of whom have joined our community pool, and use other facilities in Taylor Village. It would be a shame if children who live only a few blocks from me are moved to another school just so others who live further away can attend Worthington.

I hope you will consider the impact your decisions have on neighborhoods, not just polygons drawn on a map. Please keep the Taylor Village and contiguous communities together!

Sincerely,
Lynn Clements

Dear Ms. Clements:

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Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:33 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: "Silmon, Michael"
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Worthington Community redistricting

"Silmon, Michael"

Dear Board of Education and AAC members,

I am writing to ask that you please keep the Worthington Community intact. We are a neighborhood with small roads and where the elementary school is located in the middle of our neighborhood. While other schools in our area are on road more traveled and draw their attendance from many communities, ours is different and stands out.

I understand there was a plan presented that kept Polygons 3093(my kids polygon), 1094, 2093, and 4093 together at Worthington. At the same time it appeared to keep Worthington intact overall. There have been several other plans presented at the meetings that I have attended, Plans L & J to name a few that appears to be keep Worthington intact as well. It appears to be great plan and I say that sitting amongst Ilchester parents as well. Travel time for students to either school would be minimally effected. It appears to eliminate any areas that are sitting in no man's land, island so to speak and the current setup between neighboring schools and the socioeconomic status also appears to be similar.

While the goal is to keep current and future Worthington neighborhoods together at Worthington I do understand that many students and families will be impacted by this redistricting. I realize that is a major task for the AAC and Board to put in effect any changes and trying to make them as smooth as possible, but it doesn't make sense to move students unnecessarily. From where I am looking it would be keeping more neighborhoods together. Thank you for your consideration in keeping Worthington together.

Michael Silmon
4817 Ellicott Woods Lane
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Mr. Silmon:

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To:

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

Subject: Re: Glenmont Community Redistricting Concerns

writes:

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In addition, that would be a very small feed at an incredibly important developmental stage in our children's lives. As a parent of a child with a cognitive disability, I am concerned that my son Owen would have great difficulty with this small group transition. His opportunity for acceptance and inclusion within his peer group will directly correlate with having a larger group of students transitioning from his middle school to high school.

I am also concerned that if Glenmont students are redistricted to OMMS, they might then be redistricted out of Howard HS to resolve the feeder problem. AAC members clearly appreciate the value both the financial and environmental value of maintaining walkers as walkers, and it is critically important to me that my neighborhood remains one that walks to Howard HS. Therefore, I urge you to keep Glenmont at EMMS or at any middle school that feeds to Howard HS.

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Sincerely,

Stephanie Reynolds
9088 Bellwart Way

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Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:35 PM

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

Subject: Re: Keep Worthington neighborhood together

Brian Pakulla

tes:

BOE,

There has been recent meetings to redistrict streets that presently feed into Worthington. The board always has a challenge to keep population levels proper at schools, but their first priority should be to keep students together as they go through the school system. Part of growing up is the community and friends you grow up, learn from and live with. The current proposals are mixing our kids up and moving them back around schools system backwards and forwards.

Bottom line, the school board should try to keep school tracks together....for example Worthington typically goes to Ellicott Mills and then onto Mt Hebron. Brampton Hills leads to the Howard HS district. So, why take Brampton and put them in Worthington, Ellicott Mills and then Howard, only to have parts of Worthington go to Ilchester, Ellicott Mills and then to Hebron? Simply send Brampton to Ilchester and call it a day. This would leave Brampton on the Howard track and Worthington neighborhood on the Hebron track. Polygon 1093 is an example of this and should remain in the Worthington, Ellicott Mills MS and therefore Mt Hebron track.

Thank you,

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From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Jason Steinhardt
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Worthington Elementary

Jason Steinhardt

s:

Dear Members of the Board:

We are residents of the Worthington Communities, more specifically polygon 1309. We are fortunate to live in a close-knit community, which has traditionally been zoned for Worthington Elementary School, Ellicott Mills Middle School and Mt. Hebron High School. I am writing to express our sincere hope that the board make no changes to the current district of Worthington Elementary School. It would be a disservice to our close community to divide the community by sending families to schools outside of our community (i.e. outside of Worthington Elementary School).

The community and our family feels very strongly that the Worthington Communities should remain intact, and no changes to divide the community would either be fair or logical. Please do not make any changes that would send members of our community to any elementary school other than Worthington Elementary.

Thank you,

Jason and Tina Steinhardt
8033 Hillsborough Road
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Steinhardt:

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Regards,

Kathy Hanks



Message

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From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: shyampraba obla
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: we want worthington elementary intact

shyampraba obla

rites:

Hi,
we are living in rolling brook way, and we would really want our kids to go to worthington .
we don't want any redistricting now.
thanks for hearing us.
shyam and karthik obla

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From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Deondra Moseley
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Worthington Community

Deondra Moseley

rites:

Hi - We want the Worthington Community to remain intact. Worthington Elementary has become a neighborhood school and a strong community has been built around it. Thank you for your consideration.
-Deondra Moseley

Dear Ms. Moseley:

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To: "Robert B. Martin"
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Worthington Community

"Robert B. Martin" <mailto:robert.martin@hcpss.org> writes:

WE WANT THE WORTHINGTON COMMUNITY TO REMAIN INTACT!

Dear Mr. Martin:

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Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:37 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Jeannie Buckman <j
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Re-districting & Worthington

Jeannie Buckman <

writes:

Hello,

I'm a mom of 3 kids who attend Worthington. My twin boys will be attending Kindergarten this year and my daughter is in fourth grade. My kids have many friends in this neighborhood that I'm sure they will miss greatly if our area were to be re-districted. It wouldn't affect us because we live right on Doncaster, within walking distance to the school but it would affect so many of our neighbors.

As a coVP of the PTA I plead with you to allow our community to remain intact. We have a small and close community here. We also need to have as many parents involved with the school to help the PTA thrive and support our children. With re-districting, we could lose so many parents that were involved or wanted to be involved.

Please also consider the friends that our kids would miss because of this. I appreciate your time in taking our feedback into consideration.

Thanks!

Jeannie Buckman

Dear Ms. Buckman:

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Regards,

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



Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:38 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Jaishiri Mehta
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Worthington redistricting

Jaishiri Mehta <

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Please do not separate the Worthington community. We want the Worthington community to remain intact.

I have 2 children who will be adversely affected by this redistricting plan. We bought our home due to the close proximity of Worthington from our home. Under your redistricting plan, our children would have to be transported onto 103 where the bus would have to take a left turn onto a busy street where the cars travel 40 mph. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request,

Jaishiri Mehta
301-806-7063

Dear Jaishiri Mehta:

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Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:40 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks

To: Grace Suk

Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue Jennifer Bubenko

Subject: Re: WE WANT THE WORTHINGTON COMMUNITY TO REMAIN INTACT!

Grace Suk

We're tremendously frustated to learn about possible restriction of Worthington Community. It does make NO sense that 100 kids may come from Waterloo and we go all the way to Veterans.

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Grace Suk
 8094 High Castle Road
 Ellicott City, MD 21043
 410-241-6715

Dear Ms. Suk:

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Message

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From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Ashu Mehta <
Cc: BOE Email Ashu Mehta <

Joel Gallihue Jennifer Bubenko

Subject: Re: Worthington redistricting

Ashu Mehta <

tes:

To the Board of Education

My two older children attend Worthington Elementary and my youngest will be starting there next year. We moved close to the school(0.8 miles away) so our children could play in the neighborhood with their school friends. This potential redistricting would be a major impact on our quality of life as a family. Our children will be bused further away on faster traveled roads. If the members of the Board of Education were in touch with our situation and had kids in our location they would feel that this move makes no sense.

Thank you for your time,

Ashu Mehta, MD

Dear Ashu Mehta:

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Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:42 PM

From:  "Kathleen V. Hanks" <

To: 

Cc:  Joel Gallihue  **Jennifer Bubenko**

[View in Browser](#)

Subject: Re: Support for AAC_L7 from Brampton Hills

Text from Jennifer Douglass – Email 8/13/12

Jennifer Wetzel Douglass · **s:**

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

My name is Jennifer Douglass, and I am a resident of the Brampton Hills neighborhood (Address: 4782 Ilkley Moor Lane, Ellicott City 21043, Polygons 1098 and 98), and a parent of three young children. Thank you for taking the concerns raised by many Brampton Hills residents, myself included, into consideration at your August 7th meeting. I support the current plan that moves our students in Polygons 1098 and 98 from Waterloo Elementary to Worthington Elementary in 2013. This plan addresses all of my prior concerns. The current plan, AAC_L7, keeps our students at a school close to our neighborhood, so that our students will travel a much smaller distance on the bus each day. This reduced commute will cost the County less in transportation over time. It is also so much safer for our children. The trip from Brampton Hills to Worthington Elementary involves much less time on major roads than a commute to Thunder Hill would yield.

Thank you again for recognizing our issues with AAC_L5 & L6, and altering your plans to find a much better solution for the Brampton Hills community (Polygons 1098 and 98). Plan AAC_L7 is a much better fit for the welfare of our children.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Douglass
Brampton Hills Resident

Dear Ms. Douglass:

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Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:42 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks

To: Bobbi English

Cc: BOE Email Jennifer Bubenko

Joel Gallihue

Subject: Re: middle school redistricting

Bobbi English ◀

tes:

Dear AAC members,

I live in the Glenmont neighborhood in Columbia and am writing to express my concern about the proposed redistricting of my neighborhood.

Glenmont students currently attend Ellicott Mills Middle School (EMMS) and *walk* to Howard HS. The 2012 Feasibility Study proposes sending Glenmont students to Oakland Mills Middle School (OMMS) in 2014. This proposal would, however, create a feeder problem because Glenmont students would be the only OMMS students to feed to Howard HS—a *feed of only 1.8 percent*. That would be an incredibly small feed at an incredibly important developmental stage in our childrens' lives. Plus, it would contradict HCPSS's Policy 6010, which recommends avoiding feeds of less than 15 percent. This happened to my daughter in the latest redistricting--she was redistricted in middle school with only 3 friends from Glenmont changing schools--this makes no sense at such a vulnerable stage of life. If you are going to redistrict---why not redistrict large neighborhoods so children can succeed in their friendships and social lives?

I am also concerned that if Glenmont students are redistricted to OMMS, they might then be redistricted out of Howard HS to resolve the feeder problem. AAC members clearly appreciate the value—both the financial and environmental value—of maintaining walkers as walkers, and it is critically important to me that my neighborhood remains one that *walks* to Howard HS. I can't even believe this is being discussed--in the current economic crisis--you would add 1/2 full buses to redistrict our tiny neighborhood when they can walk to Howard High School? Again --why not redistrict a neighborhood that is already being bused and not add to the taxpayer burden?

Therefore, I urge you to keep Glenmont at EMMS or at any middle school that feeds to Howard HS.

Although I recognize that the primary focus of the 2012 AAC is on elementary school redistricting, I am contacting you because of indications that the AAC intends to discuss middle school redistricting at your final meetings. Thus, this seems like an appropriate time to share my concerns about the proposed redistricting of Glenmont. Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration and for volunteering your time to this important endeavor.

Sincerely
Bobbi English

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. As you know, the Attendance Area



Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:44 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: "Crockett, Timothy (10450)"
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko** Superintendent
"gfox@howardcountymd.gov" <gfox@howardcountymd.gov>
"KKnight@howardcountymd.gov" <KKnight@howardcountymd.gov>

Subject: Re: Proposed Redistricting of Polygon 6169

Attachments: RedistrictingLetterII.doc / Uploaded File (35K)

"Crockett, Timothy (10450)" < > writes:

To all who receive this e-mail, I greatly appreciate you taking the time to read and consider the attached letter which details the numerous reasons why I oppose the proposed redistricting of polygon 6169. This matter is of paramount importance to my family and I. Thanks again for your time and consideration.

Tim Crockett

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August 10, 2012

ATTN: Jennifer Bubenko, Office of School Planning
Attendance Area Adjustment Committee
HCPSS
10910 Route 108
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

RE: Proposed Redistricting Plans for School Year Beginning 2013
(Specifically Polygon 6169)

Dear Ms Bubenko:

I'm writing to voice my opposition to the proposed redistricting plans for the 2013 school year. Specifically, the movement of polygon 6169 from Waverly Elementary to West Friendship Elementary.

To provide some background, the 6169 polygon is almost entirely composed of 55 and up housing; for reasons which I don't understand our group of 50 or so townhomes, known as Crescent Moon Court, was placed in this area. We are not age restricted. As I understand it, no other non age restricted parts of the Waverly Woods Community were placed in 6169, just us. As a result the 6169 polygon has between 20 and 30 elementary aged children, all of whom reside in Crescent Moon Court. Three of which will be fifth graders in 2013. I believe we would be better placed in the section of townhomes which abuts our community and is less than a hundred feet away.

I, My wife, and son reside at 2017 Crescent Moon Court. Crescent Moon Court is part of the Waverly Woods Community. We have lived at 2017 Crescent Moon for over four years. Our son, Max, has attended Waverly Elementary since Kindergarten. He will attend fourth grade this year and will be in fifth grade in 2013. Our son is an only child, his friends and the relationships formed over the past five years all center around Waverly Elementary. Not having brothers or sisters, his friends are everything to him. He will be devastated if he has to attend another school for his final year of elementary school.

Substantive reasons why redistricting 6169 does not make sense:

1. An increase in busing costs. Currently Crescent Moon Court is serviced by one bus which also serves the townhome section which abuts our group of homes but is not in

6169. If 6169 is moved to West Friendship not only will two buses have to serve the same area but the bus going to West Friendship will have to travel over five miles one way as compared the bus going to Waverly which travels approximately a mile.

2. Waverly Elementary is scheduled to have an addition completed by 2016. As a result of the increased capacity, it's proposed that children from Manor Woods Elementary will be moved to Waverly. Presumably, if 6169 is moved to West Friendship in 2013, it will be moved back to Waverly in 2016. Please note that Manor Woods Elementary is between Waverly and West Friendship. In fact, to reach West Friendship you have to drive by Manor Woods. In my opinion it's completely unfair to ask 6169 to move in 2013 and then move back in 2016. Conversely, if 6169 is not asked to move back to Waverly you would have a situation where children from Manor Woods were being bused to Waverly and the Waverly 6169 kids were being bused to West Friendship. Obviously this does not make sense. Isn't there a way to keep 6169 at Waverly? As mentioned above 6169 has only 20 to 30 elementary aged children. Can the number of children coming from St. Johns Lane be reduced by 20 to 30 kids? Can the number of kids coming from Veteran's to St. Johns Lane be reduced by 20 to 30 kids? Can a few portable classrooms be installed at Waverly for a few years?
3. From attending the planning meeting on August 7, 2012 I learned that the planners try to keep communities together. The 6169 area is part of the Waverly Woods Community. The redistricting plan only calls for 6169 to move when no other part of the Waverly Woods Community has been asked to move. Furthermore, other areas which are not part of the Waverly Woods Community but feed into Waverly Elementary are left untouched. For example Taylor's Farm and the Woodstock Road areas. Accordingly, this proposed action is not in line with the planning goal of keeping communities together.
4. One fact which may or may not be known by the planners is that the vast majority of the 20 -30 children in 6169 are Indian, Chinese and Korean. My child is one of the few Caucasian children. The Waverly Woods Community as a whole is predominantly white. While I'm not suggesting in any way that the proposed move of 6169 is racially based; an outside observer may see significance in the fact that the only section of the entire Waverly Woods Community moved was the only predominately non white section. Especially, given that there were other choices with regard to areas outside of the Waverly Woods Community that could have been moved. Furthermore, many of the children's parents are in varying stages of learning English and integrating into a new country. This proposed move could prove more difficult for those in this situation and could adversely impact the children.

In closing, I'm not experienced with planning and redistricting matters and I do not have all the details surrounding this issue nor do I have a full understanding of each proposed plan. So I apologize if I didn't use the correct terminology or if I have misconstrued something I heard at

the August 7, 2012 planning meeting. I greatly appreciate you taking the time to read and consider this letter and I hope that you can find an alternative to redistricting polygon 6169.

Sincerely,

Tim Crockett

Cc: Congressman Elijah Cummings

Cc: Dr. Renee A. Foose, Superintendent

Cc: Councilman Greg Fox



Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:44 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: "Bassett, Xiomara M. (GSFC-760.0)[NICS]"
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Concern about redistricting Glenmont

"Bassett, Xiomara M. (GSFC-760.0)[NICS]"

writes:

Dear AAC members,

I am an eight-year resident, with two small children, living in the Glenmont neighborhood in Columbia. I am writing to express our concerns about the proposed redistricting of my neighborhood – in particular, the possibility of middle school redistricting.

The Concern (and importance of feeders):

Glenmont students currently attend Ellicott Mills Middle School (EMMS) and *walk* to Howard HS. The 2012 Feasibility Study proposes sending Glenmont students to Oakland Mills Middle School (OMMS) in 2014. This proposal would, however, create a feeder problem because Glenmont students would be the only OMMS students to feed to Howard HS—a *feed of only 1.8 percent*. That would be an incredibly small feed at an incredibly important developmental stage in our childrens' lives. Plus, it would contradict HCPSS's Policy 6010, which recommends avoiding feeds of less than 15 percent.

I am also concerned that if Glenmont students are redistricted to OMMS, they might then be redistricted out of Howard HS to resolve the feeder problem.

Importance of Walking:

I know that the Board of Education and AAC members place value on maintaining walkers as walkers – and it is equally, if not more, important to us, as a family, that our neighborhood remains one that *walks* to Howard HS. To highlight the importance of walking to us, I wanted to mention that since kindergarten, I have walked both of my children, every Wednesday, no matter what the weather, to Thunder Hill Elementary – a one-way .75-mile walk. More often than not, I will walk

them to school twice a week. I gladly do this because I believe that this will help promote lifelong health benefits for them, as well as an appreciation for burning calories as an alternative to burning petroleum.

Importance of After-School Activities and Athletics:

In addition, my wife and I are lifelong runners and have gotten our children involved in running and general athletics, as well. Ensuring that our children remain districted to Howard HS will also tremendously aid them in their ability to stay late to participate in after school athletic and academic programs. Instead of taking the bus, or driving a car, or arranging alternate transportation to get home from extracurricular activities, as Howard HS students, they would merely just walk straight home.

My Request:

Therefore, I urge you to keep Glenmont at EMMS or at any middle school that feeds to Howard HS.

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Xiomara Bassett

5262 Pine Bark Court

Columbia, MD 21045

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Message

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From: Kathleen V. Hanks

To:

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

Subject: Re: Worthington Elementary School

writes:

I am writing as a parent of a child entering second grade at Worthington Elementary. I have become aware that there is a redistricting initiative taking place in Howard County. I would like to express the message you have probably heard from many other parents, I would very much like for the Worthington Community to remain in tact.

I cannot make the meeting tomorrow night - I want to make sure my voice is heard. I fully support those parents who will show up dressed in black. I do not want my daughter moved out of Worthington - nor do I want her friends to be moved. I want THE WORTHINGTON COMMUNITY TO REMAIN IN TACT.

Thank you,

Ellen Van Horn

Cell: (410) 292-9715

Email:

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To: "Yeager, Leigh"

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

Subject: **Re: WE WANT THE WORTHINGTON COMMUNITY TO REMAIN INTACT**

"Yeager, Leigh"

· writes:

Leigh P. Yeager /Senior Vice President / Consumer Banking Products Risk / Bank of America
Phone: 410.547.4179 / Cell: 443.986.1292

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Dear Ms. Yeager:



Message

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From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Susan Niezelski
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Worthington redistricting

Susan Niezelski ◀

Hi,

I'll keep it short and sweet :-): Please leave our Worthington kids at WOES.

Thank you,
Susan Niezelski (Mom of 3 children)

8198 Elberta Drive
EC, MD 21043

Dear Ms. Niezelski:

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From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Jessica DiBari
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: concerned neighbor

Jessica DiBari

Dear Board of Education,

I am writing to voice my concern about the redistricting of Worthington students. Although I do not have children at this time, I think that it is critically important that the neighborhood remain in tact. I understand the need to distribute students evenly; however, the children in my neighborhood live walking distance to their elementary school and in the future the neighborhood children that remain in the district will be complete strangers to the students forced out of the district. Maintaining community cohesion is very important to the children's healthy socialization. Please reconsider sending a subset of the Worthington students to another district. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jessica DiBari
8017 Nottingham Way
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Ms. DiBari:

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Message

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From: Kathleen V. Hanks

To: Pennie

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

Subject: Re: Fwd: Redistricting of Glenmont neighborhood

Pennie

Dear AAC members,

I have lived in the Glenmont neighborhood in Columbia for 14 years and am writing to express my concern about the proposed redistricting of my neighborhood.

Glenmont students currently attend Ellicott Mills Middle School (EMMS) and *walk* to Howard HS and Thunder Hill Elementary school. The 2012 Feasibility Study proposes sending Glenmont students to Oakland Mills Middle School (OMMS) in 2014. This proposal would to my understanding, create a feeder problem because Glenmont students would be the only OMMS students to feed to Howard HS—a *feed of only 1.8 percent*. That would be an incredibly small feed at an incredibly important developmental stage in our childrens' lives. Plus, it would contradict HCPSS's Policy 6010.

I am also concerned that if Glenmont students are redistricted to OMMS, they might then be redistricted out of Howard HS to resolve the feeder problem. AAC members clearly appreciate the value—both the financial and environmental value—of maintaining walkers as walkers, and it is critically important to me that my neighborhood remains one that *walks* to Howard HS. Therefore, I urge you to keep Glenmont at EMMS or at any middle school that feeds to Howard HS.

Although I recognize that the primary focus of the 2012 AAC is on elementary school redistricting, I am contacting you because of indications that the AAC intends to discuss middle school redistricting at your final meetings. Thus, this seems like an appropriate time to share our families concerns about the proposed redistricting of Glenmont. Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration and for volunteering your time to this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

Pennie Kerr

Dear Ms. Kerr:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. As you know, the Attendance Area Committee (AAC) is currently meeting and the schedule can be found on the HCPSS



Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:50 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: "Chris A."
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Proposed Middle School Redistricting for Glenmont Residents

"Chris A." <

13 August 2012

Dear AAC members,

I live in the Glenmont neighborhood in Columbia and I am writing to express my concern about the proposed school redistricting of my neighborhood.

Glenmont students currently attend Ellicott Mills Middle School and *walk* to Howard High School. The 2012 Feasibility Study proposes sending Glenmont students to Oakland Mills Middle School in 2014. This proposal would, however, create a feeder problem. Glenmont students would be the *only* Oakland Mills students to feed to Howard HS—a *feed of only 1.8 percent*. This *directly contradicts HCPSS's Policy 6010*, which recommends avoiding feeds of less than 15 percent. That would be an incredibly small feed at an incredibly important developmental stage in our children's lives.

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Sincerely,

Christopher J. Ayala

Dear Mr. Ayala:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. As you know, the Attendance Area



Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:51 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Rob Rogers
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Montgomery Meadows resident

Rob Rogers

ites:

I am a resident of Montgomery Meadows, and I have children who go to Ilchester Elementary School.

I continue to be against the move of our children away from Ilchester.

Expect to see a lot of red shirts at the meeting tomorrow.

Thanks

Rob Rogers

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Robert L. Rogers, M.D., FACEP, FAAEM, FACP

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Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 3:52 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: John&Dana
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Redistricting Plan

John&Dana

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Hello,

I am a parent of three children in the Worthington/Ellicott Mills/Mt. Hebron school district. I am writing to request that the Worthington community remain as is and not be subject to redistricting. We would like to the Worthington community to remain intact and remain as one community attending the same schools. We strongly believe in the idea of a cohesive community not one being separated and divided apart.

Please leave the Worthington district as is.

Thank you,
Dana Coliano
5019 Cobblestone Ct
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Ms. Coliano:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. As you know, the Attendance Area Committee (AAC) is currently meeting and the schedule can be found on the HCPSS website along with the minutes of each meeting. By copy of this email, I am forwarding your input to the Office of School Planning, which is responsible for preparing the final recommendations and presenting them to the Board on October 18, 2012. Until then, all ideas formulated by the AAC are fluid as the members deliberate on this difficult task.

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Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 6:09 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks

To: "Eyster, Jo Anne"

Cc: BOE Ema

Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: MS Redistricting Plan

"Eyster, Jo Anne"

ites:

Dear AAC members,

I attended the meeting on August 7th **and was very impressed with the process** I witnessed and even more so in the **commitment** from the committee to **reasonably consider the overall impact of a student's life in redistricting and the acceptance of feedback as provided by the community.**

Although I recognize that the primary focus of the 2012 AAC is on elementary school redistricting, I am contacting you because of indications that the AAC intends to discuss middle school redistricting at your final meetings.

This personally impacts me because I live in the **Glenmont neighborhood in Columbia (AKA Polygons 2065, 1065 and 65)** and am concerned about the proposed Middle School redistricting of my neighborhood.

Glenmont students **currently attend Ellicott Mills Middle School (EMMS) and walk to Howard HS.** The 2012 Feasibility Study proposes sending Glenmont students to Oakland Mills Middle School (OMMS) in 2014. This proposal concerns myself and my neighbors in many ways:

This will create a feeder problem because Glenmont students would be the only OMMS students to feed to Howard HS—a feed of only 1.8 percent. This would contradict HCPSS's Policy 6010, which recommends avoiding feeds of less than 15 percent.

A small feed at such a critical time in a student's life can impact the student academically, socially, psychologically and emotionally.

To then resolve the feeder problem it is speculated that we would then be redistricted out of Howard HS. This creates many more critical issues that would go against most of the eleven factors identified in Policy 6010.

- Do not make walkers bus riders.
- Creating unnecessary bus riders impacts the county financially.
- Goes against being Green. Less bus hours and less car hours.
- Students who can walk to school tend to be much more engaged in the community and in their school activities.
- Do not put additional teenage drivers on the road when they can walk to school
- Do not make short term changes. Look at the long term impact. Consider the impact of the new Middle Schools and allow them to make a difference.

Because of these and many more reasons I strongly urge you to keep Glenmont at EMMS or at any middle school that feeds to Howard HS.

Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration and for volunteering your time to this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

Jo Anne Eyster

Executive Vice President

Valuation Operations and Vendor Management

Phone: 443-259-1610

7090 Samuel Morse Drive

Columbia, MD 21046

Dear Ms. Eyster:



Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 6:09 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Brittany Shanley ·
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Worthington Elementary ...

Brittany Shanley ·

tes:

This email is in response to the discussion that is currently being held for the debate on redistricting Worthington Elementary School. I live less than a half mile from the school on Hillsborough and think that it is absolutely ludicrous to think that there would be another sensible Elementary School for my twin third graders to attend. Do not redistrict us!!!!

Brittany Shanley
Mother of Grace and Olivia Shanley
3rd graders this year at Worthington Elementary

Dear Ms. Shanley:

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Regards,

Kathy Hanks
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Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 6:10 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Erin Schade
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue Jennifer Bubenko

Subject: Re: Green Schools???

Erin Schade <

s:

From: <http://www.hcpss.org/2010annualreport/message.html>

Teaching Green Working Green

Superintendent's Message

Promoting Stewardship

It is said that each generation borrows the future from its children. Therefore our obligation is to preserve and care for the world our children will inherit and teach them to do the same.

To Whom it may Concern,

My son, Will Schade, will be entering K at Waverly this fall. I am very excited for this, as is he. However, we are very unhappy to hear about the prospect of him being redistricted the following year. We live at 1675 Woodstock Road. Waverly is our home school by very definition of being closest to our home. It is 3 minutes or less from our house to Waverly (according to Mapquest). Using this same method, West Friendship is 3X (or more) the distance and travel time from our house. This is an obvious waste of gas and resources on the county's part. You promote "Teaching Green Working Green" on your website. To achieve your goals the children and families must support you. In order for people to follow, a good example must be set. Is it a good example to have the buses use 3X the gas on a daily basis? In addition to having 3X the

maintenance and wear and tear? And by your design the families who come to school will do the same.

My son has an IEP. I will be coming to school regularly for this and hope to come often for planned school activities. I may also have to enroll him in before and after care. I will use 3X the gas each way, for each and every one of these trips! As will many, many more of the relocated families. As I said before, this goes directly against your teaching and is disrespectful to the environment that you will be giving to your students as they grow up.

Please reconsider your plan to send children from Woodstock Rd and other surrounding areas to West Friendship. It is a terrible message to be sending to your your youngest learners and their families. I will be sending many notes and emails to you to make sure my voice is heard during this important decision making time.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.
Sincerely,

Erin Schade
410-913-7869

Dear Ms. Schade:

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Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 6:10 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks

To:

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

Subject: Re: Glenmont Middle School redistricting

writes:

5289 Five Fingers Way
Columbia, MD 21045
August 10, 2012

Dear ACC Members,

As a longtime resident of the Glenmont community, I was shocked to hear of a proposal to redistrict our neighborhood from Ellicott Mills Middle School (EMMS) to Oakland Mills Middle School (OMMS). This change would recreate an inappropriate feed, which was corrected, only after all four of my children had been subjected to it. What dire circumstances could justify isolating such a small group of children as they transition from middle school to high school?

I served on a HCPSS redistricting committee many years ago. The challenges associated with changing demographics, school locations and seat availability are enormous. The language of "polygons" is familiar to me. The task you face is formidable.

Have the underlying principles associated with decision making changed? There are set criteria for determining which students are "walkers" and which students are determined to be eligible for bus service. For example, all Glenmont students attend the same elementary school, yet our small neighborhood is divided by HCPSS into two groups. One group rides the bus; the other group is identified as "walkers." The division lines occur at what **appear** to be very random locations throughout the neighborhood. In actuality the division lines are based on the distance each house is located from a path which cuts through a wooded area to Thunder Hill Road. There are at least three locations in Glenmont where next door neighbors are either "walkers" or "bus riders" to elementary school. HCPSS must associate some value with **not** busing walkers, otherwise, why not bus all the children in a particular neighborhood?

The entire Glenmont neighborhood is designated as "walkers" to Howard High School. The

fall of 2002 I attended Back to School Night at 3 different high schools. Why? My two oldest sons were in their junior & senior years at Howard High. My twins were in 9th grade, one at Long Reach High School in the tech magnet program and the other at Oakland Mills High School as an out of district student at our request. The ensuing four years cemented in my mind the incredible number of advantages associated with being within walking distance of high school!

What does this have to do with middle school feed? By HCPSS standards, our neighborhood is clearly tied to Howard High School. We are “walkers.” Whatever middle school Glenmont children attend should have an established feed into Howard High School. Pulling a small # of students from a middle school, with a good feed, and transplanting them into a school with no feed, makes no sense. Middle school to high school is clearly an inappropriate time to ask children to make this kind of a change. Middle Schools merge students from various Elementary schools and *focus* on this process. High school is a whole different experience.

My point is about kids who live within walking distance of a high school, being given the opportunity to benefit from the advantages this allows. I realize the vast majority of Howard County students do not have this opportunity, but taking it away from those who do, does not give it to others. Creating a bad feed, with a huge break, at the transition from middle to high school actually hurts the students impacted.

Is it right for HCPSS to disregard its own redistricting criteria? Is it fair to place a small number of students in this situation? Are the handful of Glenmont students *really* the ones overcrowding EMMS? If so, shouldn't they be sent to a school that feeds into Howard High School? Is it possible that “Ellicott City” residents are being given preferential treatment over “Columbia” residents? (*Please note I do not ask this question in an inflammatory way, while I was on the redistricting committee it was pointed out to me that “Ellicott City residents **deserved** the seats in Ellicott City schools.”*) These are the questions you must address.

The issue at hand is middle school, so I have not specifically addressed all the advantages associated with being able to walk to and from high school (*I would be happy to share these with you. Please hit reply and we can set up a time to talk.*)

My hope is that consideration of redistricting Glenmont to OMMS be totally dropped. It is actually quite *odd* that it was even proposed, given the Howard High “walker” status of our entire neighborhood. Thank you very much for giving consideration to the content of this email.

Sincerely,

Terre Rones

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Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 8:58 PM

From: "Ryan O'Connell"
To: **Jennifer Bubenko**
Cc: "Ryan O'Connell" ·
 "Susan O'Connell"

[View in Browser](#)

Subject: Re: Brampton Hills School Redistricting

Dear Ms. Bubenko,

Thank you for your time and consideration. We appreciate the opportunity to share our concerns and we are glad to hear that other options can be explored. We'll continue to monitor the discussions and show our support for the most recent plan L7.

In addition to the many reasons stated in the previous emails, I'm personally relieved at the prospect of feeding Brampton Hills into Worthington since our children's preschool maintains an agreement to provide after school pick up at Worthington. They do not have the same agreement with Thunder Hill, and would create a logistical challenge for our family going forward.

Thank you again,

Ryan & Susan O'Connell

(410) 465-6393

On Mon, Aug 6, 2012 at 1:41 PM, OConnell, Ryan M. ·

vrote:

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

My name is Ryan O'Connell, and I am a resident of the Brampton Hills Community, polygons 1098 and 98 (address: 4998 Threshfield Court, Ellicott City 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.

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 Hills is as follows:

Closest Schools (in order):

1. Veterans
2. Worthington
3. Ilchester
4. Northfield
5. Rockburn
6. Waterloo

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 the Brampton Hills Community (polygon 1098 and 98) was overlooked.

At this time I support the 2012 Feasibility Study which brought polygons 1098 and 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 Hills to Thunder Hill contradicts the guiding principles of these factors, while the move to Worthington supports them.

• **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.

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 Hills 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 Hills' current school, Waterloo.

- **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.

- **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.

- **Frequency with which students are redistricted**

Every year, it appears that no one knows where to move Brampton Hills. Ten years ago we were at Ilchester and currently we are at Waterloo. The 2012 Feasibility Study yielded we should be at Worthington, Plan J moved us to Thunder Hill, while a plan entitled Ich2 which was worked on after Plan J suggested that we move back to Ilchester. Now with plan ACC-L6 we are back at Thunder Hill. This indecisiveness and movement causes a great deal of consternation to parents, students, and as I can imagine the Area Adjustment Board. It also does not instill a great deal of confidence to residents in this overall process. Since the move to Thunder Hill is without merit and there are no other apparent reasons to move us there, it sets us up for a possible future redistricting in less than 5 years.

By instituting a move to Worthington, as the 2012 Feasibility Plan suggested, long term projections would not change substantially for Worthington over time. Brampton (1098, 98), is a well-established neighborhood with no new spots for rebuilding, therefore, changes for long range planning are negligible.

As I have mentioned, we applaud the efforts of the committee. I do believe however, that the aforementioned reasons I have listed require consideration in Brampton Hills' (1098 and 98) move to Thunder Hill. Of course, Brampton Hills residents could start moving other polygon numbers around to suit our own purposes, and present that plan to you, however, we don't presume to

know the makeup of another neighborhood, just our own.

The last plan presented moved almost as many students as the original 2012 Feasibility plan. As everyone will agree if we are moving this many students in any plan, it should be the right move and not just a shift in an excel spreadsheet.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. At all future AAC meetings, Brampton Hills' residents will have a significant presence. Please look for our blue shirts.

Sincerely,

Ryan O'Connell

[\(443\) 306-7115](tel:(443)306-7115)

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Ryan O'Connell

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Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 9:01 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To:

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

Subject: Re: redistricting Glenmont middle schoolers

writes:

August 10, 2012

5289 Five Fingers Way
Columbia, MD 21045

Dear ACC Members,

As a longtime resident of the Glenmont community, I was quite surprised to hear of a proposal to redistrict our neighborhood from Ellicott Mills Middle School (EMMS) back to Oakland Mills Middle School (OMMS). This change would recreate an inappropriate middle school-to-high school feed that was resolved years ago. I understand the challenges associated with changing demographics, school locations and seat availability. I know that the task you face is formidable.

Until fairly recently, Glenmont students went to OMMS and then to Howard High. This very small group, only a few a year, were the *only* Howard High students to come from OMMS (once children from the Thunder Hill neighborhood were redistricted from Howard to Oakland Mills High). High school is a difficult transition in any event. It's a tough time to have no one to sit with at lunch? Or no familiar faces in **any** of your classes? While many children adapt and fit in even in those trying circumstances, some struggle. And in this case, for what purpose?

I can compare those experiences of a good and bad high school feed first hand. My two oldest sons went from OMMS to Howard High, but at the time students from Thunder Hill neighborhood still went to Howard, so there was a large group going there from OMMS. Since then, of course, Thunder Hill students were redistricted to Oakland Mills High, so only those few Glenmont residents would go from OMMS to Howard. When they were in 12th and 11th grade at Howard High, respectively, their twin brother and sister were entering 9th grade. My daughter chose to attend Oakland Mills high as an out-of-district student to avoid being separated from almost all of the friends with whom she had attended middle school. I suspect she would have struggled from the social isolation that a move to Howard High would have involved, though, of course, we'll never know. For her, attending OMMS was the right call. As a result of her decision, her transition to high school was fairly smooth. The point is that it seems so unnecessary to put this small group of kids in this position to be so isolated. There are so few of them, what problem would it be fixing? Why turn back the clock and recreate a problem that was resolved when the children were redistricted from OMMS to Ellicott Mills Middle?

My request is that consideration of redistricting Glenmont to OMMS be dropped. It is actually quite *odd* that it was even proposed, since it creates a problem that you have already fixed. Thank you very much for

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Sincerely,

Philip L. Rones

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From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To: "Ryan O'Connell"

Cc: BOE Email "Ryan O'Connell"

"Susan O'Connell"

Joel Gallihue

Jennifer Bubenko

Subject: Re(2): Brampton Hills School Redistricting

"Ryan O'Connell"

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Closest Schools (in order):

1. Veterans
2. Worthington
3. Ilchester
4. Northfield
5. Rockburn
6. Waterloo

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 the Brampton Hills Community (polygon 1098 and 98) was overlooked.

At this time I support the 2012 Feasibility Study which brought polygons 1098 and 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 Hills to Thunder Hill contradicts the guiding principles of these factors, while the move to Worthington supports them.

• **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.

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 Hills 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 Hills' current school, Waterloo.

- **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.

- **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.

- **Frequency with which students are redistricted**

Every year, it appears that no one knows where to move Brampton Hills. Ten years ago we were at Ilchester and currently we are at Waterloo. The 2012 Feasibility Study yielded we should be at Worthington, Plan J moved us to Thunder Hill, while a plan entitled Ich2 which was worked on after Plan J suggested that we move back to Ilchester. Now with plan ACC-L6 we are back at Thunder Hill. This indecisiveness and movement causes a great deal of consternation to parents, students, and as I can imagine the Area Adjustment Board. It also does not instill a great deal of confidence to residents in this overall process. Since the move to Thunder Hill is without merit and there are no other apparent reasons to move us there, it sets us up for a possible future redistricting in less than 5 years.

By instituting a move to Worthington, as the 2012 Feasibility Plan suggested, long term projections would not change substantially for Worthington over time. Brampton (1098, 98), is a well-established neighborhood with no new spots for rebuilding, therefore, changes for long range planning are negligible.

As I have mentioned, we applaud the efforts of the committee. I do believe however, that the aforementioned reasons I have listed require consideration in Brampton Hills' (1098 and 98) move to Thunder Hill. Of course, Brampton Hills residents could start moving other polygon numbers

around to suit our own purposes, and present that plan to you, however, we don't presume to know the makeup of another neighborhood, just our own.

The last plan presented moved almost as many students as the original 2012 Feasibility plan. As everyone will agree if we are moving this many students in any plan, it should be the right move and not just a shift in an excel spreadsheet.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. At all future AAC meetings, Brampton Hills' residents will have a significant presence. Please look for our blue shirts.

Sincerely,

Ryan O'Connell

[\(443\) 306-7115](tel:(443)306-7115)

[\(410\) 465-6393](tel:(410)465-6393)

Ryan O'Connell

FBI - Human Resources Division

[\(202\) 324-1116](tel:(202)324-1116)

Dear Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell:

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Regards,

Kathy Hanks
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Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 9:03 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: Joshua Phillips
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Please keep the Worthington community intact!

Joshua Phillips

writes:

Hello,

I'd like to add my voice to the chorus pleading for the BOE to keep the Worthington community intact. I live in polygon 2093 and have two children (grades 2 and 4) in Worthington Elementary. I'd be very happy to see this community partitioned by moving 2093 to another school.

Best regards,

- Joshua Phillips

Dear Mr. Phillips:

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Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 9:04 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: "Sandy d'Aquino"
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Worthington ES - possible redistricting

"Sandy d'Aquino"

s:

I heard that there is a possibility of redistricting Worthington ES to include Brampton Hills, and remove some of the residents who live in the neighborhood! This is RIDICULOUS!! Worthington ES is located in the middle of our community. Chipping portions of the community off to send them to other schools breaks up our neighborhood using unnatural boundaries. We want our children to attend school with their neighbors and friends!

We live 0.6 miles from Worthington Elementary, and can drive there in less than 2 minutes. It makes no sense to make my children sit on a bus for 20 minutes or more to attend school in someone else's neighborhood when we have an excellent school practically in our backyard! This school is part of our COMMUNITY. We go to the dentist in our community, my daughter attends pre-school at Children of America in our community; and will go to them for aftercare when she starts Kindergarten in fall of 2013. She takes dance classes in the dance studio in our community.

I reviewed the ES, MS, and HS boundaries online last night. There is a lot about the boundaries that don't make sense to me, but moving a section of our neighborhood out makes things on that map worse! I can see why changes need to be made, however, I don't think moving sections of our neighborhood out is the solution.

Just a thought...looking at the location of the Brampton Hills neighborhood, it seems that they should go to Veterans... which I know is very overcrowded. I think the homes in the north-east purple section of Veterans could go to Hollifield ES, which is only 13 kids over capacity according to the website, and then the neighborhood by Long Gate shopping center and Brampton Hills can go to Veterans. Also the small section of Veterans kids who are on the West side of 29 could go to Hollifield ES as well.

~ Sandy d'Aquino

Dear Ms. d'Aquino:

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Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 9:05 AM

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

Subject: Re: Glenmont Walks to Howard High

Donald Snyder · **tes:**

Dear AAC members,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the current proposal for redistricting the Glenmont neighborhood from Ellicott Mills Middle School (EMMS) to Oakland Mills Middle School (OMMS).

While I understand that the AAC has a difficult task in finding a solution to current issues of overcrowding, the Glenmont community is small enough that it wouldn't have a noticeable impact on the overcrowding at EMMS. Additionally the redistricting the Glenmont students to OMMS creates a larger problem when the students transition to High School. Glenmont students are within walking distance to Howard High School. If the students were redistricted to OMMS, they would be the only students in the middle school to be fed into Howard High School. This is a feed of only 1.8 percent, which would contradict HCPSS' Policy 6010, which recommends avoiding feeds of less than 15%. While one possible solution would be to redistrict to another high school, this would be counter to the benefits provided by our close proximity to Howard High School. In addition to the economic cost (of the bus and transportation costs) there is a community aspect that would be affected. Even though my son is only seven, we have already developed a relationship with Howard High School and its community. My son has developed a love of baseball and football and loves attending and rooting for his 'future team'. Since we can walk to the game, as a family we view this as a positive and healthy outing. No other high school is in walking distance and we feel it would be much more difficult to maintain that sense of community if he was fed into another.

Again, while I understand that there are real issues that the AAC needs to confront, I feel that the proposed solution of redistricting of Glenmont students to OMMS would create more problems in the long term. We feel that the value of maintaining our status as walkers to Howard High School outweighs the small benefit that redistricting Glenmont students to OMMS would provide to the overall plan. Therefore, I urge you to keep Glenmont at EMMS or at any middle school that feeds to Howard HS.

While the current focus is non elementary school redistricting, there have been indications that you will be discussing middle school redistricting at your final meetings. We wanted to make sure our concerns were noted before these discussions occur. Thank you for your hard work and for taking my concerns into consideration.

Sincerely,

Donald Snyder
5272 Bright Dawn Court

Dear Mr. Snyder:

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Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 9:05 AM

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

Subject: Re: Glenmont Redistricting

Lisa Rones <

Dear ACC Members,

I am a Glenmont resident and I speak from **experience**. Your proposal to redistrict my neighborhood from Ellicott Mills Middle School (EMMS) to Oakland Mills Middle School (OMMS) is a bad idea.

I attended OMMS. Many of my friends from elementary school went to other middle schools. It was easy to maintain my friendships with them because of Girl Scouts, SAC soccer, swim team etc. We had been together for 6 years!

I made new friends in middle school. When it came time for high school, there were only 3 girls (including myself) who were going from OMMS to Howard High School. Is that fair?

I was lucky. My parents & the HCPSS allowed me to attend OMHS as an out of district student. I am proud to be an OMHS graduate.

Truthfully though, I spent a lot of time waiting around for one of my brothers or a parent to pick me up from after school activities. If I had gone to Howard High I could have walked home from school. It would have been much better if I had gone to a Middle School where many of my new friends moved on to my neighborhood High School with me. The current middle school students in Glenmont are in just that position. EMMS to Howard High School is a feed that works. Why would you consider changing it?

Sincerely,

Lisa Rones

5289 Five Five Fingers Way
Columbia, MD 21045



Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 9:06 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: Aida Lebbos
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Elementary Redistricting

Aida Lebbos

tes:

Dear Board of Education,

We are a Worthington Family that is opposed to chipping off portion of the Worthington community.

We ask instead that you consider the following plan suggested by a Worthington community member a while ago. In his plan, polygons 1094, 2093, 3093, and 4093 would stay at Worthington, keeping Worthington intact. Ilchester would receive Polygons 74 and 2074, which is already in the feasibility study. Additionally, Ilchester would receive Polygons 98 and 1098, currently in the Feasibility Study as attending WoES. These four polygons all include neighborhoods that border one another. This would have the effect of keeping several bordering neighborhoods west of Route 103 attending the same school, Ilchester. Both districts would remain contiguous with no islands. Based on current numbers, it would result in 9 more students remaining at Worthington than in the current plans. This means WoES would be at 101.2 percent capacity and Ilchester at 103.0 percent, actually balancing it better than the Feasibility Study which would place WoES at 99.6 and Ilchester at 104.2.

Thank you,

Aida Lebbos

Dear Ms. Lebbos:

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Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 9:09 AM

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

Subject: Re: proposed redistricting of Glenmont

"Brian Pasternak" < writes:

Dear AAC members,

I have lived in Glenmont for nine years and I am concerned about the proposed redistricting of Glenmont students to Oakland Mills Middle School (OMMS) in 2014.

My older daughter will enter 8th grade in 2014, which means she would have to attend two middle schools. I am concerned that she may also have to attend two high schools! Glenmont students currently *walk* to Howard HS. If Glenmont students are redistricted to OMMS, they might then be redistricted out of Howard HS to resolve the significant feeder problem. The 2012 Feasibility Study calls for a future high school in the Northeastern Region. (See pages 8 and 27 of the Feasibility Study.) If a new high school opens in the Northeastern Region and relieves overcrowding at Howard HS, then Glenmont is likely to be sent back to Howard HS since it makes economic and environmental sense for Glenmont to *walk* to Howard HS. Consequently, if Glenmont is redistricted away from and then back to Howard HS, my daughter might have to attend two high schools ... after attending two middle schools!

In sum:

1. If Glenmont students are redistricted to OMMS, they would be the only students who feed to Howard HS—a *feed of only 1.8 percent*;
2. Glenmont students should remain at Howard HS since they are walkers;
3. Therefore, I urge you to keep Glenmont at Ellicott Mills MS or at any middle school that feeds to Howard HS.

Thank you for the many hours you have spent volunteering for the AAC this summer.

Sincerely,

Brian Pasternak

Resident of Glenmont (polygons 65, 1065, and 2065)



Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 9:10 AM

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

Subject: Re: Area planning comments

Michael Bosilovich ·

To the Board of Education and Area Planning Committee

First, we greatly appreciate the significant time and thoughtful process that the Board and Area planning committee employ. Our children are able to remain in Worthington Elementary, because the previous area committee planned to not move Worthington areas.

Our triplets will be entering 5th grade at Worthington this year, so our elementary school location will not be directly affected by these decisions. However, as engaged members of the Worthington community, we wanted to voice support for maintaining the current community. Not only are we connected to other families through the school, but also activities based on the school, such as Cub Scouts (I am a den leader) and Girl Scouts. Through these organizations, we have networked with many other community members for the betterment of the community (food and coat drives, stream clean up and animal shelter drive to name only a few). These all strengthen our community. Of course, relocating to a new school would likely provide similar opportunity for community contributions. However, the Worthington community depends on its active members, and so, the community itself is affected by area changes.

We understand that sometimes change is necessary, and so are not asking special treatment. We only ask that you give the same thoughtful consideration to the foundations of the Worthington community as you did in years past and as you have maintained other communities in the county. Our family (in polygon 2093) will continue to monitor the discussions and decisions in this process, especially, as we are interested in how it may ultimately affect the MS and HS feeds, as well as the impact on the Worthington community.

Thank you for your significant time and effort, and thoughtful consideration,

Michael and Deborah Bosilovich
And Juliet, Ethan and Katie (incoming Worthington 5th graders)

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bosilovich:



Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 9:11 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: Marcy Maisel
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Redistricting Elementary Schools

Marcy Maisel writes:
Committee Members,

The Maisel family agrees with the Taylor Village Community matra:
WE WANT THE WORTHINGTON COMMUNITY TO REMAIN INTACT!

Thank you,

Marcy Maisel
Sent from my iPhone

Dear Ms. Maisel:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. As you know, the Attendance Area Committee (AAC) is currently meeting and the schedule can be found on the HCPSS website along with the minutes of each meeting. By copy of this email, I am forwarding your input to the Office of School Planning, which is responsible for preparing the final recommendations and presenting them to the Board on October 18, 2012. Until then, all ideas formulated by the AAC are fluid as the members deliberate on this difficult task.

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Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 9:11 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: "Alison Pasternak"
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Please keep Glenmont at a MS that feeds to Howard HS.

"Alison Pasternak" <[alison.pasternak@boe.org](#)>

writes:

Dear AAC members,

Thank you for the numerous hours that you have committed to the AAC this summer. I know that the primary focus of the 2012 AAC is on elementary school redistricting, but I am contacting you because of indications that the AAC intends to discuss middle school redistricting at your final meetings.

I live in Glenmont (polygons 65, 1065, and 2065) and am writing to express my concern about the proposed redistricting of my neighborhood. The 2012 Feasibility Study proposes sending Glenmont students to Oakland Mills Middle School (OMMS) in 2014. This proposal would create a feeder problem because Glenmont students would be the only OMMS students to feed to Howard HS. To resolve this feeder problem, I fear that Glenmont students might be redistricted out of Howard HS.

Glenmont students currently walk to Howard HS. There are many reasons to keep walkers walkers—primarily financial and environmental reasons. In addition, sending high school students to a school that is not within walking distance puts more teenage drivers on the road ... and causes more teens to catch rides with their teenage friends, particularly after extracurricular activities. Here are some frightening statistics on teen drivers:

- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for U.S. teens.
- The crash risk is particularly high during the first year that teenagers are eligible to drive.
- An AAA study shows that after-school hours can be as deadly for teenage drivers as weekend nights.
- The presence of teenage passengers increases the crash risk of teen drivers.

Having the option to walk to and from school reduces the number of teenage drivers on the road and the number of teens needing to catch rides with friends.

In short, if Glenmont students are redistricted to OMMS, they would be the only students who feed to Howard HS—a feed of only 1.8 percent. Glenmont students should remain at Howard HS since they are walkers. Therefore, I urge you to keep Glenmont at Ellicott Mills MS or at any middle school that feeds to Howard HS.

Thank you,

[Alison Pasternak](#)

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Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 9:12 AM

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

Subject: Re: Please don't redistrict the Worthington Elementary School community

Wendy Shiao

Dear Board of Education members,

We are writing to ask you to please leave the Worthington Elementary School community intact in your redistricting discussions. Our community is close-knit and the children go to school and sports and other activities outside of school together. It would be traumatic to the children to split off a portion of the community as has been mentioned as a possibility.

Thank you very much for your consideration and for all your hard work for the school system!

Sincerely,

Alex & Wendy Shiao
8054 High Castle Rd
Ellicott City, MD 21043
(Polygon 309)

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Shiao:

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Administrative Specialist to the



Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 9:13 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: Matthew Harvey
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Potential redistricting of Glenmont neighborhood

Matthew Harvey

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a resident of the Glenmont neighborhood. It has been brought to my attention that the Board of Education is considering, as part of various redistricting plans, changing our neighborhood's middle school alignment to Oakland Mills Middle School. This is a very surprising move to me, as our neighborhood has never been aligned to any of the schools so far to the south.

Our neighborhood is less than 1/2 mile from Howard High School. Our students walk to school there, and will (logically, anyway) always continue to attend Howard High. However, Oakland Mill Middle has never fed students into Howard High. Making our students the only ones to do so would put them in a position where they attend high school with almost none of the same students who attended their middle school.

This continual re-shuffling of student populations from one school to the next makes the school experience difficult for many students, as they are repeatedly thrown in with mostly strangers as they progress through school.

Thank you,

Matthew Harvey

Dear Mr. Harvey:

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Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 9:14 AM

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

Subject: Re: In support of Glenmont walking to Howard High

tes:

Dear AAC members,

I live in the Glenmont neighborhood in Columbia and am writing to express my concern about the proposed redistricting of my neighborhood.

Glenmont students currently attend Ellicott Mills Middle School (EMMS) and *walk* to Howard HS. The 2012 Feasibility Study proposes sending Glenmont students to Oakland Mills Middle School (OMMS) in 2014. This proposal would, however, create a feeder problem because Glenmont students would be the only OMMS students to feed to Howard HS-*a feed of only 1.8 percent*. That would be an incredibly small feed at an incredibly important developmental stage in our childrens' lives. Plus, it would contradict HCPSS's Policy 6010, which recommends avoiding feeds of less than 15 percent.

I am also concerned that if Glenmont students are redistricted to OMMS, they might then be redistricted out of Howard HS to resolve the feeder problem. AAC members clearly appreciate the value-both the financial and environmental value-of maintaining walkers as walkers, and it is critically important to me that my neighborhood remains one that *walks* to Howard HS. Therefore, I urge you to keep Glenmont at EMMS or at any middle school that feeds to Howard HS.

Although I recognize that the primary focus of the 2012 AAC is on elementary school redistricting, I am contacting you because of indications that the AAC intends to discuss middle school redistricting at your final meetings. Thus, this seems like an appropriate time to share my concerns about the proposed redistricting of Glenmont. Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration and for volunteering your time to this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

Jody D. Williams
5312 Catch Fly Court

Dear Ms. Williams:

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Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 10:30 AM

From: Daniel Wilt
To: Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko** BOE Email
Cc: "Susan E. Wilt"

[View in Browser](#)

Subject: Brampton Hills Polygon 1098 and 98 Redistricting

Dear Board of Education, Mr. Gallihue, and Ms. Bubenko:

My name is Daniel Wilt, and I am a resident of the Brampton Hills Community, polygons 1098 and 98 (address: 4798 Ilkley Moor Lane, Ellicott City). **I would like to thank the HCPSS Attendance Area Committee for bringing our polygons back to Worthington Elementary** as originally specified in the 2012 Feasibility Study and I support the current Elementary School Plan AAC_L7.

Over the years polygons 1098 and 98 have been moved from Worthington to Ilchester to Waterloo. **It is time to return our students back to our community elementary school, Worthington, where we started so many years ago.** There is the concern that the current plan will increase the projected utilization higher in the short term but it reduces over the longer term. I ask the Board of Education to consider addressing the projected utilization concerns for Worthington by increasing the school capacity to address the longer term utilization projections.

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As a reminder the closest schools to our neighborhood in order are (1) Worthington, (2) Veterans, (3) Ilchester, (4) Northfield, (5) Rockburn, (6) Waterloo and then (7) Thunderhill. Since the redistricting process has our neighborhood moving once again, I would like to move back to our community elementary school, Worthington, which we left so many years ago and to a school that is closer than our current school. I feel this is the best way to improve the welfare of our students, decrease the distance from the school, lower the cost of busing and reduce the time our children spend on the bus each day is to back to our community elementary school Worthington.

Once again, I would like to the Attendance Area Committee for bringing polygons 1098 and 98 back to Worthington Elementary.

Sincerely,

Daniel H. Wilt

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Daniel H. Wilt
(410) 371-0369



Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 11:11 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: "Mara Johnson"
Cc: BOE Email **Joel Gallihue** **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Glenmont redistricting

"Mara Johnson

ites:

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Sincerely,

Mara Johnson

5330 Night Roost Court, Glenmont

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Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 11:13 AM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: "Kamenetz, Jill" <j >
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue Jennifer Bubenko

Subject: Re: Glenmont Walks Jill Kamenetz

"Kamenetz, Jill" < > writes:

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Sincerely,

Jill Kamenetz, LCSW-C

5272 Bright Dawn Ct

Columbia MD 21045

301-351-7528

Dear Ms. Kamenetz:



Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 11:14 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: Sandy Acuna ·
Cc: BOE Email **Joel Gallihue** **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Worthington Community

Sandy Acuna <

>S:

Dear BOE,

I am writing this email to let you know that I do not approve of the BOE chipping off a portion of the Worthington Community. Here are the reasons why:

- We are a unique community with contiguous small roads where the elementary school is located in the middle of our neighborhood.
- While other schools in our area are positioned on more travelled roads and draw their attendance from many communities, ours is different.
- We are not looking for special treatment, just the same treatment that has been afforded to other contiguous communities such as Hollifield, Montgomery Meadows, Brampton Hills, Stonecrest, Wheatfield and many others in the county.
- The plans that chip portions of the Worthington Community off and send them to different schools use unnatural boundaries and send neighbors to different schools.
- Have you considered the following plan suggested by a Worthington community member a while ago? It seems quite feasible. In his plan, polygons 1094, 2093, 3093, and 4093 would stay at Worthington, keeping Worthington intact. Ilchester would receive Polygons 74 and 2074, which is already in the feasibility study. Additionally, Ilchester would receive Polygons 98 and 1098, currently in the Feasibility Study as attending WoES. These four polygons all include neighborhoods that border one another. Travel time for students to either school would be minimally effected. Obviously, the goal on our part is to keep Worthington intact, but this would also have the effect of keeping several bordering neighborhoods west of Route 103 attending the same school, Ilchester. Both districts would remain contiguous with no islands. Based on current numbers, it would result in 9 more students remaining at Worthington than in the current plans. This means WoES would be at 101.2 percent capacity and Ilchester at 103.0 percent, actually balancing it better than the Feasibility Study which would place WoES at 99.6 and Ilchester at 104.2. We didn't look at FARMS numbers and test scores, but knowing the neighborhoods, it should be negligible; they are all of similar socioeconomic status.
- I realize that many students and families need to be impacted by this redistricting but it doesn't make sense to move students unnecessarily.

Thank you for your consideration to keep the Worthington Community intact.

Sincerely,

Sandy Acuna, mother of Nathan (Grade 3) and Katie (Kindergarten)
4616 Tall Maple Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043
(c) 240-426-1183



Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 11:16 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: Paul & Diane Taylor <
Cc: BOE Email **Joel Gallihue** **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Glenmont School Redistricting - 2014

Paul & Diane Taylor ·

es:

Hello,

I am writing on behalf of the proposed redistricting of my neighborhood (Glenmont) from Ellicott Mills Middle School to Oakland Mills Middle School in 2014.

My family has lived in Glenmont for over 20 years and my four children have enjoyed and benefited socially and academically from our current school district because of not having the disruption of being transferred from one school district to another. The teenage years are a struggle as it is without adding this pressure to their lives. Three of my four children have attended Howard High and enjoyed the community spirit. I worry that if we are districted to OMMS, our high school will change too. I work and like the fact that my children walked home every day from school. It was good socially and physically for them. They felt more connected to the school/neighborhood community and in turn performed better academically in their classes.

We are such a small neighborhood that moving us from one school area to another would not have much impact on overcrowding. Additionally, it would require one or two buses to transport the kids to Oakland Mills High School when they could just walk to and from Howard High.

Thank you taking the time to read my email and for all that you do for the school system.

Sincerely,

Diane Taylor

Dear Ms. Taylor:

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Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 1:30 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: Margaret Becker ·
Cc: BOE Email **Joel Gallihue** **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Districting of Polygon 91

Attachments: HC BOE completed comment form.pdf / Uploaded File (272K)

Margaret Becker <

writes:

Dear Attendance Area Committee,

Currently the Polygon I live in, Polygon 91, is set to go to Rockburn ES which is over 4 miles from my development but polygon 91 is only 1/2 mile away from Ilchester ES. 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 Polygon 91 (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.

Please also see my attached comment form.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Margaret Becker

Dear Ms. Becker:

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Regards,



Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 1:31 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: "Jeanette A."
Cc: BOE Email **Joel Gallihue** **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Proposed Middle School Redistricting for Glenmont Students

"Jeanette A." <jeanette@glennet.org>
August 14, 2012

Dear AAC members,

Our family moved to the Glenmont neighborhood in Columbia four months ago. Our top priority when purchasing a home was researching the schools that our three boys will attend. I'm sure you can understand my surprise and concern when I learned of the proposed redistricting of the Glenmont neighborhood.

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Sincerely,

Jeanette Ayala

Dear Ms. Ayala:

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Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 1:33 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To: :

Cc: **Joel Gallihue** BOE Ema

Jennifer Bubenko

Subject: Re: Waverly Elementary Redistricting Comments

Attachments: Waverly Elementary Redistricting Comments.pdf / Uploaded File (74K)

writes:

Please find attached a memo containing our comments to the most recent redistricting plans affecting Waverly Elementary. Thanks in advance for your attention to this most important matter.

jay & Shelley Tolle

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Tolle:

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Regards,

Kathy Hanks
Administrative Specialist to the
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Phone: 410-313-7194
Fax: 410-313-6833



Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 1:35 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: "Porter, Rob L COL MIL NG NGB ARNG"
Cc: BOE Email **Joel Gallihue** **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Redistricting (UNCLASSIFIED)

"Porter, Rob L COL MIL NG NGB ARNG"

writes:

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: FOUO

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Sincerely,

Robert Porter

5324 Winter Moss Court
Columbia, MD 21045
Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
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Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 1:44 PM

From:

 Elissa Wykoff

To:

 **Joel Gallihue**  **Jennifer Bubenko**  BOE Email

[View in Browser](#)

Subject: Thank you for listening to our concerns

Mr. Gallihue, Ms. Bubenko and members of the Attendance Area Committee,

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Thank you again,

Elissa Wykoff
4691 Yorkshire Drive
Brampton Hills



Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 4:59 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Elissa Wykoff
Cc: Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko** BOE Email

Subject: Re: Thank you for listening to our concerns

Elissa Wykoff · [_____](#)

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Elissa Wykoff
4691 Yorkshire Drive
Brampton Hills

Dear Ms. Wykoff:

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Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 5:00 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Kristen McManus ·
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Wheatfield Schools

Kristen McManus < > writes:

To Whom It May Concern:

As a Wheatfield resident with two toddlers and a baby on the way, I am in favor of Wheatfield being redistricted to Veterans Elementary School.

Logistically, this move makes sense since considering we are less than a mile away. When I first moved to Wheatfield two years ago, I was astonished to learn that our students did not attend school there. Therefore, I am pleased that the latest proposal has Wheatfield attending Veterans.

Speaking as a high school teacher in Howard County, I am hoping the committee will create a solution that prevents this type of redistricting from occurring every 3-4 years. I have taught many students who were redistricted and the change in schools strongly affects them. Some of my former students have been redistricted multiple times, which affects their relationships with their peers. Many students did not feel like they belonged at the HS, where I taught, because they did not attend elementary or middle school with the majority of the students. It was like they moved from out of state. Adolescents need to feel as if they belong and form lasting friendships, which is something they cannot do if the BOE keeps redistricting the same neighborhoods every 4 years.

As a parent, I would like my daughters to attend the school in their neighborhood for the duration of their time there. Veterans is a natural fit for the Wheatfield neighborhood, which, in my opinion, is a solution for the future.

Thank you for your time,
Kristen McManus
4579 Rolling Meadows
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Ms. McManus:

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Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 5:01 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Vera Simmons
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Glenmont walks to Howard High

Vera Simmons

writes:

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Vera Simmons

Dear Ms. Simmons:

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Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 5:01 PM

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To: Dana Snyder ·
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: AAC letter

Dana Snyder

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Dana Snyder
9010 Scotch Pine Ct.

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Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 5:05 PM

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

Subject: Re: Worthington School District

Nat Gill

Hello,

Im writing to express my concern that the Worthington Elementary School district might be broken apart. The elementary school is an integral part of our self contained neighborhood and arbitrarily sending neighbors off to schools in different neighborhoods based on unnatural boundaries would be an extreme shame. Please keep Worthington united.

Thank You,
Nat Gill
4809 Rollintop Rd.
Ellicott City, MD 21043

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Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 5:25 PM

From: Susan

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

Subject: Brampton Hills Polygon 1098 and 98 Redistricting

> Dear Board of Education, Mr. Gallihue, and Ms. Bubenko:

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Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 6:54 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: gabrielle jacobson
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: keep glenmont walking!

[gabrielle jacobson <c>](#) writes:

I urge you to **keep** middle school students who live in **Glenmont** going to **Ellicott Mills Middle School**. If Glenmont students are redistricted to Oakland Mills Middle School, they would be the only students who feed to **Howard High**. Glenmont students should remain at Howard High since they are walkers; therefore, Glenmont students should attend a middle school that feeds to Howard High.

If nothing else, what sort of message are you sending by busing students who could walk when the students are otherwise inundated with all of the other Howard County Healthy Initiatives.

Keep Glenmont going to EMMS and Howard!!!

Dear Ms. Jacobson:

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Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 6:54 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: charles rice
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Glenmont Redistricting

charles rice · [_____](#)

Dear AACmembers,

I live in the Glenmont neighborhood in Columbia and am writing to express my concern about the proposed redistricting of my neighborhood.

Glenmont students currently attend Ellicott Mills Middle School (EMMS) and *walk* to Howard HS. The 2012 Feasibility Study proposes sending Glenmont students to Oakland Mills Middle School (OMMS) in 2014. This proposal would, however, create a feeder problem because Glenmont students would be the only OMMS students to feed to Howard HS—*a feed of only 1.8 percent*. That would be an incredibly small feed at an incredibly important developmental stage in our children's lives. Plus, it would contradict HCPSS's Policy 6010, which recommends avoiding feeds of less than 15 percent.

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Sincerely,
Charles Rice
5260 Bright Dawn Ct
Columbia, MD 21045

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Message

Tue, Aug 14, 2012 10:16 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Monica H
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Worthington Redistricting Concern

Monica H [_____](#) rites:

To Whom it May Concern:

As a parent of two students who attend Worthington Elementary I want to communicate my opposition to the prospect of redistricting any polygons from Worthington Elementary. It is my hope that the current polygons that are assigned to Worthington remain there.

Thank you for your time and hard work.

Monica Heinlein

Dear Ms.Heinlein:

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Regards,

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Message

Mon, Aug 13, 2012 1:13 PM

From:  "Kathleen V. Hanks" <KATHLEEN_HANKS@hcpss.org>

To: 

Cc:  Joel Gallihue  **Jennifer Bubenko**

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Subject: Re: Brampton Hills Redistricting Concerns

Dear Ms. Landry,

Thank you for your email. It has been received. Please stay involved as the plan at this time is fluid. Thank you again for your comments.

Regards,

Kathy Hanks
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Keri Landry es:
To Whom it may concern:

I want to take this time to Thank you for considering the emails sent by the residents of Brampton Hills. I understand that at this time our elementary students have moved to Worthington instead of Thunder Hill in 2013. I believe this plan will be much better for our children, as well as the over all community, in terms of distance, cost and safety.

Regards,
Keri Landry
4705 Ribble Crt
Ellicott City, MD 21043

From: Kathleen V. Hanks <KATHLEEN_HANKS@hcpss.org>
To:
Cc: [Joel Gallihue@hcpss.org](mailto:Joel_Gallihue@hcpss.org); [Jennifer Bubenko@hcpss.org](mailto:Jennifer_Bubenko@hcpss.org)
Sent: Monday, August 6, 2012 11:17 AM
Subject: Re: Brampton Hills Redistricting Concerns

Keri Landry es:
Dear Mr. JoelGallihue, Ms. Jennifer Bubenko, and members of the Attendance Area AdjustmentCommittee,

My nameis Keri Landry, and I am a resident of the Brampton Hills Community, polygons1098 and 98 (4705 Ribble Crt, Ellicott City, MD. 21043). I am writing to express my concernand confusion over the more recently developed plans to move our community ofBrampton Hills (polygons 1098 and 98) to Thunder Hill Elementary School for the2013/2014 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 Hills is as follows:

Closest Schools (in order):

1. Veterans
2. Worthington
3. Ilchester
4. Northfield
5. Rockburn
6. Waterloo

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 the Brampton Hills' Community (polygon 1098 and 98) was overlooked.

At this time I support the 2012 Feasibility Study which brought polygons 1098 and 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 Hills to Thunder Hill contradicts the guiding principles of these factors, while the move to Worthington supports them.

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- 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.

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 Hills 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 Hills' current school, Waterloo.

- **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.

- **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

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.

- **Frequency with which students are redistricted**

Every year, it appears that no one knows where to move Brampton Hills. Ten years ago we were at Ilchester and currently we are at Waterloo. The 2012 Feasibility Study yielded we should be at Worthington, Plan J moved us to Thunder Hill, while a plan entitled Ich2 which was worked on after Plan J suggested that we move back to Ilchester. Now with plan ACC-L6 we are back at Thunder Hill. This indecisiveness and movement causes a great deal of consternation to parents, students, and as I can imagine the Area Adjustment Board. It also does not instill a great deal of confidence to residents in this overall process. Since the move to Thunder Hill is without merit and there are no other apparent reasons to move us there, it sets us up for a possible future redistricting in less than 5 years.

By instituting a move to Worthington, as the 2012 Feasibility Plan suggested, long term projections would not change substantially for Worthington over time. Brampton (1098, 98), is a well-established neighborhood with no new spots for rebuilding, therefore, changes for long range planning are negligible.

As I have mentioned, I applaud the efforts of the committee. I do believe however, that the aforementioned reasons I have listed require consideration in Brampton Hills' (1098 and 98) move to Thunder Hill. Of course Brampton Hills residents could start moving other polygon numbers around to suit our own purposes, and present that plan to you, however, we don't presume to know the makeup of another neighborhood, just our own.

The last plan presented moved almost as many students as the original 2012 Feasibility plan. As everyone will agree if we are moving this many students in any plan, it should be the right move and not just a shift in an excel spreadsheet

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

Sincerely,

Keri and Matt Landry



Message

Wed, Aug 15, 2012 9:54 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: Todd Newton
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Elementary redistricting

Todd Newton · [_____](#)

To whom it may concern:

Our family lives on Rollintop Road, part of the “older & original” neighborhood of Worthington. Our daughters attend Worthington Elementary, a 2-minute trip from our house which doesn’t require us to leave the neighborhood. Many cherished memories, indeed some of our children’s best friendships, were made at “our” school playground. Therefore we were shocked and saddened by the School Redistricting Plan. If accepted, it threatens to compromise our beloved community, and weaken the desirability that brings many families to our community. The close relationships that Worthington’s children have developed over the years through school, neighborhood sports, and the community pool/playground are now being threatened because of a “numbers game”. Children are not just quantities within a polygon on a map. They are integral and important members of the Worthington community, a very close-knit community that begins with the relationships created by the children at Worthington Elementary School. Any redistricting will only serve to tear at the fibers that bind the collective family of Worthington. Our school must be left intact.

Regards
Todd Newton

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Regards,

Kathy Hanks
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Message

Thu, Aug 16, 2012 12:39 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: Erin Schade
Cc: joel_gallihue@hcpss.org BOE Email **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Woodstock Rd

Erin Schade ·

is:

To whom it may concern,

My son, Will, is scheduled to be redistricted out of Waverly because we live on Woodstock Road. After speaking to many friends who live in the neighborhood of Taylor Farm, I realize you most likely traded our road for their neighborhood. They have a community association. We do not. Because of this, we are penalized. They were the "squeaky wheels" and you gave them what they wanted.

We are further from West Friendship. There is no reason for us to be moved and them to stay other than you gave in to their demands and louder cries. Let me assure you, there is no one more bothered that the people here. Homes have been bought and sold with the "Waverly" tag attached. Now, a school three times as far away, much older, and with different hours has been substituted.

Please reconsider your choice to give them what they want at our expense because they have the luxury of a community association.

Thank you,

Erin Schade

Dear Mr. Schade:

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Message

Thu, Aug 16, 2012 12:40 PM

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

Subject: Re: Redistricting of Worthington ES

Christine Ritter

Dear Members of the Board,

We moved our family to Howard County for the schools. We were so happy when we found our current home. The reviews on the schools were great and not only that but the elementary school is practically in our backyard.

Our daughters finished their first year at Worthington this past June. We were very impressed with the school, the administrators and especially the teachers. Worthington really is a great school community. There are so many school activities that involve the community that it really does feel like a family.

I recently became aware of the plans to redistrict the area. I was especially disheartened to see that one of the plans included sending the kids on Academy Rd and Hillsborough Rd to a different school. Academy Rd is less than a mile long and at least a 1/3 of it contains 55+ housing. It does not make sense to send these kids by bus across town to another school when they all can walk to Worthington!

I know that no one is happy when it comes to redistricting but it just doesn't make sense to disrupt this great school and the surrounding community. Please keep the Worthington ES community together.

Thank you,
Christine Ritter
8378 Academy Rd
Ellicott City, Md 21043

Sent from my iPad

Dear Ms. Ritter:

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Message

Thu, Aug 16, 2012 12:41 PM

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

Subject: Re: Waverly elementary school redistricting

Kim Matlock writes:

To Whom it may concern, I am writing to you with concerns about potential redistricting of Waverly Elementary School. I was surprised after the meeting on July 31, 2012 where the "L5" map had our polygon, 2166 suddenly redistricted to West Friendship Elementary. Logistically and economically, this is not the best plan. My home is 1.8 miles from Waverly Elementary, the mileage and travel time would be tripled. My children are involved in sports and other social organizations with Waverly, another reason to keep my children at Waverly Elementary. There are many more reasons I strongly support plan AAC-L6. It is the best plan to keep Woodstock Road families and the Taylor Farm families a close knit Waverly community. Thank you for your time.

Kim Matlock

Sent from my iPad.

Dear Ms. Matlock:

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Message

Thu, Aug 16, 2012 4:31 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: "Merkey, Lenora"
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Brampton in support of L7 and/or L10

"Merkey, Lenora"

writes:

I hope you are well. I wanted to thank you for taking the time to make sure that 1098 and 98 polygons stay in the 103 corridor with either the selection of Worthington or Veterans Elementary. In addition, keeping 1098 and 98 at Ellicott Mills Middle is also a cohesive idea well. With many families that are linked together and have preschool children at schools that take the bus to these two elementary schools, it is a logical decision.

Thank you again; in support of the original 2012 Feasibility Study and plan L7 that move us to Worthington, as well as plan L10 that moves us to Veterans. All of these plans meet our ultimate goal, which is to attend school in close proximity to our neighborhood and to keep us on the 103 corridor.

Thank you

Lenora Merkey

[a](#)

Neuroscience Division
Executive Customer Representative

240-374-9211

Dear Ms. Merkey:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. By copy of this email, I am forwarding your input to the Office of School Planning, which is responsible for preparing the final recommendations and presenting them to the Board on October 18, 2012, and the Board will take action on November 15, 2012. Until then, all ideas formulated by the AAC are fluid as the members deliberate on this difficult task.

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Message

Fri, Aug 17, 2012 1:38 AM

From:  "Y. Kim"

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

Subject: Brampton Hills (Polygon 1098 & 98) SUPPORT PLAN L10

Dear Mr. Gallihue, Ms. Bubenko and all the ACC Members,

My name is Jason Kim (4725 Widdup Ct) and I am a resident of Brampton Hills Community, polygon 1098 & 98. I have two children attending Waterloo Elementary School and very concerned with the redistricting plans. I am writing in support for the current plan, Plan L10 which has us slated for Veterans Elementary School. Our community has joined forces to support the redistricting efforts to move us to one of the three elementary schools near our community. Although, we were happy at Waterloo ES, I never understood why we had to attend the 6th furthest school from our community, in a different city when there were 5 others much closer. One of the plans previously had us going even further to the 7th furthest elementary school. This plan now combines our community with the Wheatfield Community (Polygon 100 & 1100) who also currently attend Waterloo ES. This seems like a perfect plan to keep the familiarity of Waterloo ES for easier transitions for students to move to a new school. This plan is another step in the right direction for the following reasons:

~less fuel consumption since Veterans ES is less than 1 mile away

~safer with less time on 103/104/108, possibly Rte 100 & Rte 29

~increase parent participation at school since community closer to school

~increase time for extra activities since shorter time on bus getting the kids home earlier

~community support since it moves enough students to be comfortable at a new school keeping kids familiar and with easier transition emotionally

~fixing past redistricting issues bringing our community back to the right school within the 3 closest school to our community (not making us travel to the 7th furthest school)

~permanent fix for future redistricting since projected capacity to be decreasing with time at Veterans ES

Thank you again for your time and we will continuously participate in the redistricting efforts (look for us in "blue") by supporting Brampton Hills for Worthington/Veterans Elementary School.

Sincerely,

Jason Kim



Message

Fri, Aug 17, 2012 9:15 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: "Rachel Jenkins"
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Glenmont Walks to Howard High

"Rachel Jenkins"

writes:

Dear AAC members,

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As current walkers to Thunder Hill we have come to really appreciate the benefits of a sense of community. We have developed solid relationships with other parents and students as a result of being walkers and have been able to play an active role in volunteering and extracurricular activities. I would like my children to continue their education through the system and have a consistent base of friends continue with them. By redistricting us to a school further away and potentially out of Howard High due to Policy 6010, I would see that as a loss of community for my children. **Therefore, I urge you to keep Glenmont at EMMS so that we can continue to feed to Howard HS with a unified group of students.**

Although I recognize that the primary focus of the 2012 AAC is on elementary school redistricting, I am contacting you because of indications that the AAC intends to discuss middle school redistricting at your final meetings. Thus, this seems like an appropriate time to share my concerns about the proposed redistricting of Glenmont.

Thank you for reading and considering my concerns and the concerns of our Glenmont community and for volunteering your time to this important endeavor.

Regards,

Rachel Jenkins

Founder

www.ScrapMyPix.com

443-226-9801



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Message

Fri, Aug 17, 2012 9:21 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: Kali Biagioli
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Proposed Redistricting of Polygon 7169

Kali Biagioli ◀

To the Board of Education Members, Attendance Area Committee and Mr. Joel Gallihue:

We are in favor of Polygon 7169, the Taylor Farm neighborhood, staying at Waverly Woods Elementary and NOT being redistricted to West Friendship Elementary as in the proposed plan. My family has lived in the Waverly Woods community for over ten years. Our son will begin fourth grade at Waverly Elementary this fall, and our daughter will be entering kindergarten in 2013. We recently purchased a new construction on Taylor Farm Road (Polygon 7169) specifically because that area was districted for Waverly Woods Elementary.

We agree with Ms. Cristen Boarman's email dated August 8, 2012, in which she states that, "Waverly is a newer school with county sewer/water service with a proposed addition that can handle more students than West Friendship". In the Feasibility Study, it states that there is also the possibility of closing West Friendship due to its age. If that happens, it would require redistricting students again. There is a planned Waverly addition included in the capital plan and the possibility of a new elementary school in Turf Valley in the future. For these reasons, Plan L10, which leaves Polygons 6169, 7169 and 166 at Waverly Elementary School, make the most sense. If there is to be more redistricting in Howard County in the next few years, I think it is more prudent to be conservative and redistrict fewer children in the west.

On a personal level, we are in favor of staying at Waverly because West Friendship is five and half miles from our home, while Waverly is a little over a mile and a half away. My husband and I both work and use the Before and After Care program provided at Waverly. West Friendship is further from our work offices and will increase our commuting time and distance travelled, since we provide transportation to and from Before and After Care. Even though we are no longer part of Waverly Woods Owners Association, our community backs to the Waverly Woods neighborhood, and we are within walking distance of Waverly community pool and shopping. The boundary of Marriottsville Road on the west is now the cutoff for Waverly Elementary, and it makes sense as a natural boundary for the

school.

Sincerely,

James and Kali Biagioli
10790 Taylor Farm Road
Woodstock, MD

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Biagioli:

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Message

Fri, Aug 17, 2012 10:23 AM

From:

 Daniel Wil

To:

 Joel Gallihue

 **Jennifer Bubenko**

 BOE Email

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Subject: --

Dear Board of Education, Mr. Gallihue, and Ms. Bubenko:

My name is Daniel Wilt, and I am a resident of the Brampton Hills Community, polygons 1098 and 98 (address: 4798 Ilkley Moor Lane, Ellicott City). I am in support of the current middle school plan AAC_M9 that keeps the students at Ellicott Mills Middle School. This plan continues the strong feeds from the elementary school to middle school as proposed in plans AAC_L7 and AAC_L10.

I would like to thank the committee and staff for continuing support of the student from Brampton Hills to Ellicott Mills Middle School.

Sincerely,

Daniel H. Wilt

--

Daniel H. Wilt
(410) 371-0369



Message

Fri, Aug 17, 2012 10:37 AM

From:

 Suellen Hubbard

To:

 Joel Gallihue  **Jennifer Bubenko**  BOE Email

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Subject: Brampton Hills Redistricting

Dear Mr. Gallihue, Ms.Bubenko, The Attendance Area Committee, and The Howard County School Board,

Thank you for your consideration of the concerns of Brampton Hills and for the work you did to find alternative plans which now move Brampton to either Worthington ES or Veterans ES. We support any plan which moves Brampton Hills back to its community roots and keeps us with our Route 103 neighbors. A move to either Veterans or Worthington enables us to attend a neighborhood school, to be connected to our local community, and to strengthen our feed to Ellicott Mills MS and Howard HS.



Message

Fri, Aug 17, 2012 12:53 PM

From:

Shylice Nelson

To:

Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko** BOE Email

Subject: AAC 8-14-12 meeting follow up

AAC 8-14-12 meeting follow up

Wanted to follow up from the most recent AAC meeting that took place. In the latest plan, L10, Brampton Hills is projected to move to Veterans. This move answers our concerns about distance and safety and also allows our neighborhood and Wheatfield to stay together which helps with the community build. I would be fine with either Worthington or Veterans as long as we stay in the 103 corridor.

Thank you again for the hard work and dedication the committee has put forth in this challenging process.

Shylice
Sent from my iPad



Message

Fri, Aug 17, 2012 2:25 PM

From:



Traci Barnhart
Traci Barnhart

To:



joel_gallihue@hcpss.org



Jennifer Bubenko



boe@hcpss.org

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Subject:

Redistricting Brampton Hills--elementary schools

Joel, Jennifer and members of the Board,

I thank you for all of the time you have put into the redistricting of Howard County elementary schools. Brampton Hills has a history of being moved from school to school (not always to schools in close proximity), and I wanted to let you know that I support the original staff feasibility plan, plan L7, and the most recent plan L10. All of these plans keep Brampton Hill students at a school close to the neighborhood and on the 103 corridor. These changes will be beneficial to our children, while cutting down on transportation times and cost for the county. Brampton Hills will once again feel like it is part of the local school community. I thank you for listening to and addressing our concerns.

I hope you all get to enjoy your Tuesday evening with no meeting, and I will see you the following Tuesday.

Thank you.

Traci Barnhart
4713 Bounty Ct.
Brampton Hills



Message

Fri, Aug 17, 2012 2:31 PM

From:

Traci Barnhart
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To:

joel_gallihue@hcpss.org **Jennifer Bubenko** boe@hcpss.org

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Subject: Brampton Hills Redistricting--Middle School

Joel, Jennifer, and the Board,

Thank you for all of the work and time you have dedicated to redistricting Howard County Schools. I understand the shift will now be to middle schools for 2014. For the middle school redistricting, I support the original staff 2014 Feasibility Study, as well as AAC plan M9. Both of these plans keep Brampton Hills at the middle school closest to our neighborhood, Ellicott Mills. In terms of transportation safety and cost and the sense of community with our neighbors along 103, I strongly feel Ellicott Mills Middle School is the best option for the families and children of Brampton Hills.

Thank you.
Traci Barnhart
4713 Bounty Ct.
Brampton Hills



Message

Sun, Aug 19, 2012 7:57 AM

From:



To:



Joel Gallihue



Jennifer Bubenko



BOE Email

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Subject: Brampton Hills (Polygon 1098 & 98) SUPPORT PLAN L10

Hello Mr. Gallihue, Ms. Bubenko and the ACC Members,

After another interesting redistricting meeting on 8/14/12, looks like my community of Brampton Hills (polygon 1098 & 98) has been moved again. I am writing in support for the current plan, Plan L10 which has us slated for Veterans Elementary School. Our community supports the redistricting efforts to move us near our community and not be forced to attend 6th or 7th furthest elementary school miles and miles away. So thank you for continuing to listen to us and keeping us nearby. We are not crying about being moved since it is inevitable that moves are needed for the new school #41's opening. Of course logistically, you would think it makes sense for the communities nearby the new school to be most effected. It's mind boggling how some communities seem to be immuned to redistricting and never be touched by it. The current plan now combines our community with the Wheatfield Community (Polygon 100 & 1100) who also currently attend Waterloo ES. This seems like a perfect plan to keep the familiarity and easy transition for students to move to a new school with many of their classmates(softening the blow of moving to a new school). This plan with Veteran ES being so much closer to our home (keeping us in the 2nd closest school) will also save bus fuels, give more time for students at home for homework, activities, family time and increase parent participation in school since we would be much closer. Thank you for coming up with Plan L10 in keeping Wheatfield and Brampton together AND keeping Brampton at a nearby school.

We will continue to participate in the redistricting efforts (look for us in "blue") by supporting Brampton Hills for Worthington/Veterans Elementary School.


Thanks,

Sharon Kim



Message

Sun, Aug 19, 2012 3:26 PM

From:  "Cathy Smith"

To:  **Jennifer Bubenko**

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Subject: Brampton Hills - Redistricting

Dear Ms. Bubenko:

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Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

Cathy Smith

4710 Bounty Ct.

Brampton Hills



Message

Mon, Aug 20, 2012 9:20 AM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Katie Thorn
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Cascade Overlook

Katie Thorn writes:

My name is Katie Thorn and I live in Cascade Overlook. We would like to voice our hope that we will be redistricted to Ilchester Elementary. The school is a half mile from our neighborhood and all the kids in the surrounding neighborhoods go to that school. Our kids will go to Bonnie Branch Middle from Rockburn at the moment which means we will be the only neighborhood in our surrounding area going into a new social situation as all the kids going to Bonnie Branch basically go to Ilchester Elementary. It just seems incredibly odd that our neighborhood is so far from Rockburn and so close to Ilchester yet we are plucked into that school district.

Thank you,
Katie and Jeff Thorn
4816 Yellow Owl Ct

Sent from Katie's iPhone

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Thorn:

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Regards,

Kathy Hanks
Administrative Specialist to the
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Message

Mon, Aug 20, 2012 9:21 AM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Andrea Solan
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: 2013 redistricting for VES

Andrea Solan writes:

Dear Attendance Area Committee members,

I have three children, one of whom was redistricted into Veterans in 2007, and two who currently attend. I served as PTA president for two years and became very familiar with the challenges of such a large and overcrowded school.

I am aware that several plans are being discussed by the attendance area committee, including L10, which would move students IN to Veterans from surrounding neighborhoods. I have some serious concerns with Plan L10 that I hope the AAC and the Board will consider:

Plan L10 calls for removing 474 students from VES. That is a very large number of students to whom the remaining students will have to say goodbye, and is significantly more than the removal of 340 students, as recommended in the June 2012 Feasibility Study. Although I am well aware that a large number of students must be removed, the idea of losing 474 children who are part of the VES community is heartbreaking. Losing almost half of our current student population will make the student body nearly unrecognizable.

Despite removing 474 students, Plan L10 then moves IN a large number of students, so that the net decrease in enrollment is only 261 students. A net removal of 261 students brings VES right to capacity. We have five years of history now showing that VES consistently and rapidly grows beyond any estimates. Removing 261 students is not enough to relieve VES of its overcrowding for any meaningful period of time. Removing less than 300 students almost guarantees that VES will be overcrowded again in the near future.

The VES community has waited patiently for this redistricting. We have been told for the past couple years that we had to wait for the widespread redistricting with the opening of the new elementary school, even though relief at VES was needed much sooner. As PTA president I heard from parents and staff members who found the size of the school difficult to manage. Our students deserve to have the redistricting done right: Pull enough students out to bring us down to capacity, and maybe even a little bit below capacity, given our proven track record of quickly and steadily increasing in enrollment.

I don't feel comfortable suggesting which polygons should move and which polygons should stay. We are a big school community, but we are a close community, and it will be very difficult to see anyone go. So I am writing in hope of persuading you of the importance of removing enough students--at least 300--to make a real difference for a decent amount of time.

Thanks for your consideration,

Andrea Solan

Dear Ms. Solan:

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Message

Mon, Aug 20, 2012 9:23 AM

From:  Kathleen V. Hanks

To:  skim

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

Subject: Re: Brampton Hills (Polygon 1098 & 98) SUPPORT PLAN L10

skim ·

writes:

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Message

Mon, Aug 20, 2012 9:25 AM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: "Cathy Smith"
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Brampton Hills - Redistricting

"Cathy Smith"

> writes:

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Cathy Smith

4710 Bounty Ct.

Brampton Hills

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Regards,



Message

Mon, Aug 20, 2012 9:27 AM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Gayathri Srinivasan
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Worthington community to be intact

Gayathri Srinivasan

writes:

All,

My daughter attends Worthington elementary School. WE WANT THE WORTHINGTON COMMUNITY TO REMAIN INTACT AS IT IS NOW. Please consider this as a plea from the community.

Thanks,
Gayathri

Dear Gayathri Srinivasan:

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Message

Mon, Aug 20, 2012 9:28 AM

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

Subject: Re: Woods of Tiber Branch/VES redistricting

writes:

Dear Attendance Area Committee members,

I am the President of the Woods of Tiber Branch Homeowners Association, a community that currently is served by Veterans Elementary and Ellicott Mills Middle. I also have two children who have both attended Veterans Elementary and my eldest child is about to embark on her student career at Ellicott Mills Middle. An active member of the Veterans Elementary PTA, I have chaired several committees over my five years at VES and act as volunteer in the classroom.

Our homeowners have recently become aware that a new redistricting proposal (Plan L10) has been discussed which will move our community (polygon 1102) from Veterans Elementary to Northfield Elementary. While we understand that in order to balance the enrollment needs of the entire county redistricting is necessary, we respectfully request that our community continue to be served by Veterans Elementary and Ellicott Mills Middle. Our community was a part of the previous redistricting which moved our children from Worthington Elementary to Veterans so we have first-hand experienced how this impacts a community. Despite this our children adopted and have made Veterans Elementary their home. Furthermore, many of our families have developed relationships with families in the Stonecrest, Ellicott Station and Brittany Drive neighborhoods (polygons 3101 and 1101) and we feel strongly that these bonds should not be broken by moving our neighborhood to Northfield Elementary.

While we are pleased that the current plans leave our community in Ellicott Mills Middle, we believe this new elementary redistricting plan creates unreasonable disruption to our families as the majority of the children attending Northfield Elementary will attend Dunloggin Middle School while our children will move on to Ellicott Mills. While making new friends is a part of life, the current proposal seems rather harsh given that this redistricting plan will remove them from the friendships they have developed at Veterans forcing them to make new ones at Northfield only to have these once again broken as they move into middle school. We believe that it is important to maintain the existing feeder pattern that already exists – Veterans to Ellicott Mills to Centennial High. Keeping students together through elementary, middle and high school helps students feel socially established and confident as they approach their important high school years.

In reviewing Plan L10 it appears that this same issue will be experienced by polygon 102 as they are currently assigned to Veterans Elementary only to be sent to Dunloggin Middle while the majority of Veterans moves on to Ellicott Mills. Perhaps one solution to this problem is to move polygon 102 to Northfield Elementary and leave polygon 1102 at Veterans Elementary. This shift would not have an impact on the capacity of either school as the current enrollment of polygon 102 is approximately 33 students compared to our polygon of 35 students.

We understand the complexity of this project and appreciate the diligence that you have shown in this difficult process. We believe that maintaining the continuity of the Veterans Elementary to Ellicott Mills Middle feeder relationship is important to the development of our children and respectfully request that you develop a redistricting plan that maintains this relationship.

Thank you for your consideration,

Elisa S. Oaksmith
President, The Woods of Tiber Branch Homeowners' Association

Dear Ms. Oaksmith:

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Regards,

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Message

Mon, Aug 20, 2012 9:40 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To:

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

Subject: Re: Supporting Plan L10

writes:

Good evening,

The purpose of this email is to state that my family; **The Viaud's** residing in the Montgomery Meadows community (*for over 10 years*) at 5245 Rising Sun Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21043 is very much in support of the **L10 plan**. I have twin boys aged 9 that are truly impacted on which plan is approved by the Board of Education. With that being said, my family is extremely invested with supporting the L10 plan for the following reasons:

- **Not allowing a large amount of students to have to move from different schools**

- With the L10 plan, students attending Ilchester, Worthington and Thunder Hill schools are not affected whereas with other plans discussed hundreds of students were moved from these schools.

- **Eliminating the need of shifting students**

- When reviewing and comparing the Feasibility Study, plan L10 appears to eliminate the shifting of students. More specifically, the plan prevents a ripple effect for students attending Waterloo, Ilchester, Rockburn and Elkridge schools.

- Neighborhoods off of the I-95, Route 100, and Route 29 areas will remain together and continue to allow them to go to schools closer to their homes.

There are also more reasons as to why I am in support of the L10 plan. Specifically, because this plan moves less students across the county, less schools are impacted with the L10 plan, school resources are better utilized with handling schools that are underutilized (*Clarksville, West Friendship, and Tridelphia Ridge schools*) and this plan works to solve problems with overcrowding on the East and West sides of the county, to name a few. Although these are all important reasons to support this plan, I only mentioned the strengths above because they have a direct impact on my children.

I would like to thank you in advance for your consideration as to why my family is in support of the L10 plan. I would also like to thank everyone at the AAC and the Office of School Planning Staff for their time, commitment and hard work over the last couple of months.

Please feel free to contact me at 410-203-2054 if you have any questions or require any additional information from my family.

Best regards,

Mr. & Mrs. Alain Viaud

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Viaud:

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Message

Mon, Aug 20, 2012 9:44 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: Lokesh Krishnappa ·
Cc: BOE Email **Joel Gallihue** **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Regarding Elementary school redistricting

Lokesh Krishnappa · **writes:**
My Name is Lokesh Krishnappa,

I live in the Wheatfield neighborhood in harvest view court and I support the current Area Adjustment Committee (AAC) .

Veterans Elementary School (VES) is the closest elementary school to our neighborhood which helps in reducing transportation costs and time for the bus and also to parents. it also helps in increased parental involvement in school activities since the school is nearby.

The current AAC plan seems to alleviates the overcrowding at WES and VES. This plan could keep VES at an acceptable level at present and for coming years as long as at least twelve years into the future.

Currently our neighborhood feeds into EMMS and then to CHS. With this AAC plan, our neighborhood would attend VES, and maintain the current pattern on through to EMMS and CHS. We will stay with our neighbors along the Rt. 103 corridor (Stonecrest).

Thanks,
-Lokesh Krishnappa
8536 harvest view court
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Lokesh Krishnappa:

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Message

Mon, Aug 20, 2012 9:45 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: subburaj kandasamy
Cc: BOE Email **Joel Gallihue** **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: WE WANT THE WORTHINGTON COMMUNITY TO REMAIN INTACT

subburaj kandasamy

· writes:

As a parent, we would like to have the worthington community to remain intact. Pl. dont separate the school zone.

Thanks,

Subburaj

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Message

Mon, Aug 20, 2012 9:46 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: Kimberly Moeller
Cc: BOE Email **Joel Gallihue** **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: redistricting of polygons 2074 and 74

Kimberly Moeller writes:

Dear Board of Ed and Adjustment Area Committee,

I live on Rosecroft Terrace in Ellicott City and I am a resident of polygon 2074. I attended the committee meeting last Tuesday, Aug. 14th. While I am in support of the current redistricting plan (L10), I noticed that there was an issue with the utilization rate at Bonnie Branch MS that was created from this plan (M9). It didn't appear that this issue was resolved. After talking to others in my community and reviewing the detailed data, we thought it might help the plan if you moved our polygon (2074) and polygon 74 (our neighbors) to Veterans Elementary instead of Ilchester as this would allow our neighborhood to stay at Ellicott Mills MS. Our neighborhoods would also be in favor of this move. I believe this would do the following for your plan:

- A lower utilization rate would be created at Bonnie Branch MS (when I calculated the rate without our group, it came down to 109%, while Ellicott Mills came up to 105%) as this would eliminate our "low feed" status and allow us to stay at our current Middle School, which is Ellicott Mills.
- Ilchester's utilization rate should come down to 100%, while Veterans would only go up to 107%.

I think this would also create an easier transition for the elementary school students in our area as they would move to their new school with several other friends from the Brampton and Wheatfield communities who currently attend elementary school with us. I know this is a difficult process, but thought this might help your current plan as I believe this would eliminate the weakness at Bonnie Branch MS. We appreciate your efforts to keep our polygon with other neighborhoods in our community.

Thanks for all your efforts,
Kimberly Moeller

Dear Ms. Moeller:

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Message

Tue, Aug 21, 2012 9:37 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: Joe Sating
Cc: BOE Email **Joel Gallihue** **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Redistricting (Support L10)

Joe Sating

writes:

Hi,

I would like to thank the AAC for all their hard work and patience in trying to address all the communities' concerns.

I am writing to support L10 as it moves less kids than the original feasibility study and keeps many communities intact.

Thanks for your consideration!

Joe Sating

Dear Mr. Sating:

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Message

Tue, Aug 21, 2012 9:38 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: "Robert B. Martin" ·
Cc: BOE Email **Joel Gallihue** **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Support of L10

"Robert B. Martin"

writes:

[To Whom it May Concern:](#)

[I've been following the progress of the committee and must admit they're doing a great job listening to the various interests of the different communities.](#)

[Of all the plans I sincerely believe the L10 plan takes into consideration the needs of ALL the children by keeping the neighborhoods together and reducing the times our kids spend on the school buses each day. This plan would all the children in my neighborhood to attend the same school and thereby building support and camaraderie among children and families which I believe is an essential part of vibrant and healthy childhood.](#)

[Please consider my support of the L10 plan.](#)

[Thank you,](#)

[Rob](#)

Dear Mr. Martin:

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Regards,

Kathy Hanks
Administrative Specialist to the
Howard County Board of Education



Message

Tue, Aug 21, 2012 9:39 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: Tiffani Tyer
Cc: BOE Email **Joel Gallihue** **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Redistricting & support of Plan L10

Tiffani Tyer writes:

Good Morning,

First let me start with acknowledging that I am truly grateful for all the work and long hours that the board has put into figuring out solutions for the children of Howard County. It is not an easy job, however a job that must be done.

I wanted to take a moment to let you know my opinion in the hope that it can be considered before you make a final decision. As a parent I feel that one of the most important issues with raising children is to have consistency. The Feasibility Study's major weakness is that it appears to shuffle students cyclically between Rockburn and Ilchester. Plan L10 addresses this issue and also moves fewer students on a whole while at the same time addresses issues in the western part of the county (Swansfield and Turf valley) that won't have to be addressed in later redistricting.

I appreciate all the hard work that the AAC has done over the years with continued support of community concerns and always working hard to keep neighborhoods together. The Feasibility study appears to disregard these principles and moves 430 students from three schools (Ilchester, Worthington and Thunder Hill) whereas L10 moves zero. Moreover, if L10 is chosen it would move 52 less children from Deep Run, 19 less children from Elkridge and 69 less children from Rockburn.

In my opinion, L10 is a stronger plan. Please consider its strengths against the Feasibility study as it truly does impact less students in the North East Region.

Thank you,
Mark & Tiffani Tyer
8225 Elko Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Tyer:

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Message

Tue, Aug 21, 2012 9:40 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To: **Manoj Agarwal**

Cc: **BOE Email** **Sonal Gupta**



Joel Gallihue



Jennifer Bubenko

Subject: **Re: HCPSS Polygon 91 School reassignment**

Manoj Agarwal ◀

▶ **writes:**

To,

Board of Education,
Attendance Area Committee, Office of School Planning
Howard County Publish School System
Maryland

Sub: Polygon 91 School assigment

Hello,

I am sending this email as per advise from Mr Tim in the Board of Education, Office of School Planning. I talked to Tim today Aug 20, 2012 at 11.30 am and was provided with this email address. Thanks to Tim for being very polite and supportive in hearing my request.

I am a new resident at 4918 March Brown Road, Elkridge MD 21075 that belongs to Polygon 91 of Howard county school zone. This area is very close (0.6 miles) to Ilchester Elementary school and Bonnie Branch Middle school. This is a new community of 14 houses that is an extension to existing community (Cascade Overlook) at Royal Coachman drive. This area is currently served by Rockburn elementary school and Bonnie Branch middle school.

There has been talks in this past to reassign this area to Ilchester elementarys school due to its proximity to the school (walkable). For current 2012-2013 session it will be served by Rockburn school. This message is to request the consideration for reassignment of Polygon 91 to Ilchester elementary school so that residents can feel comfortable sending their kids to nearby school.

Please let me know for any decision taken in this regard by committee members. I will be glad to participate any meetings or hearings to represent the home owners of this area.

Thanks

Manoj Agarwal

Proud Parent of 7 yr and 3 yr old kids.

Phone 404 514 7595 Cell

Dear Manoj Agarwal:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. As you know, the Attendance Area Committee (AAC) is currently meeting and the schedule can be found on the HCPSS



Message

Tue, Aug 21, 2012 9:41 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: Kristin Beimel
Cc: BOE Email **Joel Gallihue** **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Redistricting Support of L10

Kristin Beimel writes:

Thank you very much for all your hard work these past couple of months. I realize after attending these meetings that every decision has a domino effect and needs tremendous consideration. It can truly be a daunting task...so thank you! With that said, I am writing to show my support of L10 for a few reasons. One, L10 moves 2657 versus 2866 for the Feasibility Study which is approximately 200 fewer students than the Feasibility Study. L10 also addresses other issues in Howard County such as several capacity issues that occur in western Howard County not addressed in the Feasibility Study in 2013. Even with the 200 less students moved, plan L10 addresses issues in western Howard County (Swansfield and Turf Valley area) that the Feasibility Study did not plan until the 2016 redistricting. Another reason I am in favor of Plan L10 is that the natural boundary for 100 is better utilized to keep neighborhoods between I-95, Route 100, and Route 29 together and allow them to go to schools closer to their homes. And lastly, I am in support of L10 because of when compared against the Feasibility Study, L10 eliminates the eastward domino movement of students from Waterloo-->Ilchester-->Rockburn-->Elkridge. Again, I appreciate your time and consideration.

Kristin Beimel

Dear Ms. Beimel:

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Regards,



Message

Tue, Aug 21, 2012 9:41 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To: Ravi Dixit

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

Subject: Re: Supporting L-10

Ravi Dixit <[\[redacted\]](#)> writes:

WE WANT THE WORTHINGTON COMMUNITY TO REMAIN INTACT!

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Ravindra Dixit CRPC

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Office: 410-308-6192 | Fax: 410-308-6120 | Mobile: 443-421-0076 |

Web:

Dear Ravindra Dixit:

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Message

Tue, Aug 21, 2012 9:42 AM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Paul Jenkins
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue Jennifer Bubenko

Subject: Re: KEEP GLENMONT WALKING TO HOWARD HS!! (by not redistricting us out of Ellico)

Paul Jenkins ·

writes:

Dear AAC members,

I live in the Glenmont neighborhood in Columbia for nine years and am raising a family in a great community. I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redistricting of my neighborhood.

Glenmont students currently attend Ellicott Mills Middle School (EMMS) and walk to Howard HS. The 2012 Feasibility Study proposes sending Glenmont students to Oakland Mills Middle School (OMMS) in 2014. This proposal would, however, create a feeder problem because Glenmont students would be the only OMMS students to feed to Howard HS—a *feed of only 1.8 percent*. That would be an incredibly small feed at an incredibly important developmental stage in our childrens' lives. Plus, it would contradict HCPSS's Policy 6010, which recommends avoiding feeds of less than 15 percent.

I am also concerned that if Glenmont students are redistricted to OMMS, they might then be redistricted out of Howard HS to resolve the feeder problem. AAC members clearly appreciate the value—both the financial and environmental value—of maintaining walkers as walkers, and it is critically important to me that my neighborhood remains one that *walks* to Howard HS. Therefore, I urge you to keep Glenmont at EMMS or at any middle school that feeds to Howard HS.

Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration and for volunteering your time to this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

Paul Jenkins

Vice President Software Development – Sylvan Learning
1001 Fleet Street | 8th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21202
P: 410-843-8822

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

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Message

Tue, Aug 21, 2012 9:44 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: "McManus, Brian"
Cc: BOE Email
 "Kristen McManus"
 Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: BOE Letter

"McManus, Brian" writes:

To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident at 4579 Rolling Meadows in the Wheatfield Community, I am in full support of the current proposal to send the Wheatfield neighborhood to Veterans Elementary.

I have two toddlers with a baby on the way, and I would like my children to attend the elementary school in our neighborhood. Logistically, this move makes the most sense especially since my children could potentially walk to school. I can even hear Veterans and Ellicott Mills announcements from my driveway. Furthermore, this close proximity allows my wife and I to have more of a presence at the school, especially to volunteer our services.

Fortunately, my oldest is not in kindergarten yet; therefore, she will not have to transfer schools. I hope the committee will implement a solution that will have a lasting impact. Although we love Howard County and our neighborhood, we may consider looking to move if we have to fight every four years over what school we will attend. Thus, I really hope the committee is not only looking at the current population but also factoring what is best for our children for the future.

Thank you,

Brian McManus
BRIAN MCMANUS
Senior Director -- Technology
UNDER ARMOUR®
1020 Hull Street
Suite 300
Office: 410-246-5763
Cell: 410-598-8502
Fax: 410-246-1802

Dear Mr. McManus:

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Tue, Aug 21, 2012 9:44 AM

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

Subject: Re: 2013 Redistricting

Melissa Maheu <

writes:

Hello,

My name is Melissa Maheu and my children attend Worthington Elementary School. We have been closely following all of the redistricting planning over the summer and wanted to express our strong support of Plan L10.

Not only does L10 impact fewer overall students, it resolves several capacity issues in the west that were to be addressed later in 2016. More importantly for us, it helps keep our community and the communities around us together. I know that many families in the Worthington, Ilchester, and Rockburn communities have shared their redistricting concerns with you. L10 supports many of our views and is a strong choice moving forward for us.

We appreciate the amount of time and dedication you put forth in making decisions about redistricting our schools - and we know that some of those decisions aren't easy. Please consider all of the strengths of L10 when you move forward this fall with your planning.

Sincerely,

Melissa Maheu

Dear Ms. Maheu:

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Message

Tue, Aug 21, 2012 9:45 AM

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

Subject: Re: Support for Plan L10

Allison Staley writes:

Thank you to the AAC members who have worked so hard this summer.

We are writing in support of Plan L10.

Specifically, we are in favor of the move of our Polygon 1175 to Triadelphia Ridge ES, which is an underutilized school. Longfellow ES, a school projected at 100.5% for 2013-14, would benefit by moving the Polygons as outlined in Plan L10 (175, 177, 1175, 1177 and 2175). Plan L10 also relieves Swansfield ES from its capacity of 114.6%. In addition, Plan L10 utilizes the available capacity at Clarksville ES and West Friendship ES. The County Council of Howard County has stressed the importance of making better use of the schools in the western part of Howard County and Plan L10 does so. Making attendance more balanced at our elementary schools is beneficial to the students, teachers, administrators and staff.

Please make Plan L10 the plan the AAC supports and presents to the Staff as their final recommendation.

Thank you.

Allison and Steve Staley
11024 Hidden Fox Ct.
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Staley:

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Message

Tue, Aug 21, 2012 9:46 AM

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

Subject: Re: AAC

Jamerson writes:

Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for your work this summer. We appreciate all of your time and efforts spent finding solutions for our schools. After following the discussions from your meetings, **our family would like to express our support of Plan L10**. The fact that capacity issues are addressed while moving fewer students than in the Feasibility Study is a strong feature of this plan, and we also appreciate the fact that students in the I-95/Rt 100/Rt 29 area do not have to cross Route 100 to attend schools farther away from their neighborhoods.

Again, thanks for your efforts. Please express our preference for Plan L10 when you make your final recommendations.

Kristi Jamerson
5264 Rising Sun Lane, Ellicott City
Polygon 1095

Dear Ms. Jamerson:

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Message

Tue, Aug 21, 2012 9:47 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: Dhaliwal Ramanbir
Cc: BOE Email **Joel Gallihue** **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: I support L10

Dhaliwal Ramanbir writes:
Dearest Howard County Board of Education,

I am writing this missive to thank you for your efforts to continue to keep Howard County as one of the best educational counties in the entire United States.

I support the L10 over the feasibility study for two major reasons. First, the feasibility study impact would entail moving more than 400 students from Worthington Elementary, Illchester, and Thunder Hill, whereas L10 would not. Furthermore, Rockburn, Elkridge and Deep Run would further be moved under the feasibility study, whereas L10 does not.

Second, L10 would eliminate the shifting of pupils eastward (basically a domino effect), from Waterloo to Illchester to Rockburn, an on towards Elkridge. From an efficiency standpoint, I don't understand how this makes sense when considering that the energy consumption to move all of these kids to/from school via school bus/cars/transportation has a greater impact on the environment than L10. Let's keep Howard County green!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Dear Dhaliwal Ramanbir:

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Message

Tue, Aug 21, 2012 9:48 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: Meena Amin
Cc: BOE Email **Joel Gallihue** **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: AAC L10 plan

Meena Amin writes:

Good afternoon,

My name is Meena Amin and my family and I live in polygon 1095. I have been attending the AAC meeting on Tuesday evenings this summer.

These meetings have given me quite an insight into the hard work this committee does for our communities! The way they rise to the challenge of our growing student population and patiently trying to fine tune the needs of students and schools is to be commended!

I have come to believe the plan labeled L10 is the one my family supports. It has several pros that is good for the community in general.

For one, it overall moves less students around (approximately 200) while at the same time addresses the capacity issues in some western Howard County schools. Also, schools such as Clarksville Elementary, Tridelpia Ridge Elementary and West Friendship Elementary are better utilized.

Second, the back and forth of students from IES to/from Rockburn is eliminated.

Another advantage that comes to mind is that it keeps students from close by neighborhoods along I 95 and routes 29 and 100 closer together in schools near their neighborhoods which is ideal.

As a family, we feel L10 is in our best interest and would like to see the AAC present this plan to the BOE. Thank you for your time!

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Meena Amin

Dear Meena Amin:

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Message

Tue, Aug 21, 2012 9:48 AM

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

Subject: Re: Redistricting

Kathleen Ross writes:

To the committee involved with the redistricting, I am writing because I have heard that the L10 plan appears to be a decent plan for the overcrowding in the Northeast area. I believe the L10 plan moves less students to the Elkridge area which makes sense. Also, it will keep poly 1080 and 80 together at Waterloo therefore making busing easier and we should watch the transportation issues as well.

Thank you for all your work in this area of concern.

Kathleen Ross
8117 High Meadow ct
Ellicott City, Md 21043

Dear Ms. Ross:

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Message

Tue, Aug 21, 2012 6:43 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: "Linda" ·
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: We are supportive of L10

"Linda" writes:

Dear BOE,

We know that you have been working very hard over these past few months with respect to redistricting. We greatly appreciate your outreach to the community and for welcoming to hear the various view points. We are supportive of L10 as it keeps communities together.

Thank you again

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Message

Tue, Aug 21, 2012 6:47 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: "Bernadette Rogers"
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Redistricting

"Bernadette Rogers"

writes:

Hello,

My name is Bernadette Rogers, I am a resident of Montgomery Meadows and a parent of a first and third grader at Ilchester Elementary. I would like to first thank the AAC and the Office of School Planning staff for all their hard work and efforts to make the redistricting process beneficial to everyone involved. It is a difficult job that they are faced with and I very much appreciate them taking into consideration the needs of all the families involved. Having said that, I would like to recommend that plan L10 be presented to the BOE. As a part of the Ilchester Elementary school family, I support this plan because it impacts less schools in the North East Region. Specifically Ilchester, Worthington, and Thunder Hill are not impacted by this plan and that is a welcome relief to all those families that could otherwise be affected. The original feasibility study moved 430 students from these school, while plan L10 moves none. Also, this plan aims to have less of an impact on Deep Run, Elkridge and Rockburn schools. Seeing as no one wants to move out of their current school, and switching schools can have a negative impact on all the children and families involved, plan L10 seems to be the likely choice to cause the least disruption.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Bernadette Rogers
8278 Elko Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Ms. Rogers:

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Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 2:06 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: HEATHER MURPHY
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: AAC Input

HEATHER MURPHY

writes:

AAC members,

As parents of children in the Howard County school system we want to thank the committee for their hard work over the last two months. This is a job that must be done but most citizens are not willing to take on the task. We live in polygon 2095 and have had children in Ilchester ES since 2003. Obviously we would like to keep our last child at the same school but do understand that with a new school in Elkridge changes must be made to balance attendance. We strongly believe that moving the least number of children is best for all and Plan L10 does this.

With the last point in mind we strongly support plan L10 as it addresses the balance best while moving the least number of children while it also avoidshaving to shift children back and forth between Rockburn and Ilchester. The plan also sets up a compact attendance area for the new school in Elkridge. All of this should minimize the amount of time that Howard County children will spend on a school bus every day.

Charles & Heather Murphy

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Murphy:

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Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 2:08 PM

From:  Kathleen V. Hanks

To:  George and Noelle Jackson

Cc:  BOE Email
 "Noelle Jackson"
 "George L."
 **Jennifer Bubenko**

 Joel Gallihue

Subject: Re: AAC Feedback

George and Noelle Jackson writes:

Dear Attendance Area Committee and Office of School Planning,

We would like to thank the Attendance Area Committee and the Office of School Planning for your hard work and dedication over the past several weeks. We feel that your efforts have produced a comprehensive plan that is better than the original feasibility study. The AAC took many considerations into account such as listening to community feedback, working hard to keep neighborhoods together, reducing the amount of time kids spend on the bus each day, minimizing the number of children moved, minimizing the number of schools impacted, taking advantage of extra capacity in Western Howard County, and incorporating some of the 2016 redistricting in 2013.

Specifically, we fully support plan L10. We hope that on Tuesday, August 28th, the AAC will reach consensus on plan L10, and that the Office of School Planning will recommend plan L10 to the Board of Education this fall.

Plan L10 moves approximately 200 fewer students than the original feasibility study. Even with 200 less students moved, plan L10 addresses issues in western Howard County (Swansfield and Turf Valley area) that the feasibility study did not plan until the 2016 redistricting. L10 is a stronger plan, because it fixes several capacity issues in the west that the feasibility study did not address in 2013, while moving fewer students overall.

Plan L10 impacts fewer schools in the Northeast than the original feasibility study. When compared to the feasibility study, plan L10 eliminates the eastward domino movement of students from Waterloo to Worthington, from Worthington to Ilchester, from Ilchester to Rockburn and from Rockburn to Elkridge. Plan L10 also eliminates the cyclical shuffling of students between Rockburn and Ilchester. Ilchester, Worthington and Thunder Hill are not impacted by plan L10. The feasibility study moved 430 students from these three schools, whereas L10 moves zero. Plan L10 also has less of an impact to Deep Run (52 less children moved), Elkridge (19 less children moved), and Rockburn (69 less children moved).

Plan L10 appears better from a transportation perspective. The new elementary school attending area in plan L10 takes better advantage of the neighborhoods near the school to potentially increase the number of students who could walk to the school. Overall, the boundary lines provide closer proximity to schools, particularly for the neighborhoods near Route 100, I-95 and Route 29. Plan L10 keeps polygons 1080 and 80 along Mayfield Avenue together going to the same school (Waterloo), making bus transportation easier along this route. Also, plan L10 moves less students to Elkridge (polygons 92 and 44 stay at Rockburn), establishing a smaller geographic attendance area for Elkridge.

Plan L10 makes better use of existing capacity in the west. Plan L10 helps solve overcrowding problems further east by utilizing extra capacity at Clarksville, West Friendship and Tridelphia Ridge.

These are a few reasons why we feel plan L10 is an improvement over the original feasibility study and we hope that the AAC reaches consensus on this plan next week.

Again, thank you for your commitment and the significant

amount of work that you have accomplished.

Regards,

George and Noelle Jackson
5252 Rising Sun Lane
Polygons 95,1095,2095

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Jackson:

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Regards,

Kathy Hanks
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Fax: 410-313-6833



Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 2:08 PM

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

Subject: Re: Redistricting plans

writes:

My family and I support the redistricting of our community as set forth in AAC Plans L-10 and M-9

Mike and Elizabeth Clevenger
12008 Open Run Rd
Ellicott City, MD 21042 -

Mike Clevenger
Sales Manager

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Long & Foster Real Estate, Inc.
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Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Clevenger:

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Regards,

Kathy Hanks



Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 2:09 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Peter Stephanos
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Support of plan L10

Peter Stephanos writes:

To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to thank the AAC and the Office of School Planning Staff for their time and effort over the last several months as you have tried to develop a consensus plan for presentation to the Board of Education. As parents of three children that may be impacted by this redistricting effort, we are writing you to encourage your support of the L10 plan over the Feasibility Study. We know that you have worked hard to take into account many different communities' concerns about both the feasibility study and other intermediate plans but it seems that the L10 plan is the most comprehensive and addresses more of those concerns, like keeping neighborhoods together and reducing the amount of time that kids spend on the bus each day. The east is overcrowded while there are elementary schools in the west like Clarksville, West Friendship and Tridelphia Ridge, that are underutilized (there was an article several months ago in the Howard County Times about the empty classrooms at Tridelphia Ridge). In our opinion, we should be trying to better utilize existing space while at the same time minimizing the number of students that need to move to new schools, especially to schools that are already over capacity. The new elementary school will help with some of the overcrowding in the eastern part of the county and the attending area in plan L10 will also further the committee's goals of keeping neighborhoods together. In addition, plan L10 will impact fewer schools in the North East Region and stop the movement of students eastward from Waterloo to Ilchester to Rockburn to Elkridge. We do not believe that it makes any sense to move our kids to schools that are already over capacity and does not alleviate the capacity problems at the schools they are leaving.

We understand the difficulty you face in drafting these plans and that you will not be able to please everyone but we thank you for your consideration of plan L10 as the one you will take to the Board of Education in September.

Sincerely,
Ann and Pete Stephanos



Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 2:10 PM

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

Subject: Re: Redistricting

"**wwood12@verizon.net**".

writes:

To the AAC members,

As parents of two children in the Howard County school system, we are writing to express our admiration for how the AAC works to make sure the community stays involved in the redistricting plans for the county. We are fortunate to be able to view different plans on the website.

We are writing in support of plan L10. We appreciate the fact that it eliminates the back and forth movement between Ilchester and Rockburn Elementary. That distribution of children seemed unnecessary.

L10 also offers the advantage of better utilizing Triadelphia Ridge and West Friendship. It has always been difficult as Howard County residents to hear that some schools need to use every square foot plus more and others have room to grow. Thank you for your time.

Bill and Deborah Wood
8309. Glenmar Road

Connected by DROID on Verizon Wireless

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Wood:

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Regards,

Kathy Hanks
Administrative Specialist to the



Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 2:10 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Edwige Griffith
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Redistricting

Edwige Griffith

writes:

Dear Board of Ed and Adjustment committee,

I attended the committee meeting on August 14th, 2012. It was an eye opening for me, to see what really happens and how much of a challenge this can be. I admire your efforts, especially in trying to address concerns and suggestions. I live on Horseshoe Road, Ellicott City, polygon 2074. A mother of three (one entering Middle school, and two still in elementary school) the redistricting is certainly something I take seriously. I am in favor of the current proposed plan (L10) as it keeps us with our closest neighbors, people living on Grove Road, polygon 74. But from what I understood at the meeting, there are still issues with the utilization rate at Bonnie Branch. May I suggest that maybe instead of moving us to Illchester Elementary and then Bonnie Branch, we could stay with the polygons we have been, and go to Veterans and Ellicott Mills. I assume that this would not change our community to go to Howard High School, the closest to us and at a walking distance from our home. Again, this is just a suggestion, as I know how challenging this all is.

Thank you for your efforts,

Edwige Griffith

Dear Edwige Griffith:

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Regards,



Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 2:11 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Bob & Gisela Vikander
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: support of plan L10

Bob & Gisela Vikander writes:

My wife and I are writing this email in support of Plan L10

We are in favor of the move of our Polygon 1175 to Triadelphia Ridge ES, which is an underutilized school. Longfellow ES, a school projected at 100.5% for 2013-14, would benefit by moving the Polygons as outlined in Plan L10 (175, 177, 1175, 1177 and 2175). Plan L10 relieves Swansfield ES from its capacity of 114.6%. Plan L10 utilizes the available capacity at Clarksville ES and West Friendship ES.

The County Council of Howard County has stressed the importance of making better use of the schools in the western part of Howard County and Plan L10 does so. Making attendance more balanced at our elementary schools is beneficial to the students, teachers, administrators and staff.

Please make Plan L10 the plan the AAC supports and presents to the Staff as their final recommendation.

Respectfully,

Bob and Gisela Vikander
11020 Hidden Fox Ct
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Vikander:

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Regards,

Kathy Hanks
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Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 5:52 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: "Greg Benson" ·
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: In Support of L10

"Greg Benson"

writes:

To Whom it May Concern:

Thank you so much for providing the opportunity and listening to the interests of the different communities affected by school redistricting.

In my opinion, the L10 plan best serves the families, especially the children by keeping the areas/neighborhoods together. This should reduce the time kids spend on the buses too. All the kids in my neighborhood would be able to attend the same school and continue the relationships that have been built over the years between the schools and the families.

My thanks to you for supporting the L10 plan.

Regards,

Greg and Jen Benson

4309 Pleasant Path

Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Benson:

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Regards,

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Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 5:53 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Mike Liesch
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Support for Plan I10

Mike Liesch

· writes:

Hello,

Dear Mr. Liesch:

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Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 5:53 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Jason Steinhardt
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Yes to L10

Jason Steinhardt

writes:

As residents of the Worthington Community, we wanted to write in support of Plan L10. Members of our community believe that this plan best serves our schools and community. It helps to minimize the disruption of schools in the Northeast part of our County. It also best represents the proximity of neighborhoods to schools that enable kids to walk to school.

We understand that this is a difficult issue and thank the AAC and Office School Planning Staff for their hard work. It is our hope that L10 best provides an agreeable solution.

Thank you,

Jason and Tina Steinhardt
8033 Hillsborough Road
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Steinhardt:

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Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 5:54 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: monica heinlein
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: AAC- Plan L10

monica heinlein writes:

I am writing to first thank the AAC for all their time and hard work on the current redistricting plans for the Howard County Public School System.

Second, I want to share my support for plan L10. I support plan L10 because it moves 200 less students than the Feasibility Study and less schools are impacted in the North East Region including Ilchester, **Worthington (my children's home school)** and Thunder Hill Elementaries. In addition, L10 has less of an impact on students at Deep Run, Elkridge, and Rockburn Elementaries.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Monica Heinlein

Dear Ms. Heinlein:

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Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 5:54 PM

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

Subject: Re: Message to Attendance Area Committee in Support of Plan L10

writes:

Dear Attendance Area Committee,

Thank you for your hard work over the last couple months working on the redistricting plan as well as everything else that you do. I am writing this message to let you know that my family and neighborhood strongly support plan L10 (AAC_L10) for the following reasons:

1. Plan L10 impacts less schools. Ilchester, Worthington and Thunder Hill are not impacted at all and Deep Run, Elkridge, and Rockburn have less of an impact than in the Feasibility Study.
2. Plan L10 maintains better natural boundaries, keeping neighborhoods between I-95, Route 100, and Route 29 together and allow them to go to schools closer to their homes.

Thank you for your time and all your hard work.

--

Chuck Caplan
410-381-0829

Dear Mr. Caplan:

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Regards,



Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 5:55 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Kara Shuman
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Redistricting

Kara Shuman

writes:

To whom it concerns,

I would like to thank the committee for all the difficult work they continue to do on this elementary redistricting. I would also like to show my support for L10. I live in Worthington and it's really important to me that my neighborhood stays together. I think neighborhood schools have great benefits and I really appreciate the way the committee worked hard to keep neighborhoods together in L10. I also like the plan because it pulls from a more "walkable" area for the new elementary school.

Thanks for your work.

Kara Shuman
4301 Songsmith
Worthington Community

Sent from my iPhone

Dear Ms. Shuman:

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Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 5:56 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Mike Liesch
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Support for plan L10

Mike Liesch

writes:

Hello,

First of all, I would like to compliment the AAC and their efforts in the planning of the school boundaries. This is a difficult task and one that is probably impossible to do without upsetting someone. From attending the meetings I can tell that they have worked with a high degree of professionalism to achieve the best plan possible.

I have children attending Worthington and I support the L10 plan for two main reasons. First, Ilchester, Worthington and Thunder Hill are not disrupted by this plan, whereas the feasibility study moved 430 students from these three schools. I would think that less disruption to schools and their surrounding neighborhoods would be an important consideration. It also has less of an impact on Deep Run (52 less children moved), Elkridge (19 less children moved), and Rockburn (69 less children moved). Secondly, L10 is a better plan because it fixes many capacity issues in the west that the feasibility study did not address, while moving fewer students overall.

In conclusion I would like to thank the AAC for their efforts and urge them to recommend plan L 10.
Mike Liesch

Dear Mr. Liesch:

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Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 5:57 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Nimisha Sharma
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Redistricting - Plan L10

Nimisha Sharma writes:

Dear Madam or Sir,

My husband and I are residents of Montgomery Meadows (Polygon 95) and our son attends Ilchester Elementary school. We have been following the ongoing feasibility study regarding the school redistricting and the various plans that are under consideration.

We would like to respectfully submit to the committee our support for Plan L10 as we feel that this is probably the best plan with least impact to students and schools. It appears that Plan L10 moves approximately 200 fewer students than the Feasibility Study (2657 versus 2866) while addressing issues in western Howard County (Swansfield and Turf Valley) area and fixes several capacity issues in the west. L10 also appears to eliminate the eastward domino movement of students from Waterloo to Ilchester to Rockburn to Elkridge while impacting fewer schools in the North East Region (no impact to Ilchester, Worthington and Thunder Hill). To us, Plan L10 also appears better in keeping neighborhoods between I-95, Route 100, and Route 29 together which would allow students to go to schools closer to their homes. We believe this would obviously help make bus transportation easier and more efficient and also reduce the commute for students and parents.

We recognize that the AAC committee is working hard to accommodate the community's concerns while trying to keep neighborhoods together and reduce the amount of time kids spend on the bus each day and we believe that the L10 plan accomplishes many of the committee's goals better than other plans.

We would like to express our gratitude and thank you for all of your hard work and sincerely hope that the committee will consider recommending Plan L10 as the way forward.

Thank you.

Nimisha & Kanishk Sharma

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sharma:

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Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 5:57 PM

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

Subject: Re: I support the L10 redistricting plan

Joshua Phillips writes:

Hi,

My children go to Worthington Elementary School. I support plan L10 because it has the following advantages over the Feasibility Study:
It prevents the eastward domino effect, which would shuffle kids from Waterloo to Ilchester to Rockburn, etc.
It seems to maximize the number of kids who could potentially walk to school.

Best regards,

- Joshua Phillips

Dear Mr. Phillips:

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Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 5:57 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: "Catherine Bretz Mullaney"
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Support for L10

"Catherine Bretz Mullaney"

writes:

Thank you to the AAC for their time and work on the redistricting for Howard County. Please hold this email in support for plan L10. This plan is the best choice based on my observation of the committee meeting. It will move approximately 200 fewer students than the Feasibility Study. L10 moves 2657 versus 2866 for the Feasibility Study. Even with the 200 less students moved, plan L10 addresses issues in western Howard County (Swansfield and Turf Valley area) that the Feasibility Study did not plan until the 2016 redistricting. L10 is a stronger plan, because it fixes several capacity issues in the west that the Feasibility Study did not address in 2013, while moving fewer students overall.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Sincerely

Catherine Mullaney
4836 Ellicott Woods Lane

Dear Ms. Mullaney:

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Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 5:58 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Michael Bosilovich
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: redistricting

Michael Bosilovich writes:

To the Board and AAC:

Thank you all for your hard work on redistricting this summer! It is an important and difficult task, and you should be proud of the results!

This is clear when comparing the advantages of L10 against the feasibility study. Especially, noting that fewer students need to be moved (and less schools affected) while immediately addressing issues and making better utilization of schools in western Howard county.

Best wishes,

Michael and Deborah Bosilovich
and Juliet, Ethan and Katie, incoming HCPSS 5th Graders

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bosilovich:

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Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 5:58 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Scherr Family
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Please support plan L10

Scherr Family · **> writes:**

Hi-
I am a parent in the Worthington community and I'd like to express my support for plan L10.

Based on the info that I've read and discussed within our community, I believe this is a strong plan that makes good sense for many reasons!

Less students/schools are impacted in the north east region. The plan proactively addresses issues in western Howard County. And the plan potentially allows for more children to be able to walk to school.

Thank you for all your hard work in considering a plan that impacts as few students/communities as possible.

Kind regards,
Becky Scherr

Dear Ms. Scherr:

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Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 5:59 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Lea Drye
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: re-districting plans

Lea Drye writes:

To whom it may concern,

I'd like to thank the AAC and Office of School Planning Staff for their thoughtful consideration of the school re-districting plans.

I have children attending Worthington and I would like to express my support for Plan L10. I feel like this is the least disruptive plan for students and families since it moves fewer students overall and affects fewer schools in the north east region of the county. The L10 plan also follows natural neighborhood boundaries, keeping neighborhood children together.

Thank you for involving the community in this process.
Lea Drye

Dear Lea Drye:

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Regards,

Kathy Hanks
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Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 6:00 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: palaneeswara palaniswamy
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: WE WANT THE WORTHINGTON COMMUNITY TO REMAIN INTACT!

palaneeswara palaniswamy

· writes:

Hi

We live in 8371 academy rd, ellicott city, MD, walking distance to the Worthington elementary school. My daughter studying in 2nd grade in Worthington Elementary school.

Our house is 800ft from the school and takes 4 minutes to reach school.

We are requesting you to consider our request to keep the worthington elementary school for family living in Academy road, ellicott city, md 21043.

Thanks and hoping you will consider our request.

regards,
Ramkumar

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Message

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From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Kim Pawlowitz
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Worthington Elementary redistricting

Kim Pawlowitz writes:

Hello,

The following email was forwarded to me regarding the Worthington redistricting and the L10 plan.

Although at the moment my area of the Worthington neighborhood does not seem to be affected, it doesn't mean it will not be in the future.

I think the least disruption for the schools and the surrounding neighborhood is a valid consideration. Moving fewer students overall while accomplishing the goal of school overcrowding seems to be a reasonable solution.

I, also would like to thank the AAC for their efforts and urge them to recommend plan L10.

Kim Pawlowitz

First of all, I would like to to compliment the AAC and their efforts in the planning of the school boundaries. This is a difficult task and one that is probably impossible to do without upsetting someone. From attending the meetings I can tell that they have worked with a high degree of professionalism to achieve the best plan possible.

I have children attending Worthington and I support the L10 plan for two main reasons. First, Ilchester, Worthington and Thunder Hill are not disrupted by this plan, whereas the feasibility study moved 430 students from these three schools. I would think that less disruption to schools and their surrounding neighborhoods would be an important consideration. It also has less of an impact on Deep Run (52 less children moved), Elkridge (19 less children moved), and Rockburn (69 less children moved). Secondly, L10 is a better plan because it fixes many capacity issues in the west that the feasibility study did not address, while moving fewer students overall.

In conclusion I would like to thank the AAC for their efforts and urge them to recommend plan L 10.

Mike Liesch

Ideas for Strengths of L10 over the Feasibility Study to Include In Your E-mail (please pick one or two and put it in your own words):

A. Plan L10 moves approximately 200 fewer students than the Feasibility Study. L10 moves 2657 versus 2866 for the Feasibility Study. Even with the 200 less students moved, plan L10 addresses issues in western Howard County (Swansfield and Turf Valley area) that the Feasibility Study did not plan until the 2016 redistricting. L10 is a stronger plan, because it fixes several capacity issues in the west that the Feasibility Study did not address in 2013, while moving fewer students overall.

B. Less schools are impacted in the North East Region. Ilchester, Worthington and Thunder Hill are not impacted by L10. The Feasibility Study moved 430 students from these three schools, whereas L10 moves zero. L10 also has less of an impact to Deep Run (52 less children moved), Elkridge (19 less children moved), and Rockburn (69 less children moved).

C. When compared against the Feasibility Study, L10 eliminates the eastward domino movement of students from Waterloo-->Ilchester-->Rockburn-->Elkridge.

D. The new elementary school attending area in plan L10 takes better advantage of the neighborhoods near the school to potentially increase the number of students who could walk to the school.

E. In plan L10, the natural boundary of Route 100 is better utilized to keep neighborhoods between I-95, Route 100, and Route 29 together and allow them to go to schools closer to their homes.

F. Plan L10 eliminates the cyclical shuffling of students between Rockburn and Ilchester.

G. The AAC committee has worked very hard to listen to the community concerns about the feasibility study and other intermediate plans. They have worked hard to keep neighborhoods together and reduce the amount of time our kids spend on the bus each day. The L10 plan takes many of these considerations into account.

H. Plan L10 keeps polygons 1080 and 80 along Mayfield Avenue together going to the same school (Waterloo), making bus transportation easier.

I. Plan L10 makes better use of school resources by utilizing extra capacity at Clarksville, West Friendship, and Tridelphia Ridge. These schools are currently quite underutilized and by adding additional students there, the L10 plan is able to solve overcrowding problems further east.

J. Plan L10 moves less students to Elkridge (polygons 92 and 44 stay at Rockburn), also establishing a smaller geographic attendance area for Elkridge.

2. Attend the meeting on Tuesday, August 28th from 7:00-9:00pm and WEAR BLACK to Support the Worthington Community. Get your neighbors to come. Bring your kids. Wear BLACK. It cannot be emphasized enough that there need to be people there to support the Worthington Community---wear BLACK!!

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Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 6:01 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: "Peralta, Jason"
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Support for Plan L10

"Peralta, Jason"

writes:

As a parent of two children currently attending Worthington ES, I am writing to express my support for Plan L10. By minimizing impact on schools in the North East Region, L10 addresses many concerns, including keeping communities together and minimizing the amount of time our children spend travelling to and from school each day. Specifically, implementation of Plan L10 would result in no impact to Ilchester, Worthington, and Thunder Hill, whereas the Feasibility Study would result in the movement of 430 students from these three schools. I know that the AAC has worked very hard over the last several months to address community concerns with respect to the feasibility study (and other intermediate plans) and the impact this redistricting effort will have on our children, and I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for their efforts,

Sincerely,
Jason Peralta

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Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 6:01 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks

To:

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

Subject: Re: Redistricting Feasibility

writes:

I want to thank you for your hard work in trying to come up with the best solution for our schools in Howard County. I know it is not an easy job.

I am writing to support plan L10. I like that it eliminates transfer of students between Rockburn and Ilchester. I also like that it utilizes Clarksville, West Friendship and Tridelphia Ridge schools to help solve overcrowding issues further east.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Christine Maynard
5103 Golden Leaf Ct.
Ellicott City, MD 21043
410-461-1162

Dear Ms. Maynard:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. By copy of this email, I am forwarding your input to the Office of School Planning, which is responsible for preparing the final recommendations and presenting them to the Board on October 18, 2012. Until then, all ideas formulated by the AAC are fluid as the members deliberate on this difficult task.

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Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 6:03 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: "tara devine"
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: L10

"tara devine"

writes:

One of the reasons we picked the home we did was going to an elementary school in our neighborhood. I would love for our neighborhood to stay together and my children continue to grow and flourish at woes. Please pick L10.

Thank you,

Tara Devine

Tara Devine

Dear Ms. Devine:

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Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 6:03 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks

To: Janet Craig

Cc: BOE Email Dax Craig

Joel Gallihue

Jennifer Bubenko

Subject: Re: We support plan L10

Janet Craig <

> writes:

To whom it may concern:

First and foremost, I would like to extend my thanks to the AAC and planning staff for all of the discussion and effort that has been given over the past several months. Several plans have been reviewed and manipulated in an effort to be successful while affecting the least amount of people. I feel plan **L10** is the strongest plan to date.

I have sent previous emails to the committee in favor of plans that I felt were in the best overall interest of the Worthington community. The latest plan, **L10**, is my favorite of all previously discussed plans for many important reasons. It moves less students than previous plans, including areas in Western Howard county. **L10** eliminates the eastward domino movement of students at Waterloo, Ilchester, Rockburn, and Elkridge. **L10** appears to keep neighborhoods intact by keeping the natural boundary along Rt 100. **L10** also solves overcrowding problems further East by utilizing additional capacity at Clarksville, West Friendship, and Tridelphia Ridge.

As a parent of two Worthington Elementary School students, our personal and heartfelt reason for supporting plan **L10** is because it leaves Worthington ES alone! We reside in polygon 4093 which has been considered as a "chip" that could be displaced and moved to another school much farther away. This is such a wonderful community that has a long history of attending Worthington ES, Ellicott Mills MS and Mt Hebron. Please leave the whole Worthington community and its current school districts as they are.

Thank you for your hard work and consideration.

JanetCraig
Polygon4093

Dear Ms. Craig:

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Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 6:04 PM

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

Subject: Re: Support of L10 to the AAC --Redistricting

Michelle Panjwani

writes:

Hello,

I am a parent of two Howard County Public School students. We reside in Polygon 93. I have been following Redistricting very closely, as Worthington ES could be greatly impacted by the redistricting. Worthington is a close-knit community. It is very important for the children in our community to attend the same school. While my children would not be affected directly by the redistricting, my children have many friends in the community who may be redistricted to a new school. My children would no longer attend school with many friends they have grown up with and have attended school with over the years, if the Worthington community does not remain whole.

First I want to thank AAC and the Office of School Planning Staff for their dedication and hard work with this matter, as redistricting is never an easy task.

I am voicing my support for plan L10, over the Feasibility Study. Plan L10 moves approximately 200 fewer students than the Feasibility Study. In addition to moving less students around, L10 addresses several capacity issues in Western Howard County that the Feasibility Study does not resolve in 2013. Why not pick a plan that impacts less students and resolves more issues as well. Also, Plan L 10 makes better use of school resources by utilizing extra capacity at Clarksville, West Friendship and Tridelphia Ridge. This better utilizes school resources and helps eliminate overcrowding in the east.

Thank you for all your work and dedication to listening to parents to help make Howard County the best schools.

Michelle Panjwani

Dear Ms. Panjwani:

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Message

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

Subject: Re: Support for Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9

Rick writes:

To the Board of Education and Planning Staff,

Please note that my family supports the redistricting of our community in Polygon 1175 from Longfellow ES to Triadelphia Ridge ES as set forth in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9. The plan favorably alleviates under utilization as well as overcrowding in nearby community schools. I plan on showing my support for the plan during the hearings and worksessions scheduled for October and November of this year.

Thank you for partnering with us to better serve the community.

Rick and Anita Bajaj
12017 Open Run Rd
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bajaj:

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Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 6:05 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks

To: Nat Gill

Cc: BOE Email Gina Foschetti Gill Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: In support of L10

Nat Gill writes:

Hello,

I would just like to express admiration for the hard and high quality work the AAC has been doing.

In addition I fully support the latest plan the AAC has come up with, plan L10. This plan not only minimizes the number of schools that are impacted, but natural boundaries are better adhered to and the risks of transporting children over large busy roads are better avoided.

Thanks again,

Nat Gill

4809 Rollintop Rd,

Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Mr. Gill:

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Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 6:06 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: "Janet and Joe Hofmann"
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Supporters of the L10 redistricting plan

"Janet and Joe Hofmann" writes:

Dear AAC and Office of School Planning staff,

As Worthington Elementary parents, we are very concerned about the upcoming redistricting decisions that will potentially impact many of our students. We realize that you all have a very large job at hand and are attempting to make the best decisions for all involved particularly the children. We therefore hope that you will strongly consider the L10 plan as the best plan for the tasks that need to be accomplished. The L10 plan impacts about 200 fewer students than the proposed Feasibility Study. It is also a better option for keeping neighborhoods together and allow the children to go to schools closer to their home.

Personally our children are currently able to walk to Worthington Elementary on nice days even though they are classified as "bus riders". The feasibility plan will take that opportunity away from them.

We wish you luck in your decision making.

Respectfully,

Janet and Joe Hofmann

4722 Gawain Place

Ellicott City (polygon 4093)

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hofmann:

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Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 6:06 PM

From:  Kathleen V. Hanks

To:  Lynn Wu

Cc:  BOE Email  Lynn Wu

 Joel Gallihue

 **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Lynn Wu

Lynn Wu

writes:

Dear Attendance Area Committee members,

I am the resident of the Woods of Tiber Branch and have recently become aware that a new redistricting proposal (Plan L10) has been discussed which will move our community (polygon 1102) from Veterans Elementary to Northfield Elementary. While we understand that in order to balance the enrollment needs of the entire county redistricting is necessary, we respectfully request that our community continue to be served by Veterans Elementary and Ellicott Mills Middle. Our community was a part of the previous redistricting which moved our children from Worthington Elementary to Veterans so we have first-hand experienced how this impacts a community. Despite this our children adopted and have made Veterans Elementary their home. Furthermore, many of our families have developed relationships with families in the Stonecrest, Ellicott Station and Brittany Drive neighborhoods (polygons 3101 and 1101) and we feel strongly that these bonds should not be broken by moving our neighborhood to Northfield Elementary.

While we are pleased that the current plans leave our community in Ellicott Mills Middle, we believe this new elementary redistricting plan creates unreasonable disruption to our families as the majority of the children attending Northfield Elementary will attend Dunloggin Middle School while our children will move on to Ellicott Mills. While making new friends is a part of life, the current proposal seems rather harsh given that this redistricting plan will remove them from the friendships they have developed at Veterans forcing them to make new ones at Northfield only to have these once again broken as they move into middle school. We believe that it is important to maintain the existing feeder pattern that already exists – Veterans to Ellicott Mills to Centennial High. Keeping students together through elementary, middle and high school helps students feel socially established and confident as they approach their important high school years.

In reviewing Plan L10 it appears that this same issue will be experienced by polygon 102 as they are currently assigned to Veterans Elementary only to be sent to Dunloggin Middle while the majority of Veterans moves on to Ellicott Mills. Perhaps one solution to this problem is to move polygon 102 to Northfield Elementary and leave polygon 1102 at Veterans Elementary. This shift would not have an impact on the capacity of either school as the current enrollment of polygon 102 is approximately 33 students compared to our polygon of 35 students.

We understand the complexity of this project and appreciate the diligence that you have shown in this difficult process. We believe that maintaining the continuity of the Veterans Elementary to Ellicott Mills Middle feeder relationship is important to the development of our children and respectfully request that you develop a redistricting plan that maintains this relationship.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lynn Wu
resident of the Woods of Tiber Branch

Dear Ms. Wu:

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Message

Wed, Aug 22, 2012 6:07 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Marshall Gwynn
Cc: BOE Email Marc Steingesser Joel Gallihue
 Jennifer Bubenko

Subject: Re: School Redistricting

Marshall Gwynn

writes:

My family support the redistricting of our community from Long Fellow ES to Triadelphia Ridge ES as set forth in plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9

Marshall and Anita Gwynn
11216 Independence Way
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Gwynn:

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Wed, Aug 22, 2012 6:08 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: NINA NAZARI
Cc: BOE Email "Marc Steingesser"
 Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Redistricting

NINA NAZARI <[\[redacted\]](#)> writes:

Dear Board Members,

My family supports the redistricting of our community (Patuxent Chase) from Longfellow ES to Triadelphia Ridge ES as set forth in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9". I would like to thank you for all the hard you do for our communities.

Regards,

Hassan & Nahid Nazari

11260 Independence Way

Ellicott City, Md 21042

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Message

Thu, Aug 23, 2012 1:12 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Jeffrey Heiges
Cc: BOE Email "Jeff (Heidi, Jeffrey, Aubrey) Heiges"
 Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Attendance Area Adjustment Plan

Jeffrey Heiges writes:

Dear Board of Education Members,

My family supports the redistricting of our community from Longfellow ES to Triadelphia Ridge ES as set forth in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**Jeffrey & Heidi Heiges
4954 Valley View Overlook
Ellicott City MD 21042**

Dear Mr. and Mrs Heiges:

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Message

Thu, Aug 23, 2012 1:13 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks

To:

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

Subject: Re: Voice of people affected: Ridermark Row

writes:

Please accept this email in support for the current Attendance Area Adjustment Committee Plan AAC_L10 (for elementary schools) and Plan AAC_M9 (for middle schools)..

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Message

Thu, Aug 23, 2012 1:13 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: "Dave Ager"
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: School Redistricting Planning

"Dave Ager" writes:

To Whom it May Concern:

Our family is in support of the redistricting of our community (Carroll Glen) from Longfellow ES to Triadelphia Ridge ES as set forth in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9. Thank you for your consideration. You may contact us at:

David and Patty Ager

5044 Jericho Road

Columbia MD 21044

301-704-4404

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ager:

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Message

Thu, Aug 23, 2012 1:14 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: "Don and Heather"
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue Jennifer Bubenko

Subject: Re: Redistricting of polygons 2074 and 74

"Don and Heather" <[\[redacted\]](#)> writes:

Dear Board of Ed and Adjustment Area Committee,

I am a resident of polygon 2074 in Ellicott City. I attended the committee meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 7th. I'm a middle and high school parent interested in the redistricting process to see how/if our high school will be effected in the future. I know that high school redistricting won't be done until 2016, however, what is done now to elementary and middle schools will affect feeds into high schools.

Howard High is in our backyard. We can hear the band and football games at our house. My older son, currently at Howard, is able to walk to and from practices when we are at work and unable to take time off to get him to practices. Next year our younger son will be a freshman at Howard and will have the same advantages. Our biggest fear is that, if we are moved to another high school, our boys won't be able to participate in after school activities/sports. I can appreciate the fact that sports and extra-curricular activities may not be at the tops of your considerations, however, I can assure you that they have helped our son be successful in ALL areas of his high school studies. Moving us to another high school would truly put a strain on our kids high school opportunities.

After talking to other neighbors we are in support of the current plan (L10). We also noticed that there was an issue with the utilization rate at Bonnie Branch MS that was created from plan (M9). An option to the plan could be to move our polygon (2074) and polygon 74 (our neighbors) to Veterans Elementary instead of Ilchester. I believe this would do the following for your plan:

- A lower utilization rate would be created at Bonnie Branch MS (when calculated the rate without our group came down to 109%, while Ellicott Mills came up to 105%) as this would eliminate our "low feed" status and allow us to stay at our current Middle School, which is Ellicott Mills., and current high school, Howard High.

- Ilchester's utilization rate should come down to 100%, while Veterans would only go up to 107%.

Also it may create an easier transition for the elementary school students in our area as they would move to their

new school with several other friends from the Brampton and Wheatfield communities who currently attend school with us AND keep us feeding to Ellicott Mills and Howard High School.

Thank You for considering my concerns,

Heather Demers

Dear Ms. Demers:

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Message

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From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Jude Gabriel
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Support of L10 Plan

Jude Gabriel < > writes:

Thanks for your work over the past several months on the redistricting efforts.

I am writing you to support the L10 option for the following reasons:

- L10 uses the route 100 used effectively to delineate neighborhoods and keep kids going to schools closer to their homes
- L10 eliminates the cyclical movement of students back and forth between Ilchester and Rockburn schools.

Please consider my support of the L10 plan in your considerations.

Regards,

Jude Gabriel

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

Subject: Re: Support for plan AAC_L10

Zehra Asad

writes:

Hello,

I wanted to express my support the current Attendance Area Adjustment Committee Plan AAC_L10 (for elementary schools) and Plan AAC_M9 (for middle schools).
It s a good idea to utilized the under-utilized Tridelphia Elementary, Folly Quarter Middle, and River Hill HS.

Sincerely,

Zehra Baig-Asad.DDS

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

Subject: Re: Redistricting Planning

writes:

Hello. I have been attending most of the Tuesday night meetings this summer and am very impressed with the work Joel and his "team" does each night. The dedication and effort the "team" performs should be applauded. It is not an easy job. The group takes this project very seriously and work well together. Thank you for all that you have been doing this summer.

I want to say that I support L10. This plan moves less students than other plans and fixes the capacity issues in the West. The plan avoids the shift of students from Ilchester to Rockburn and back. This shift has come up before and should be avoided. Let the children have a "home" school and stay with it. The AAC committee has worked hard to keep neighborhoods together, reduce the amount of time kids are on the bus and takes into consideration many of the community concerns. It is a win for so many in the community.

Again, thank you for your dedication and work you have done throughout the summer. Cathy Gabriel, 8330 Glenmar Rd., Ellicott City, MD 21043.

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From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Mark Morgan ·
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Feedback on L10 Plan

Mark Morgan · > writes:

Hi,

Our family lives in Polygon #95 in the Montgomery Meadows area of Howard County. I have been following the redistricting plans and the discussions at the AAC meetings throughout the summer. I have been pleased with how the committee has addressed concerns raised by citizens across the county. They have addressed issues of keeping neighborhoods together, keeping down the time to bus elementary students to and from schools, and reducing the number of students affected by redistricting while trying to meet the goals set forth in the 2012 feasibility study. I believe that the latest plan developed by the AAC, known as L10, achieves these objectives and is an improvement over the plan presented in the feasibility study. L10 moves about 200 fewer students than the feasibility study and achieves not only the 2013 redistricting goals, but also addresses some of the concerns in the western portion of the county particularly in the Swansfield and Turf Valley areas. The L10 plan also does a better job of defining school attending areas in the northeast portion of the county. In particular, the L10 plan defines the attending area for the new elementary school in a way that takes better advantage of land closer to the school location so that there can be a larger area where students could walk to school. Also, the region between routes 29, Route 100, and I-95 allow for more natural boundaries. The L10 plan allows students who live in this area to go to schools closer to where they actually live and should reduce transportation costs and concerns for the school system.

While redistricting is a hard problem to solve when opening a new school, the AAC has come up with a reasonable plan in L10. Our family supports the L10 plan and feels it is a much better choice for the county than the original feasibility study plan.

Thank you,

Mark Morgan
5351 Heatherland Court
Ellicott City, MD 21043

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From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Kristen McGettigan
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Redistricting: Support Plan L10

Kristen McGettigan writes:

I would like to start off recognizing all the work of the AAC and School planning staff doe all the work put into the proposed redistricting plan. They have been very receptive to community feedback and supportive of our thoughts and views.

I have been unable to attend meetings personally due to my current work schedule and have relied on the community leaders to keep me informed of what was discussed in the weekly meetings.

I have been so pleased with the outcome and am encouraged going forward with plan L10. Plan L10 is ideal with minimizing the impact of student moves with many different schools. It also helps to eliminate the shuffling of students between Ilchester and Rockburn. I moved to my neighborhood primarily on the school district (Ilchester and Bonnie Branch).

I look forward to hearing more about L10 and keeping my child at Ilchester Elementary. I hope to make it to the August 28th meeting.

Kristen McGettigan

Polygons 95, 1095, 2095

8306 Glenmar Rd

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From: Kathleen V. Hanks

To: "Imerotaylor"

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

Subject: Re: Support of L10

"Imerotaylor"

writes:

Hi,

I want to first thank you for all of your hard work. Thank you for listening to our community concerns and working with our community for a resolution.

I am in support of L10 for many reasons:

1. It stops moving kids from on school to another and back again ex. Ilchester and Rockburn.

2. I like seeing Clarksville, West Friendship and Tridelphia Ridge schools being utilized to there fullest capacity. Stop moving people to the east. Start sending students to the west and using the schools that are already in place.

Please recommend L10!!

Thanks,

Larry and Maureen Taylor

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Taylor:

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From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Tonya Sigalas
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Redistricting

Tonya Sigalas

writes:

I am sending this email in regards to the redistricting possibilities for areas in Howard County. We reside in polygon 95 in Montgomery Meadows. I have a few concerns with some of the reasoning behind the redistricting of some neighborhoods. There is such a large amount of building continuing on the route 1 corridor so I am a little confused why we would be pulled further east when that is where the major problem lies. What is the reason for removing us from a school that is not over capacity to move us toward the area that in a very short time, 2 years tops, will result in us redistricting back to where as are now. That is why when looking at all of the plans that have been discussed amongst the attendance area committee, I am in full support of L10. Moving the least amount of students over the longest amount of time should be our biggest focus. Veterans opened over capacity the first year they opened. At this point the school is beyond over capacity. Realizing that a new school is being built and yes redistricting needs to occur, there is no reason to open that school at close to capacity with all the future building in the works. Wont we really just be back to this spot in a few years. The redistricting needs to draw westerly. Moving our very large neighborhood east is just bringing us back to the same predicament. The council has done a wonderful job devising plan L10 and adjusting the polygons to move the least amount of students possible as we move to resolve the problem for the longest possible time. I have 3 children that will be affected and i don't want to redistrict at all but certainly not more than once during their education. Thank you for your time and efforts that make Howard County the very finest in education.

Sincerely,
Tonya Sigalas
tonsig@verizon
410-418-4092

Sent from Yahoo! Mail on Android

Dear Ms. Sigalas:

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Regards,



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From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Harold West
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: I support redistricting as set forth in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9

Harold West
Greetings

▸ writes:

I support redistricting as set forth in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9

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Thanks

Harold West

11008 Steeplechase Court
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Dear Mr. West:

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From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: "Unkle, Liz"
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Support for L10 to be presented by AAC to BOE

"Unkle, Liz" writes:

Dear AAC,

I am writing in support of option L10 over the Feasibility Study. Plan L10 moves less students while fixing capacity issues in the west and fewer schools are impacted in the North East region. We especially believed in keeping children in schools near their home to help cultivate friendships and activities after school. L10 over the Feasibility Study takes advantage of the neighborhoods near schools including the new elementary school which increases the number of students who could walk to school. Also, the natural boundary of Route 100 is better utilized to keep neighborhoods between I-95, Route 100, and Route 29 together which also allows students to go to schools closer to their homes.

We would like to thank the AAC for all their hard work and consideration of all the different options presented. We know the job is not easy.

Robert and Elizabeth Unkle

8266 Elko Dr.

Montgomery Meadows/Polygon 95

Liz

Elizabeth K. Unkle, SPHR

Director, Human Resources

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GP Strategies Corporation

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Unkle:



Message

Thu, Aug 23, 2012 1:20 PM

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

Subject: Re: Redistricting

Rebecca Hahn <

writes:

Dear committee members,

Thank you so much for your time and the attention that you have given to the redistricting process this year. Your efforts in developing plan L10 are appreciated. You have worked hard at keeping neighborhoods together and by doing so have reduced the amount of time that our children will spend on the bus. In addition, fewer students are being moved with plan L10, meaning that fewer families will be impacted. This plan also makes better use of natural boundaries like I95 and Route 100 and it takes better advantage of the excess capacity in the western parts of the county. Your efforts have improved upon the feasibility study and should be commended.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Hahn
8351 Glenmar Road
Polygon 1095 2095 and 95

Dear Ms. Hahn:

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From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Laura Diltz
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: School redistricting

Laura Diltz writes:

My address is 8372 Glenmar Rd and I am from Polygon 95,1095,2095. I wanted to send my support for Plan L10.

The AAC and the Office of School Planning Staff have done a tremendous job at filtering through the large quantity of data to come up with a very cohesive plan, L10, for redistricting the elementary schools. My hats off to this team for the work they have done.

I am support of Plan L10 because my thought is that the less disruption we can cause our children the better. I really feel that we need to look at the welfare of our children and what stress we can elevate from them by decreasing the amount of children being moved. L10 has approximately 200 fewer students moving than the original feasibility study and has less impact on the north east region. This plan is stronger than the feasibility study because it does fix several capacity issues in the west as well.

L10 also creates a natural boundary of Route 100. This will keep neighborhoods between 1-95, route 100, and route 29 together. This will allow them to go to schools closer to their homes.

So thank you again for taking the time to read over my request. I appreciate the time and effort put in by the AAC and office of School and Planning. I know this is a difficult decision.

Laura Diltz

Director of General Accounting

Phone 443-997-5717

Fax 443-997-5714

Dear Ms. Diltz:

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From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Kathy Nevin
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Redistricting

Kathy Nevin writes:

Just to be heard, I am in favor of the redistricting of **AAC_L10 and AAC_M9 for Gaither Hunt.**

Kathy Nevin
11005 Hidden Fox Ct.
410-963-5672

Dear Ms. Nevin:

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From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Arvinder & Tajinderdip Uppal
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Redistricting

Arvinder & Tajinderdip Uppal writes:

Dear board of education members, My family supports the redistricting of our community from Longfellow ES to Triadelphia Ridge ES as set forth in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9”

Thank You

Arvinder Uppal, MD & Tajinderdip Uppal

11251 Independence Way

Ellicott City, MD 20142

410-531-5350

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Uppal:

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From:  Kathleen V. Hanks

To: 

Cc:  BOE Email  Marc Steingesser

 Joel Gallihue

 **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: We want the redistricting

writes:

Good morning -

My name is Gretel Turner, I live at 11520 Manorstone Lane in Columbia, MD 21044

My family fully supports the redistricting plans of Longfellow E.S to Triadelphia Ridge ES

as put out in the Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9.

Any questions, please call me at (203) 912-6425. I think you will find my entire street -

Manorstone Lane (Forest Glen neighborhood) is in support of this redistricting.

Sincerely,

Gretel and Steve Turner

11520 Manorstone Lane

Columbia, MD 21044

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Turner:

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From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Jan Stolarik
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: 5100 Morningside Lane support of Plan L10

Jan Stolarik writes:

Good Morning,

First of all, we want to thank the committee for all of your hard work to ensure that our children are placed in the school that is overall best for them and most importantly you have supported keeping neighborhoods together and reducing the amount of time our kids spend on the bus each day.

We are writing to inform you of our support of plan L10. Our support of plan L10 is based on some of the factors that we have listed below:

In plan L10, the children will go to schools closer to their homes. This means less time on the bus each day.

The to and from shuffling of students between Rockburn and Ilchester is eliminated. This is the part that intrigues us the most. We couldn't understand why the to and from between Rockburn and Inlchester was included in previous plans. That part had us scratching our heads!

Thank you for considering plan L10.

Christa and Jan Stolarik

Mason - age 11

Blake - age 7

Miley - age 3

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From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: "Bloodworth, Brad"
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: AAC_L10 and AAC_M9

"Bloodworth, Brad"

writes:

My family supports the redistricting of our community from Longfellow ES to Triadelphia Ridge ES as set forth in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9.

Brad Bloodworth
11409 Hunt Crossing Ct.
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Dear Mr. Bloodworth:

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From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Wendy Silver
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: L10

Wendy Silver

writes:

Hello,

I hope I can still submit my suggestion and support for L10. I've attended the last few meetings and was impressed by your staff and how they presented ideas at all angles to provided the best solutions for everyone being effected in any future redistricting plan. Thank you for your time on this matter that is important to us all.

I agree and support L10 as I believe everyone's goal is to keep communities together; 'children who play together go to school together', move fewer students overall, and utilize those schools that are being underutilized out west.

We will continue to support L10, please allow for our plan to be reviewed and approved.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Wendy and Todd Silver

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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

Thu, Aug 23, 2012 1:48 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Mimi Ringstad
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: redistricting plan/map L 10

Mimi Ringstad writes:

I am writing to support the most recently revised plan and map, L10. This ensures that our close knit community stays together at Waverly Elementary. Even more importantly, our young children do not have an overly long bus ride to school, and do not get home too late in the afternoon to get to their after school activities on time. We live just over a mile from Waverly, on Woodstock Road, and my kids are on the bus for a minimum of 10 minutes just to make the run down the road and return to where they started. So, it takes approximately 15 minutes to get to the school after the kids get on the bus. How long will they be on the bus to go the approximately 6 miles to get to West Friendship? And, at what expense?

The numbers of students projected in the polygons along Woodstock Road is inflated. After this school year many of the kids in this community move onto middle school, and due to the nature of our rural neighborhood where families stay long after their kids have graduated from high school, they will not be replaced by a large group of younger children. I noticed that the map indicates a non-existent road and neighborhood (Davis Branch), and quite amusingly so does the newly published bus schedule! This neighborhood has not appeared on the developer's website with a date any more specific than "Coming Soon" for several years. The land was purchased for immediate development about eight (8) years ago.

I hope these comments are useful to support this plan (L10). I appreciate the great amount of time the committee has spent working on this project. It is a thankless job.

Sincerely,
Mimi Ringstad

Dear Ms. Ringstad:



Message

Thu, Aug 23, 2012 4:44 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: "Jeff Anderson"
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: In support of Plans L10 and M9

"Jeff Anderson" writes:

Members of the AAC,

First, please let me thank you for putting yourselves in the positions to make the hard decisions. Ultimately, we all defer to your decisions and we are glad you are there to weigh all the options.

Our two oldest children will be attending Harpers Choice Middle for their first year of sixth grade this year. Our son will be starting at Longfellow in Kindergarten this year, and our fourth child will hopefully be a peer in the pre-school RECC program in two years (a program we support whole-heartedly). We have had nothing but great experiences with Longfellow and expect much the same from Harpers Choice Middle.

That having been said, we are in support of Plans L10 and M9, primarily from the standpoint of overcrowding. We have seen classes grow at Longfellow over the last several years and have heard about Swansfield's crowding issues for just as long. Since both of these schools feed into Harpers, we can only surmise that the crowding will trickle up, as well. It seems that the projected crowding will be greatly relieved by Plans L10 and M9. Please consider these plans for your recommendation.

Thank you,

Jeff Anderson & Heather Abrahams
11012 Hidden Fox Ct.
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Dear Mr. Anderson and Ms. Abrahams:

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Regards,



Message

Fri, Aug 24, 2012 9:34 AM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks

To: Mary Ramsay

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

Subject: Re: Worthington Community redistricting PLEASE READ prior to 8/28 meeting

Mary Ramsay

writes:

Dear Sirs,

I strongly agree that the Worthington community should remain intact. I have attended the Tuesday night meetings and have listened to the discussions regarding the different plans for our community.

I believe plan L10 is the best solution as it eliminates the shuffling of students between Rockburn and Ilchester.

Plan L10 allows the students in the neighborhoods between I-95, Route 100 and Route 29 to stay together allowing them to go to the schools closer to their homes. It also keeps the Worthington community intact.

I would agree if the entire community was being redistricted but only a few streets and a small group of children are involved. For example, my home is less than a mile from Worthington Elementary School. We are bus riders because the county did not finish the sidewalks.

Thank you for your hard work on the committee. I know alot of time and effort has been spent on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Ramsay
4815 Worthington Way
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Ms. Ramsay:

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Message

Fri, Aug 24, 2012 9:35 AM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: dubby black
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue Jennifer Bubenko

Subject: Re: support for the L10 Redistricting plan

dubby black writes:

Hello, as a parent of children attending Ilchester I voice my support for the L10 plan being considered. While primarily concerned with my kids I think the plan has a number of benefits not adequately addressed by other suggestions and best addresses the goals of the feasibility study. The plan seems to impact less children and of importance it eliminates the "churn" of simultaneously moving students from Ilchester to Rockburn and Rockburn to Ilchester. The plan also addresses overcrowding on the east side of the district better using several schools that are currently or previously underutilized.

I appreciate your efforts and the significant amount of effort put in by all the volunteers.

Sincerely,

Dubby Black

F. Plan L10 eliminates the cyclical shuffling of students between Rockburn and Ilchester.

G. The AAC committee has worked very hard to listen to

the community concerns about the feasibility study and other intermediate plans. They have worked hard to keep neighborhoods together and reduce the amount of time our kids spend on the bus each day. The L10 plan takes many of these considerations into account.

H. Plan L10 keeps polygons 1080 and 80 along Mayfield Avenue together going to the same school (Waterloo), making bus transportation easier.

I. Plan L10 makes better use of school resources by utilizing extra capacity at Clarksville, West Friendship, and Tridelphia Ridge. These schools are currently quite underutilized and by adding additional students there, the L10 plan is able to solve overcrowding problems further east.

J. Plan L10 moves less students to Elkridge (polygons 92 and 44 stay at Rockburn), also establishing a smaller geographic attendance area for Elkridge.

Dear Dubby Black:

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Message

Fri, Aug 24, 2012 1:38 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Susie Jiang
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Taylor Farms should stay in the Waverly community

Susie Jiang

writes:

Hello! My name is Sophia Bi and I am 13 years old. I live in the Taylor farm community and I want us to go to Waverly Elementary school, not west friendship. For us, it takes 15 minutes to drive to west friendship by car, which means it will take even longer by bus in the morning. We will have to wake up earlier and be by the bus stop by at least 8:15 (normal time for here is 8:47) this will be difficult for many families and a harsh adjustment. If they want to move students, they should move people that are closer to west friendship. Also, West friendship is very small and it doesn't have many students per grade. When I went to 6th grade, there was only about 50 students from west friendship. I think instead of moving students to west friendship, they should move the people that go to west friendship to manor woods or Waverly instead of moving us to west friendship. It will increase the capacity of both schools, which means more teachers, so you can move the teachers had used to teach at west friendship to manor woods or Waverly, which will let them keep their jobs and benefit both communities. It is completely unreasonable to move students in a crowded area to a school that is too far for them to get to quickly. Also, the houses at Taylor Farms are wealthy and of high quality because it is close to a good school, which is Waverly. Waverly is known for good teachers, a warm atmosphere and full of kind people. If we go to west friendship, the quality will go down because west friendship is known as a very small, old school with not many people. Please consider keeping Taylor farms at Waverly elementary school. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sophia Bi

Sent from my iPhone

Dear Sophia:

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

Regards,






Message

Mon, Aug 27, 2012 10:02 AM

From:

 Jennifer Wetzel Douglass
 Jennifer Wetzel Douglass

To:

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

[View in Browser](#)

Subject: Support for AAC_L7 and L10 from Brampton Hills

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

My name is Jennifer Douglass, and I am a resident of the Brampton Hills neighborhood (Address: 4782 Ilkley Moor Lane, Ellicott City 21043, Polygons 1098 and 98), and a parent of three young children. I am writing to you to voice my support for the current plan (AAC_L10) that moves our students in Polygons 1098 and 98 from Waterloo Elementary to Veterans Elementary in 2013. I also support AAC_L7 and the original Staff Feasibility Plan, both of which move our students to Worthington Elementary. All three of these plans keep our students at a school close to our neighborhood on the Route 103 corridor, so that our students will travel a much smaller distance on the bus each day. This reduced commute will cost the County less in transportation over time. It is also so much safer for our children. The trip from Brampton Hills to Worthington Elementary involves much less time on major roads than a commute to Thunder Hill would yield. These plans also help us to maintain and build strong relationships with our neighboring Route 103 communities.

Additionally, I support the current plan for Middle School redistricting, M9, as well as the Staff Feasibility Plan, which keeps the students from the Brampton Hills neighborhood at Ellicott Mills Middle School. The location of Ellicott Mills makes it the absolute best match for our students.

Thank you again for addressing the concerns of Brampton Hills' residents and for developing plans L7 and L10, which are both suitable for the welfare of our neighborhood children.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Douglass
Brampton Hills Resident



Message

Mon, Aug 27, 2012 10:02 AM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Chang David Choi
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Chang David Choi <changchoi2001@yahoo.com>

Chang David Choi writes:

My family supports the redistricting of our community from Longfellow ES to Triadelphia Ridge ES as set forth in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9” and redistricting to RiverHill High School.

**Sincerely,
Chang B. Choi
5005 Jericho Road
Columbia, MD 21044**

Dear Mr. Choi:

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Message

Mon, Aug 27, 2012 10:03 AM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Tia and Trent Turner
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: 2014 Middle School Redistricting

Tia and Trent Turner writes:

Dear BOE,

My family and I reside in Polygon 8, south of Route 216. Last year, the BOE voted to redistrict us from Hammond Elementary to Fulton ES. This was part of an effort to ease overcrowded schools by moving students westward.

Our polygon is now up for Middle School redistricting from Hammond MS to Lime Kiln in 2014. I whole heartedly support this plan. It only makes sense to move us to Lime Kiln now that we attend Fulton. Moving back to Hammond MS would undo much of the hard work that the teachers, PTA's, and families have done to make the current move to Fulton a successful one.

I ask you to vote in favor of redistricting polygon 8 from Hammond MS to Lime Kiln MS for 2014.

Respectfully,

Trent Turner
8410 Cherrystone Ct
Laurel, MD

Dear Mr. Turner:

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Kathy Hanks
Administrative Specialist to the



Message

Mon, Aug 27, 2012 10:30 AM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Venkat Ramakrishnan
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: School Redistricting

Venkat Ramakrishnan writes:

To The Board of Education and/or HCPSS Planning:

I am sending this email to let you know that my family supports the redistricting of our community from Longfellow ES to Tridelphia Ridge ES as set forth in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9.

Sincerely,

Venkat Ramakrishnan
4920 Valley View overlook
Ellicott City, MD 21042

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Message

Mon, Aug 27, 2012 10:08 AM

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

Subject: Re: Swansfield Elementary Redistricting

Josh writes:

Dear Members of the Attendance Area Committee,

I am writing to voice my concerns over the proposed redistricting of Swansfield Elementary, the school where two of my children currently attend. I was happy to read the recommendation in the Feasibility Study to not redistrict our school at this time because I do not feel that our school is overcrowded. However, most of the plans that the committee have tested do not follow this recommendation and do redistrict Swansfield. As you are probably aware, Swansfield is a school with a high percentage of FARM students, and the suggestion to move polygons 53 and 2053 to Clemens Crossing increases this percentage. These polygons are primarily composed of single family homes with some townhouses and condos.

I would like to suggest another possible scenario which could ease the overcrowding at Swansfield, while creating more of a balance of FARM students between schools. The Clary's Forest community is located in and around the loop at the end of Little Patuxent Parkway. The outer loop is comprised of primarily single family homes and townhouses, while the inner loop is comprised of apartments and townhouses. I suggest moving polygon 2135 or 2174 to Clemens Crossing instead.

I realize that this would create an island, but I believe that it would be an appropriate alternative to continuing the wave of economic segregation occurring in our Columbia schools. Since there are apartments and low income housing in the neighborhoods close to most Columbia schools, these neighborhoods are walk zones and are not considering for redistricting when the school becomes overcrowded. This is the case for Swansfield. Unfortunately this leaves the outer boundaries where single family home neighborhoods are usually situated, and these neighborhoods are the first to be moved to other schools with virtually no FARM students. This is a serious problem and is having real effects on Columbia neighborhoods and property values. However, polygons 2135 and 2174 have a mix of apartments and townhouses and these students are already bus riders, so there would not be a significant increase in transportation costs. I also believe that these polygons have a good balance of FARM and non-FARM students.



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Balancing the FARM ratios between Swansfield and Clemens Crossing could be beneficial to both schools. Swansfield would be able to serve all remaining students more effectively and Clemens Crossing would be able to provide a more diverse environment for their students. Please help our school by not taking our single family home neighborhoods! I don't believe that Clemens Crossing has any apartments within their boundaries currently. Swansfield serves at least 9 apartment complexes, with 4 of those complexes being bused from Polygons 2135 and 2174. We need to make an effort to provide a fair and equitable learning

environment for all of our students.

Thank you for your consideration.

Josh Jenkins

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Message

Mon, Aug 27, 2012 10:10 AM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: "Mathew Aloth" <
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Mathew Aloth

"Mathew Aloth"

writes:

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am emailing you to express our wish and support for the redistricting of our community from Longfellow ES to Triadelphia Ridge ES as set forth in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC-M9. Thank you for your support.

Mathew Aloth

4904 Valley view overlook

Ellicott City, MD 21042

Dear Mr. Aloth:

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Message

Mon, Aug 27, 2012 10:10 AM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Liz and Joe
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Attendance Area Adjustment Committee Plan AAC_L10 and Plan AAC_M9

Liz and Joe writes:

My family supports the redistricting of our community (Riverwood) from Longfellow ES to Triadelphia Ridge ES as set forth in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9.

Thank you-

Joe and Liz Pacileo
12068 Open Run Rd
Ellicott City, Md 21042
410-997-2879

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Pacileo:

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Message

Mon, Aug 27, 2012 10:11 AM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks

To: Yunyue Yu

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

Subject: Re: support AAC_L10 and AAC_M9

Yunyue Yu

► writes:

Dear BOE members,

Our family have carefully studied the current school redistricting plan. We strongly support that our community (Ploy 2175) be redistricted to TRES and FQMS schools, as is set forth in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9. We believe they are the optimized plans for the balance of facility uses as well as for student persistence.

Sincerely,

Bob Yu and Wendy Qiang
12039 Open Run Rd
Ellicott City, MD 21042
410-531-9330

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Dear Mr. Yu and Ms. Qiang:

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Message

Mon, Aug 27, 2012 10:12 AM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks

To: The Little's

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

Subject: Re: AAC_L10 and AAC_M9

The Little's

writes:

Dear Board,

I would like to express that my family supports the redistricting of our community from Longfellow ES to Triadelphia Ridge ES as set forth in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Beverley & Jeff Little
11063 Hunters View Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042
Tel (410) 997-1983

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Little:

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Message

Mon, Aug 27, 2012 10:13 AM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Dipankar Chakravarti <
Cc: BOE Email Dipankar Chakravarti
 Jennifer Bubenko

Joel Gallihue

Subject: Re: Dipankar Chakravarti

Dipankar Chakravarti writes:
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

My family supports the redistricting of our community from Longfellow ES to Triadelphia Ridge ES as set forth in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9. Please contact us if we may provide further information.

Dipankar and Sharmila Chakravarti
12024 Open Run Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Dipankar Chakravarti, Ph.D.
Professor of Marketing
The Johns Hopkins Carey Business School
100 International Drive
Baltimore, MD 21202-1099
Phone: (410) 234-9311
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Message

Mon, Aug 27, 2012 10:14 AM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks

To: Sherry Sood

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

Subject: Re: Redistricting of our community

Sherry Sood writes:

To Whom It May Concern:

My family supports the redistricting of our community from Longfellow ES to Triadelphia Ridge ES as set forth in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9. Thank you for your consideration.

Sherry and Milan Sanghavi
4880 Castlebridge Rd
Ellicott City, MD 21042

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Message

Mon, Aug 27, 2012 10:14 AM

From:  Kathleen V. Hanks

To:  Sherry Chen

Cc:  BOE Email  **Jennifer Bubenko**

 Joel Gallihue

Subject: Re: Redistricting of our community plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9

Sherry Chen writes:

Dear Board of Education and/or HCPSS planning staffs,

My family supports the redistricting of our community from Longfellow ES to Triadelphia Ridge ES as set forth in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Chen & Liang
11240 Whithorn Way
Ellicott City, MD 21042

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Message

Mon, Aug 27, 2012 10:19 AM

From:  Kathleen V. Hanks

To:  Sherry Chen

Cc:  BOE Email  **Jennifer Bubenko**

 Joel Gallihue

Subject: Re: Redistricting of our community plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9

Sherry Chen writes:

Dear Board of Education and/or HCPSS planning staffs,

My family supports the redistricting of our community from Longfellow ES to Triadelphia Ridge ES as set forth in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Chen & Liang
11240 Whithorn Way
Ellicott City, MD 21042

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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 27, 2012 10:26 AM

From:  Kathleen V. Hanks

To: 

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

Subject: Re: Redistricting effort in Ellicott City

writes:

Dear Board Members,

I wanted to take this opportunity to express my view about the redistricting effort. I am sure everyone has a story or a compelling need, but our voices need to be heard. I also understand this is not an easy process and in the end, you will not please everyone. You have been assigned a difficult task, and I trust in your abilities to do the right thing. As a citizen of Howard County, time and time again I observe children residing in areas and attend schools where they are not zoned. How does this happen? We recently had a family residing in our neighborhood and the family was using another address so their daughter could attend River Hill. More recently, another family moved into the neighborhood behind our house, and their son is attending Worthington this year. While I inquired about changing schools several years ago as VES was so overcrowded; I was denied that opportunity. I was honest about where I lived, and even stated I would provide my own transportation, but my request was denied. For a family that pays a lot of money in taxes, this just does not go over well. So here we are again..... As the school year begins tomorrow, my children (both boys, one entering 5th grade at VES and the other 7th grade at EMMS) are extremely excited to start another school year, and most importantly to them-see all their friends. We have been attending VES since it opened. While VES is a nice school, it has been in great need of a reduction in attendance since the school opened. No doubt, Principal Bruce is doing a good job at handling the unique challenges facing such a culturally diverse elementary school population; however, he needs assistance from the county. VES has been so overcrowded since it's doors opened, and because of that I feel my children have more than paid the price. When my youngest son was in third grade, he ate lunch at 1:40 pm and now for the second year in a row, he is forced to be educated in a portable, which seems to be the case in most Howard County schools these days. The result of such overcrowding has directly impacted the learning environment and not to mention the daily life threatening situation which occurs during pick up and drop off. I understand and encourage you to redistrict to make our schools a better place for education; however, I feel that once again, my children are paying the price according to your draft. According to your latest proposal, polygon 1102 is scheduled to be redistricted to Dunloggin Middle School in 2014. Based on my research, I am not receptive to that proposal. I am slated to be removed from EMMS-a Blue Ribbon school to one that is not, and has lower test scores. Would anyone be happy about that? My oldest son was a middle of the road performer while at VES, partly due to the large class sizes. Since he began middle school at EMMS, he has taken off. He is finally in a school where teachers want to teach, and enjoy what they do. He has performed well and really made us proud of his performance in sixth grade. In fact, during a parent/teacher conference, I was advised by a teacher at EMMS, there was definitely a difference in terms of intelligence/knowledge learned during the elementary school years. The teacher went on to say there is a noticeable difference between the children who attended VES as they are behind the curve. That too was evident by my son who came home and advised us classmates from other schools knew a lot more than him. As a parent, this is troubling, but we are getting him back on track and he is thriving. As I mentioned, EMMS is a blue ribbon school and the learning there is second to none. Not only from the teachers, but the principal, assistant principal, guidance counselors and reading specialists. We are truly happy at this school and really looking forward to having our youngest child join such a great learning environment. By redistricting us to a school of lesser quality is heartbreaking. In the 1102 polygon there are only 25 students and would greatly appreciate staying put. After attending the ever exploding VES, I feel we have more than paid the price and deserve a top notch school-EMMS. When considering the redistricting plan, please keep in mind those who suffered through VES and are now flying high at EMMS. I beg you, please give us a break-we deserve it.

V/R,
Dana and Stephen Keppler
(410) 696-2110

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Keppler:



Message

Mon, Aug 27, 2012 10:27 AM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks

To: "Bundy, III, Thomas"

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

Subject: Re: School Redistricting Plan

"Bundy, III, Thomas" writes:

Dear Honorable Board members and HCPSS planning staff:

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Best regards,

Thomas Bundy III | *Partner*



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Dear Mr. Bundy:

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Message

Mon, Aug 27, 2012 10:28 AM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks

To: Milan Rami

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

Subject: Re: Support for Attendance Area Adjustment committee Plan AAC_L10

Milan Rami

writes:

Hello,

My family supports the redistricting of our community from Longfellow ES to Triadelphia Ridge ES as set forth in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9. For the sake of records, our mailing address is:

Riverwood Community

12027 Open Run Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Best Regards,
-Milan Rami

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Message

Mon, Aug 27, 2012 10:30 AM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Aby
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue Jennifer Bubenko

Subject: Re: Aby

Aby < > writes:

My family supports the redistricting of our community from Longfellow ES to Triadelphia Ridge ES as set forth in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9

**Thank you,
Aurora Garcia
11401 Hunt Crossing Ct
Ellicott City, MD 21042**

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Message

Mon, Aug 27, 2012 10:31 AM

From:  "Kathleen V. Hanks" <KATHLEEN_HANKS@hcpss.org>

To: 

Cc:  Joel Gallihue  **Jennifer Bubenko**

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Subject: Re: Support for AAC_L7 and L10 from Brampton Hills

Jennifer Wetzel Douglass writes:

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

My name is Jennifer Douglass, and I am a resident of the Brampton Hills neighborhood (Address: 4782 Ilkley Moor Lane, Ellicott City 21043, Polygons 1098 and 98), and a parent of three young children. I am writing to you to voice my support for the current plan (AAC_L10) that moves our students in Polygons 1098 and 98 from Waterloo Elementary to Veterans Elementary in 2013. I also support AAC_L7 and the original Staff Feasibility Plan, both of which move our students to Worthington Elementary. All three of these plans keep our students at a school close to our neighborhood on the Route 103 corridor, so that our students will travel a much smaller distance on the bus each day. This reduced commute will cost the County less in transportation over time. It is also so much safer for our children. The trip from Brampton Hills to Worthington Elementary involves much less time on major roads than a commute to Thunder Hill would yield. These plans also help us to maintain and build strong relationships with our neighboring Route 103 communities.

Additionally, I support the current plan for Middle School redistricting, M9, as well as the Staff Feasibility Plan, which keeps the students from the Brampton Hills neighborhood at Ellicott Mills Middle School. The location of Ellicott Mills makes it the absolute best match for our students.

Thank you again for addressing the concerns of Brampton Hills' residents and for developing plans L7 and L10, which are both suitable for the welfare of our neighborhood children.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Douglass
Brampton Hills Resident

Dear Ms. Douglass:

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Message

Mon, Aug 27, 2012 10:37 AM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: Dave Doughty
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Re-Districting: AAC: M9 and L10

Dave Doughty

writes:

To whom it may concern:

Our family supports re-districting of our community from Longfellow ES to Tridelphia Ridge per the recent and proposed plan

Many thanks for all of your efforts for Howard County residents!

Regards,

Dave and Lori Doughty
11230 Kinsale Court

Riverwood Community

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Doughty:

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Regards,

Kathy Hanks



Message

Mon, Aug 27, 2012 11:21 AM

From:  "Bundy, III, Thomas" <
To:  Kathleen V. Hanks
Cc:  Joel Gallihue  **Jennifer Bubenko**

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Subject: RE: School Redistricting Plan

Thank you, Ms. Hanks, for your response.

I appreciate the plans are fluid and may change. I am also thankful for the hard (and probably thankless) work by the Office of School Planning and the Committee.

I urge them to continue to support Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9. These Plans appear to satisfy a vast majority of the criteria upon which redistricting is (or should be) based, including moving students from an elementary school with a 100% capacity/utilization to one with 72%, and a middle school with a 114% to one with a 77%, as it relates to my community.

More importantly, taking the County as a whole, it appears these Plans have negligible effect on FARMS ratios, but great impact on balancing utilizations percentages across the schools. I would imagine these are two very important criteria because smaller but equally diverse classrooms equal more opportunity for success for the students.

My community looks forward to hearing the discussion on these issues tomorrow.

Best regards,

Thomas Bundy III | *Partner* | 202.383.0716

From: Kathleen V. Hanks [mailto:KATHLEEN_HANKS@hcpss.org]
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2012 10:27 AM
To: Bundy, III, Thomas
Cc: Joel Gallihue; Jennifer Bubenko
Subject: Re: School Redistricting Plan

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Message

Mon, Aug 27, 2012 3:33 PM

From: Kathleen V. Hanks
To: "Christina Tiley"
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: redistricting

"Christina Tiley"

writes:

Hello,

I was not able to find an exact name of who to send this to, so please forward to the appropriate person. thank you!

I am hoping to make a request for a couple students at Atholton elementary school. I heard that redistricting of middle and high schools will occur shortly as well. I am hoping this email is coming out in the very early stages of this process, so you can take this into consideration. I live in the allview area and my kids currently attend AES. They will, at this time, be going to Oakland Mills MS. Please DO NOT stop reading! I am NOT emailing you to complain about that school, honestly, I'd love for my kids to end up going to Oakland Mills High. What I would really like you to consider is that our kids in allview are the ONLY kids at AES that get sent there. I think it is so hard to be in middle school anyway, but when you send our kids with only 5 (sometimes less) people they know... it is just not right.

So, i am asking you to please consider the children and the difficult transition that many of them go through. The high schools around us where they will unimatley end up are Atholton, Hammond, and Oakland Mills. I do not care which one they go to, but can you please take more kids than just the pocket of allview to send to whatever school you need. Even if you just went up shaker drive. I obviously do not know the number of kids there, but there a several culdesacs of houses on shaker before you get to guillford rd. Maybe even just that little bit extra would be enough. I do not know that, of course, but I am asking you to please look into this. I am guessing there are other schools where this occurs as well. Please do not do that to our kids at any level... entering middle or high school. It is always nice to make new friends, but you need to have some friends coming in to ease the transition into the new school.

If you could please let me know that you have gotten this, so I know who to follow up with, I would greatly appreciate it. I will be more than willing to come to meeting if i need to. However, I have heard most people are going because they are unhappy with the new school they will go to. As I said, that is not the case here. Whatever school is fine as long as you send more kids from AES there as well.

thanks so much for your time.

Sincerely,

Christina Tiley



Message

Mon, Aug 27, 2012 3:33 PM

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

Subject: Re: redistricting

Brian Song writes:

My name is Brian Song, we reside at 12052 Open Run Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042, it is Riverwood Community.

My family supports the redistricting of our community from Longfellow Elementary School to Triadelphia Elementary School as set forth in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9.

Dear Mr. Song:

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Message

Mon, Aug 27, 2012 3:39 PM

From:

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To:

BOE@hcpss.org Joel_Gallihue@hcpss.org
 Jennifer Bubenko superintendent@hcpss.org
 "mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov" <mksigaty@howardcountymd.gov>

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Cc:



Subject:

Redistricting of neighborhoods adjacent and part of Hobbit's Glen

We propose the following remedy for the current redistricting of neighborhoods adjacent and part of Hobbit's Glen: go forth with the FARM rate as planned, but also include the entire neighborhood of Hobbit's Glen in the redistricting plans. Our proposal is based as follows:

My family and I reside at 5108 Watchwood Path, in the Hobbit's Glen neighborhood of Howard County's school district. One of the incentives for selecting this community was largely due to the Howard County Schools. We studied the districting and have watched carefully all redistricting plans. However, we are very disturbed with the current proposal that will result in a split redistricting of our neighborhood. Specifically, we understand that discussions are underway to include Polygons 141 and 1141 with the redistricting of Polygons 175, 177, 1175, 1177, 2175 in redistricting proposal L10 for elementary school and M9 for middle school.

With respect to using MSA results as a valuation measure although Longfellow enjoys MSAs that meet Howard county's standards in reading and math, Triadelphia Ridge (90.6 and 85.5, respectively) far exceeds these standards (98.2 and 98.2, respectively). With respect to using the FARM rate for establishing redistricting, this decision results in splitting Hobbits Glen with long term implications that potentially affect the complexity of our neighborhood. In this regard, homes on one side of Hobbit's Glen will be able to market their location as having access to Triadelphia Ridge or Clarksville schools, which clearly are known factors in home valuation that represent important considerations for neighborhood selection.

Hobbit's Glen is a diverse community that will add to the diversity of Triadelphia Ridge or Clarksville schools. Further, we believe the decision to split our neighborhood is fundamentally unfair. It is incomprehensible to understand why one side of Hobbit's Glen is selected over the other? It is not our desire to question the FARM calculations, but the basis for such allocation decision must result in equitable outcomes. To this point, an equitable decision should result in the inclusion of all or none of Hobbit's Glen.

An increase in the percentage of FARM students has not stopped the committee in the past and is not stopping the committee this year! Please look at the increases that are in the L7 plan (the last plan with an assessment). We are also concerned that the FARM percentages that are reported in the assessment don't match what is reported on the school's website. For instance on the PLES website indicates 40.6% FARMS and Longfellow ES indicates 33% FARM rate.

Other Schools with FARM increase

- HCMS - 31% to 33%
- WLMS - 36% to 38%
- DRES - 35% to 40%
- PLES - 46%-51% - 76 students moved from Montjoy community to Thunder-hill School
- Steven's Forest - 50% - 56%

We implore you to ensure that the redistricting decision be applied equally within the same neighborhood. Thus we propose the following alternative, which we believe is sensible and doable. That is, we recommend achieving the FARM rate as planned, but also to include the entire neighborhood of Hobbit's Glen in the redistricting plans. We believe this approach represents a realistic option for achieving an equitable and amenable solution for all parties.





Thank you for your consideration of including Polygons 141 and 1141 along with their neighbors 175, 177, 1175, 1177, 2175 in the L10 and M9 AAC redistricting plans.

Chuck and Cheryl Ford
5108 Watchwood Path
Columbia, MD 21044



Message

Mon, Aug 27, 2012 5:45 PM

From:  Victoria Hollenbeck
To:  Joel Gallihue  **Jennifer Bubenko**  BOE Email

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Subject: Great Job AAC

I am a resident in the Brampton Hills Community (polygons 1098 and 98). I was in attendance at the AAC meeting on August 7th. It was informative for me to learn the format of the meetings and the process entailed in shifting polygons and developing redistricting suggestions. In watching this firsthand, I believe the AAC work well together and are applying the utmost effort to ensure that communities concerns are addressed so that sound judgments can be made regarding redistricting.

I appreciated that several members of the team took into consideration emails from Brampton residents and persevered in expressing their concern over the Brampton community (polygons 1098 and 98) and their placement into an elementary school that was far from our neighborhood. The team worked diligently together in the time period allowed to move Brampton children closer to home. By moving students in this manner, the AAC addressed parent concerns over safety, length of commutes, and the lack of opportunity to build a community near home, which would have existed with prior plans. Although I was not in attendance for the meeting on August 14th, Brampton was moved again. It was obvious, however, that the team gave a great deal of thought to this move, because it continues to align with concerns residents had expressed.

At this time, I would like to state that I agree with the Staff Feasibility Plan, AAC plan L7, and AAC plan L10, which all move Brampton students closer to home.

I would like to express my sincere thank-you to the team for these updates. It is obvious that the members of the team are parents and members of the community, who are giving a great deal of their time and effort to this undertaking and who truly want to do the best job possible for all involved.

Thank you,
Victoria Hollenbeck



Message

Tue, Aug 28, 2012 1:07 AM

From:

Lisa Poletti

To:

BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**
 Superintendent

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Subject: To include Polygons 141 and 1141 with the redistricting of Polygons 175,...

To include Polygons 141 and 1141 with the redistricting of Polygons 175, 177, 1175, 1177, 2175 in redistricting proposal L10 for elementary school and M9 for middle school.

The reason for not including these 20 students is because the FARM would increase from 36% - 41%. Without these 20 students the FARM rate would be 39%. What is so disruptive about moving 20 additional kids out? The school isn't changing, there should be no impact. It is more disruptive splitting these neighborhoods and tearing the kids apart from their friends and the kids with whom they currently ride the bus. Why would we separate neighborhoods and friends because the FARM rate increased from 39% to 40%. Also, what is so different about the 56 kids being moved out of Longfellow vs. the 60 being moved out of Swansfield. The only difference is that the school is larger and therefore the loss of students impacts their FARM rate less. If there is a major concern about the number of FARM students then please send some of the FARM students with us. We would welcome these kids with open arms and will be happy to ride the bus to school with them.

Longfellow is due to be renovated and it has been suggested that they use swing space to accommodate the kids while this renovation happens. I believe the suggested space is the old Faulkner Ridge School. Moving these students would help with fewer portables and less space at Faulkner Ridge would be needed. Also, transporting these kids from Hobbit's Glen to Triadelphia Ridge is not difficult since Harpers Farm turns into Homewood and Folly Quarter Road and then one turn will take you to the school. So, access to the school is as easy or easier than access from 108.

Hobbit's Glen is a diverse community that will add to the diversity of Triadelphia Ridge. Please keep these communities together. These are very diverse communities with more in common than they have different. These kids go to camp together, ride the bus together, compete on the same swim teams and attend the boys and girls scouts together. Please do not leave 20 students out of the redistricting effort so that the FARM rate will be 39% instead of 41%.

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Lisa Poletti



Message

Tue, Aug 28, 2012 10:03 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To: "Yoo, Laura"

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

Subject: Re: Yoo, Laura

"Yoo, Laura" writes:

Dear members of Board of Education,

My family supports the redistricting of our community from Longfellow ES to Triadelphia Ridge ES as set forth in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9.

Frank and Laura Yoo

5011 Jericho Road

Columbia, MD 21044

Sincerely,

Laura Yoo

Associate Professor of English

Howard Community College

Columbia, Maryland

443-518-4281

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Yoo:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. By copy of this email, I am forwarding your input to the Office of School Planning, which is responsible for preparing the final recommendations and presenting them to the Board on October 18, 2012. Until then, all



Message

Tue, Aug 28, 2012 10:03 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: "Jim Douglas" ·
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: AAC_L10 and AAC_M9 Redistricting Plan

"Jim Douglas"

writes:

HCPSS Planning Team,

I'm sending this note to show my support for the redistricting of my community "Carroll Glen" from Longfellow Elementary School to Triadelphia Ridge Elementary School as outlined in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9.

Thank You,

Shana and Jim Douglas
5024 Jericho Rd
Columbia, MD

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

Subject: Re: Great Job AAC

Victoria Hollenbeck < > writes:

I am a resident in the Brampton Hills Community (polygons 1098 and 98). I was in attendance at the AAC meeting on August 7th. It was informative for me to learn the format of the meetings and the process entailed in shifting polygons and developing redistricting suggestions. In watching this firsthand, I believe the AAC work well together and are applying the utmost effort to ensure that communities concerns are addressed so that sound judgments can be made regarding redistricting.

I appreciated that several members of the team took into consideration emails from Brampton residents and persevered in expressing their concern over the Brampton community (polygons 1098 and 98) and their placement into an elementary school that was far from our neighborhood. The team worked diligently together in the time period allowed to move Brampton children closer to home. By moving students in this manner, the AAC addressed parent concerns over safety, length of commutes, and the lack of opportunity to build a community near home, which would have existed with prior plans. Although I was not in attendance for the meeting on August 14th, Brampton was moved again. It was obvious, however, that the team gave a great deal of thought to this move, because it continues to align with concerns residents had expressed.

At this time, I would like to state that I agree with the Staff Feasibility Plan, AAC plan L7, and AAC plan L10, which all move Brampton students closer to home.

I would like to express my sincere thank-you to the team for these updates. It is obvious that the members of the team are parents and members of the community, who are giving a great deal of their time and effort to this undertaking and who truly want to do the best job possible for all involved.

Thank you,
Victoria Hollenbeck

Dear Ms. Hollenbeck:

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Message

Tue, Aug 28, 2012 10:05 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: Mandeep Singh
Cc: BOE Email Nikee Singh < > Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Support for Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9

Mandeep Singh < > writes:

Dear Respected Members of the Howard County Board of Education:

Like many others in our community, Our family supports the redistricting of our community from Longfellow ES to Triadelphia Ridge ES as set forth in **Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9**. Please consider approval of this plan. Its a good solution for the county and consistent with HC's balanced approach to growth. Thanks,

Best Regards,

Mandeep and Gurdeep Singh
11062 Hunters View Road
Ellicott City MD 21042

Good Morning:

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Regards,

Kathy Hanks
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Message

Tue, Aug 28, 2012 10:06 AM

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

Subject: Re: Redistricting

Janewasse <

writes:

My family supports the redistricting of our community, Carroll Glen, from Longfellow ES to Triadelphia Ridge ES as set forth in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9.

jane and david Wasser
5063 jericho road
columbia md. 21044

Sent from my iPad

Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Wasser:

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Message

Tue, Aug 28, 2012 10:09 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: William Cook
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Redistricting

William Cook writes:

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are residents of the Carroll Glen community, and we would like to express our enthusiastic support for redistricting our community from Longfellow ES to Tridelphia Ridge ES, as specified in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9.

Very truly yours,

William L. and Barbara M. Cook
5093 Jericho Rd.
Columbia MD 21044

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Cook:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. By copy of this email, I am forwarding your input to the Office of School Planning, which is responsible for preparing the final recommendations and presenting them to the Board on October 18, 2012. Until then, all ideas formulated by the AAC (Attendance Area Committee) are fluid as the members deliberate on this difficult task.

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Message

Tue, Aug 28, 2012 10:10 AM

From:  **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To:  Victoria Shearer

Cc:  BOE Email  **Jennifer Bubenko**

 Joel Gallihue

Subject: Re: School redistricting.

Victoria Shearer writes:

To whom it may concern,

My family supports the redistricting of our community from Longfellow elementary school to Triadelphia Ridge elementary school, as set forth in plans AAC_L 10 and AAC_M9.

Sincerely,

Kevin and Victoria Shearer,
5027 Jericho Rd.
Columbia, MD 21044

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Shearer:

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Message

Tue, Aug 28, 2012 10:10 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To: Khalil

Cc: BOE Email **Jennifer Bubenko**

Joel Gallihue

Subject: Re: SCHOOL REDISTRICTING

Khalil writes:

> Dear Sir / Madam

>

> My family supports the redistricting of our community from Longfellow ES to Tridelphia Ridge ES as set forth in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9

>

> Mr. & Mrs. Khalil and Alejandra Kodsi

> 4834 Castlebridge Rd

> Ellicott City, MD 21042

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Kodsi:

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Message

Tue, Aug 28, 2012 10:11 AM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**
To: "Peter Filderman" <
Cc: BOE Email Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: redistricting

"Peter Filderman"

writes:

My family supports the redistricting of our community from Longfellow ES to Triadelphia Ridge ES as set forth in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9.

Peter Filderman
5108 Jericho Rd
Columbia, MD 21044

Dear Mr. Filderman:

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Message

Tue, Aug 28, 2012 10:12 AM

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

Subject: Re: School Redistricting

writes:

Our family supports the redistricting of our community, Forest Glen, from Longfellow Elementary to Triadelphia Ridge ES, as set forth in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9.

Thank you.

Alan Rifkin
Leslie Rifkin
11541 Manorstone Lane
Columbia, MD 21044

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Rifkin:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. By copy of this email, I am forwarding your input to the Office of School Planning, which is responsible for preparing the final recommendations and presenting them to the Board on October 18, 2012. Until then, all ideas formulated by the AAC (Attendance Area Committee) are fluid as the members deliberate on this difficult task.

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Message

Tue, Aug 28, 2012 12:07 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To: "Cathy Weiss"

Cc: BOE Email

Joel Gallihue **Jennifer Bubenko**

Subject: Re: Proposed School Redistricting

"Cathy Weiss" writes:

To: Howard County Board of Education, and HCPSS Planning Staff

We appreciate the many factors taken into consideration with regard to the various proposals considered for redistricting communities to elementary, middle and high schools throughout Howard County. The school redistricting planning process is certainly a challenging one.

By way of this email, my family wishes to support the proposed redistricting of our community from Longfellow ES to Triadelphia Ridge ES as set forth in Plans AAC_L10 and AAC_M9.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Cathy and Robert Weiss

11512 Manorstone Lane

Columbia, Maryland 21044

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Weiss:

Thank you for contacting the Board of Education. By copy of this email, I am forwarding your input to the Office of School Planning, which is responsible for preparing the final recommendations and presenting them to the Board on October 18, 2012. Until then, all ideas formulated by the AAC are fluid as the members deliberate on this difficult task.

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Message

Tue, Aug 28, 2012 12:54 PM

From:  Courtney Moon

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

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Subject: To include Polygons 141 and 1141 with the redistricting of Polygons 175,...

To include Polygons 141 and 1141 with the redistricting of Polygons 175, 177, 1175, 1177, 2175 in redistricting proposal L10 for elementary school and M9 for middle school.

The reason for not including these 20 students is because the FARM would increase from 36% - 41%. Without these 20 students the FARM rate would be 39%. What is so disruptive about moving 20 additional kids out? The school isn't changing, there should be no impact. It is more disruptive splitting these neighborhoods and tearing the kids apart from their friends and the kids with whom they currently ride the bus. Why would we separate neighborhoods and friends because the FARM rate increased from 39% to 40%. Also, what is so different about the 56 kids being moved out of Longfellow vs. the 60 being moved out of Swansfield. The only difference is that the school is larger and therefore the loss of students impacts their FARM rate less. If there is a major concern about the number of FARM students then please send some of the FARM students with us. We would welcome these kids with open arms and will be happy to ride the bus to school with them.

Longfellow is due to be renovated and it has been suggested that they use swing space to accommodate the kids while this renovation happens. I believe the suggested space is the old Faulkner Ridge School. Moving these students would help with fewer portables and less space at Faulkner Ridge would be needed. Also, transporting these kids from Hobbit's Glen to Triadelphia Ridge is not difficult since Harpers Farm turns into Homewood and Folly Quarter Road and then one turn will take you to the school. So, access to the school is as easy or easier than access from 108.

Hobbit's Glen is a diverse community that will add to the diversity of Triadelphia Ridge. Please keep these communities together. These are very diverse communities with more in common than they have different. These kids go to camp together, ride the bus together, compete on the same swim teams and attend the boys and girls scouts together. Please do not leave 20 students out of the redistricting effort so that the FARM rate will be 39% instead of 41%.

An increase in the percentage of FARM students has not stopped the committee in the past and is not stopping the committee this year! Please look at the increases that are in the L7 plan (the last plan with an assessment).

Other Schools with FARM increase

-HCMS - 31% to 33%

-WLMS - 36% to 38%

-DRES - 35% to 40%

-PLES - 46%-51% - 76 students moved from Montjoy community to Thunderhill School

-Steven's Forest - 50% - 56%

We are also concerned that the FARM percentages that are reported in the assessment don't match what is reported on the school's website. For instance on the PLES website indicates 40.6% FARMS and Longfellow ES indicates 33% FARM rate.

Thanks again for your consideration of including Polygons 141 and 1141 along with their neighbors 175,177, 1175, 1177, 2175 in the L10 and M9 AAC redistricting plans.



Message

Tue, Aug 28, 2012 1:30 PM

From: **Kathleen V. Hanks**

To:

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

Subject: Re: Redistrict Veterans Elelmentary Polygon 1102

! writes:

Dear Committee members,

We are concerned about moving our polygon 1102 from Veterans elementary. We agree with the text (below) sent from our home owners association President. We support the plan "move polygon 102 to Northfield Elementary and leave polygon 1102 at Veterans Elementary. This shift would not have an impact on the capacity of either school as the current enrollment of polygon 102 is approximately 33 students compared to our polygon of 35 students".

Raj and Varsha Garnepudi,
3952 Nelson House Rd, Ellicott city, MD 21043

Text from our association President

"Our homeowners have recently become aware that a new redistricting proposal (Plan L10) has been discussed which will move our community (polygon 1102) from Veterans Elementary to Northfield Elementary. While we understand that in order to balance the enrollment needs of the entire county redistricting is necessary, we respectfully request that our community continue to be served by Veterans Elementary and Ellicott Mills Middle. Our community was a part of the previous redistricting which moved our children from Worthington Elementary to Veterans so we have first-hand experienced how this impacts a community. Despite this our children adopted and have made Veterans Elementary their home. Furthermore, many of our families have developed relationships with families in the Stonecrest, Ellicott Station and Brittany Drive neighborhoods (polygons 3101 and 1101) and we feel strongly that these bonds should not be broken by moving our neighborhood to Northfield Elementary.

While we are pleased that the current plans leave our community in Ellicott Mills Middle, we believe this new elementary redistricting plan creates unreasonable disruption to our families as the majority of the children attending Northfield Elementary will attend Dunloggin Middle School while our children will move on to Ellicott Mills. While making new friends is a part of life, the current proposal seems rather harsh given that this redistricting plan will remove them from the friendships they have developed at Veterans forcing them to make new ones at Northfield only to have these once again broken as they move into middle school. We believe that it is important to maintain the existing feeder pattern that already exists – Veterans to Ellicott Mills to Centennial High. Keeping students together through elementary, middle and high school helps students feel socially established and confident as they approach their important high school years.

In reviewing Plan L10 it appears that this same issue will be experienced by polygon 102 as they are currently assigned to Veterans Elementary only to be sent to Dunloggin Middle while the majority of Veterans moves on to Ellicott Mills. Perhaps one solution to this problem is to move polygon 102 to Northfield Elementary and leave polygon 1102 at Veterans Elementary. This shift would not have an impact on the capacity of either school as the current enrollment of polygon 102 is approximately 33 students

compared to our polygon of 35 students.

We understand the complexity of this project and appreciate the diligence that you have shown in this difficult process. We believe that maintaining the continuity of the Veterans Elementary to Ellicott Mills Middle feeder relationship is important to the development of our children and respectfully request that you develop a redistricting plan that maintains this relationship.

Thank you for your consideration"

Good Afternoon:

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