

BCC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOUNDARY STUDY

The BCC Cluster Boundary Study Committee held a meeting in the All Purpose Room at RHPS, this past Monday, April 11, to obtain feedback from the RHPS community on the Options developed by MCPS Long Range Planning Division for boundary changes and construction additions planned for late 2015/2016 (AT THE EARLIEST) for the BCC elementary school cluster.

There was a great deal of concern voiced by families in the audience, particularly those from the surrounding neighborhood of Rosemary Hills, matriculated in the system and those, whose children would be matriculated in the future and would bear a direct impact of the proposed boundary changes. They identified the County's Options as imbalanced within socio-economic factors along with the need for more transparency in order for the community, as a whole, to make informed decisions on the options presented.

These concerns were voiced on April 14th, at NCC's All Purpose Room, to the MCPS Long Range Planning Division, and to the Boundary Study Committee. After the concerns of the community were presented it was decided by the Boundary Study Committee that another set of Options needed to be developed in order to address the imbalance in the current proposed Options (Option #1, #2).

Our next meeting will be held on April 27, at NCC's All Purpose Room at 7:30 p.m. where MCPS Long Range Planning Division will present a new set of options for evaluation and further community feedback.

I encourage the community to participate in this process in an attempt to contribute to the development of Options that are balanced, practical and feasible.

There will be a link posted on the RHPTA website for the public who are not part of RHPS but will have children matriculated in the future. The link will have the schedule of Boundary Meetings and any other relevant news regarding the options as they are developed.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me at:

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Thank you for your involvement in this difficult task.

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ALL BOUDNARY STUDY INFORMATION IS POSTED AT:

http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/CommunityInfo_Boundary2.shtml

BOUNDARY STUDY MEETING SCHEDULE

Phase 1:

- April 27, 2011** - Second round of options presented to committee
- Dates TBD
(May 2 – May 9, 2011)** - Presentation of second round of options to community
- May 12, 2011** - Committee share feedback on second round of options and draft committee report (if needed)
- May 16, 2011** - Community-wide meeting to present options and get Feedback
- May 19, 2011** - Final committee meeting; final draft of committee report completed and evaluations of options collected; PTA positions papers due
- June 3, 2011** - Committee report due to superintendent

Phase 2 and 3:

Superintendent and Board of Education Review (July-November 2011)

- July-Oct. 2011** Superintendent review
- Mid-Oct. 2011** Superintendent's recommendations to the Board of Education
- Early Nov. 2011** Board of Education boundary work session
- Mid Nov. 2011** Board of Education boundary and Capital Improvements Programs (CIP) public hearing
- End of Nov. 2011** Board of Education action on boundaries and CIP items
- TBD** Boundary changes implemented with completion of school additions