

Town Meetings
Harford Business Roundtable and
Board of Education of Harford County
October 27, October 28, and October 29, 2005

The following table reflects the Post-it Note votes at the Aberdeen High School Town Meeting.

Question 3: The Board of Education has a policy that addresses redistricting. It is called the “Balancing Enrollment Policy.” Given that the Board must redistrict, what are the things that you as community members think should be considered by the Board as they review the options developed and presented by the Technical Advisory Committee.		
<i>Aberdeen High School Town Meeting</i>	Number of Votes	Meeting Location
Respect existing choice of schools	93	AHS
Keep communities together	43	AHS
Respect loyalty of people who stayed committed to the community (stay in Aberdeen)	39	AHS
Consider zoning and development when addressing school capacity percentages	37	AHS
Grandfather students when redistricting K-12	26	AHS
Consider the use of the old Aberdeen High School when utilizing school space	25	AHS
Consider community support system	11	AHS
Allow students to make the choice of what school to attend	10	AHS
Year round schooling	8	AHS
Allow individuals to have the opportunity to opt out of the redistricting process	6	AHS
Allow individual choice of what school to attend	3	AHS
Build more facilities where needed	3	AHS
An existing boundary map needs to be made assessable to all stakeholders	2	AHS
Consider and respect existing relationships	2	AHS
Consider split shift to reduce overcrowding	2	AHS
Redistricting should be based solely on a geographical radius drawn around the school	1	AHS
Be sensitive to the Aberdeen community	0	AHS
Busing	0	AHS
Individual school district tax	0	AHS
There seems to be a real stigma about the Edgewood school. Why? If there is a problem FIX IT. ALL SCHOOLS SHOULD BE EQUAL! All students deserve the same quality of education no matter where they are.	This was written in one of the columns after everyone voted	AHS

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<i>Bel Air High School Town Meeting</i>	Number of Votes	Meeting Location
Consider neighborhoods	120	BAHS
Bus ride time	65	BAHS
Develop plans to improve problems in existing schools	51	BAHS
Consider class size	49	BAHS
Property values	47	BAHS
Grandfather students	38	BAHS
Feeder Systems	32	BAHS
Equalize the programs at all schools	31	BAHS
Consider future growth (BRAC)	30	BAHS
Give consideration to older community	25	BAHS
Stay within the capacity at each school	23	BAHS
Do it all at once – consider elementary schools when developing plan	15	BAHS
Walkers should be first consideration	15	BAHS
Consider discipline – safety and security	11	BAHS
Moratorium on building in county	8	BAHS
Test scores	8	BAHS
Consider impact on extra curricular programs	6	BAHS
Minimize kids being moved more than one time	5	BAHS
Add additions to buildings before adding new buildings	4	BAHS
Make sure there is even distribution of new teachers	2	BAHS
Carefully select school leadership	1	BAHS
Concern regarding combined middle/high	0	BAHS
Minimize domino effect	0	BAHS

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<i>Fallston Middle School Town Meeting</i>	Number of Votes	Meeting Location
Travel time	41	FMS
Consider feeder schools	30	FMS
Property value impact	30	FMS
Organize by zip codes	28	FMS
Reconfigure grade alignment or span K-6, 7-9, 10-12	21	FMS
Consider the academic standards of schools	20	FMS
Grandfathering	18	FMS
Liberal boundary exceptions	17	FMS
Redistrict whole communities/developments together	16	FMS
Minimize frequency of redistricting	14	FMS
Move only during transition times	13	FMS
Consideration of BRAC	12	FMS
Consider project growth numbers	9	FMS
Sense of community/rec activities	7	FMS
Academic quality of all schools	5	FMS
Consider alternative schedules (extended day, year round schooling alternate days)	3	FMS
Focus on high growth areas	3	FMS
Consider parent involvement in schools	2	FMS
Consider placing magnet schools in less performing schools	2	FMS
Consider scheduling of breaks/compact school year	2	FMS

The following table reflects the Post-it Note votes at the Joppatowne High School Town Meeting.

<i>Joppatowne High School Town Meeting</i>	Number of Votes	Meeting Location
Consider Abingdon does not currently have a middle or a high school	19	JHS
Consider future growth patterns	12	JHS
County-wide audit of true location of students	11	JHS
Grandfather 11 th and 12	10	JHS
Consider energy conservation – length of travel (logistics)	9	JHS
Feeder patterns “pure”	5	JHS
Consider staffing experience/years of teaching	4	JHS
Create a balance of socio-economic status across county	3	JHS
Keep longstanding communities together	3	JHS
Consider building and strengthening community	2	JHS
Consideration of siblings	2	JHS
Keep politics out of process	2	JHS
Consider need for middle/high schools <u>in</u> communities	1	JHS
Phase-in of grade levels	1	JHS
Consider children/communities. Avoid “elitism.”	0	JHS