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ELEMENTARY REDISTRICTING PROPOSAL UPDATED

Revised proposed elementary redistricting plan posted on hcps.org

The <u>first revision to the Proposed Elementary Redistricting Plan</u> has been posted to Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) website, hcps.org. The Superintendent's Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) has been meeting to modify the proposed attendance areas to address community feedback and issues that still needed to be resolved. When the proposed plan was initially released, five schools remained at or above 100 percent capacity. The modifications made in the last several weeks have helped to correct this; however, STAC still has work to complete. The 'School Locator' and the smaller, individual school proposed attendance area maps are currently being updated with these modifications. Both items will be reposted as soon as they are available.

The current plan is still a proposal, and modifications will continue to be made throughout the process. A plan will not become final until the Board of Education of Harford County votes on it at the end of February. The <u>Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)</u> section of the website continues to be updated as parents and community members submit questions to the <u>elementaryredistricting@hcps.org</u> email address. In addition, as proposals are received, they are posted to a <u>matrix</u> located on the website. This matrix will continue to be updated as STAC considers proposals.

The Board and STAC have scheduled regional community hearings to gather feedback, and the public is invited to attend any hearing date or location to share comments and proposals. Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. Comment cards will be available at the doors and must be filled out prior to the start of the meetings. All hearings are scheduled to be held from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted below. The dates of the upcoming meetings are as follows (public comment accepted at all meetings, unless otherwise noted):

- Wednesday, January 19, 2011 Public Hearings -- Bel Air High School and Fallston High School auditoriums
- Thursday, January 20, 2011 Public Hearings -- Edgewood High School and North Harford High School auditoriums
- Monday, January 31, 2011 Public Hearing -- Havre de Grace High School auditorium (rescheduled hearing from January 12, 2011)
- Monday, February 7, 2011 Board Work Session Plan Modifications Presentation -- A.A. Roberty Building Board Room **no public comment accepted at this meeting*
- Monday, February 14, 2011 Final Public Hearing -- A.A. Roberty Building Board Room, 7:30 9:30 p.m.
- Monday, February 28, 2011 Board Decision on Elementary Redistricting Plan -- A.A. Roberty Building Board Room, 6:30 p.m.

In addition, the Elementary Redistricting email address (<u>elementaryredistricting@hcps.org</u>) will remain open throughout the process to collect feedback and proposals.