HCPS Enrollment Balancing Process

Advisory Team Meeting #6b

May 18, 2021 - 3:00-4:30 pm

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- Convened an additional meeting to continue work on Bel Air MS/HS and Patterson Mill Middle High School boundaries with several Advisory Team members, including parents and District staff.
- Secondary Schools Continued:
 - Bel Air MS/HS > Fallston MS/HS: Initial discussion focused on making an edit to keep all of Marywood 1 and Marywood 2 at Bel Air MS/HS instead of sending the southern part of the neighborhood to Fallston MS/HS. Advisory team agreed to make this change and focused on other areas that could send students from Bel Air MS/HS to Fallston MS/HS instead. Expanded MHS-7 area to include Harford Estates and the neighborhoods along Bernadette Drive to go to Fallston as well.
 - Bel Air MS/HS > Southampton MS/C. Milton Wright HS: Looked at area at the top of Bel Air MS/HS boundary that was proposed to go to North Harford (Forest Hill ES area south of 23). Decided to move that area back to Bel Air MS/HS for transportation reasons, and send the neighborhood closest to Southampton MS in Bel Air ES (MHS-5, east of N. Main St.) to Southampton.
 - Patterson Mill MHS: Reviewed the areas around Patterson Mill including Colonial Acres, Glenangus, and Broadview neighborhoods that are proposed to stay at Homestead Wakefield ES. Keeping these areas at Patterson Mill would keep the students at their current MS/HS (~130 students), but result in a three way split for Homestead Wakefield ES students (at the new school capacity). There were no two middle schools that could take half each of the HWES students after trying a few configurations. This reduced the MHS-4 area to include Cedarday, Fairway, Todd Lakes and Willow Chase neighborhoods to go to Southampton MS/C. Milton Wright HS (200+ students).
 - Re-ran the models to assess the outcome of the above changes, Fallston MS and Southampton MS just over 100% capacity in either current or future scenarios. Wanted send this overall MS/HS scenario out to the public to get feedback on the current change areas before trying additional scenarios in the next meeting based on that feedback.