



Harford County Public Schools

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HCPS COMPREHENSIVE ELEMENTARY REDISTRICTING PLAN FINAL

School system website has been updated with final information

The Board of Education of Harford County unanimously approved the Comprehensive Elementary Redistricting Plan at its March 14, 2011, meeting. As well as the ten amendments to the proposed plan that were approved during the February 28th meeting, three additional amendments were adopted before the plan was made final:

- Return Thomas Run Road from Dublin Elementary School to Prospect Mill Elementary School (adds six students to Prospect Mill Elementary School);
- Area of Deer Creek: Walters Mill Road to current northeast Hickory Elementary School boundary (adds 19 students to Hickory Elementary School and subtracts 19 from North Harford Elementary School);
and
- Amend Alternative 6 to extend to the Woodsbrook Community to Youth's Benefit Elementary School (three additional students to Youth's Benefit).

In effect for the 2011-12 school year, approximately 1,900 elementary students, representing 11% of the Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) elementary population, will transfer to new schools. The HCPS website has been updated to include the [final approved attendance area maps](#), the [final elementary capacity figures](#) and the [school locator feature](#).

"The Board is grateful to the community for working together with us to reach a solution that benefits the students of Harford County by reaching the goals of our initiative," said Board President Mark M. Wolkow.

All of the elementary schools receiving new students in the coming school year will coordinate special welcome nights to be held in May for incoming students and their families. Letters to parents from their child's new principal will be sent home by the end of April to provide dates and times for the welcome nights. Sending and receiving schools continue to meet, and all elementary schools will follow uniform procedures so parents receive timely communication and access to resources, ensuring a smooth transition for the students and their parents. Class lists for the 2011-12 school year will not be posted prior to August 15, 2011.

The elementary redistricting process was an extensive one and included parent Focus Groups in each elementary school; the Superintendent's Technical Advisory Committee (STAC), which gathered and analyzed student enrollment data, demographic data, and other data that would assist with formulating a proposed plan to meet the goals established by the Board of Education; seven public hearings to allow the public the opportunity to seek clarification and to provide testimony to the Superintendent and Board regarding the initiative; and an Elementary Redistricting Steering Committee to develop a transition plan for the students changing schools.

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