

Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: Superintendent
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 4:08 PM
To: Ryan Harris
Cc: Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen); Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Subject: RE: 2021 Redistricting - CHOOSE OPTION A

Good afternoon,

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Again, I appreciate you sharing your concerns,

Cheri Guempel

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From: Ryan Harris <ryan@cviewfinancial.com>
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2019 4:00 PM

To: Superintendent <Superintendent@henrico.k12.va.us>

Subject: 2021 Redistricting - CHOOSE OPTION A

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From: Superintendent
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 4:05 PM
To: Amy E. Cashwell (aecashwell); Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen); Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Subject: FW: another thought

Good afternoon,

Since Ms. Ogburn has been corresponding via email with this parent, I wanted to share.

Have a great afternoon!

Cheri Guempel

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From: TMS PTA President <tmspresidentpta@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 23, 2019 10:38 AM
To: Michelle F. Ogburn (mfogburn1) <mfogburn1@henrico.k12.va.us>
Cc: Superintendent <Superintendent@henrico.k12.va.us>
Subject: Re: another thought

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Micky,

I went online this morning and shared my message through the General Feedback Form. Your reply about doing that makes me think the committee is not getting the survey results. I have tried to speak with the Ridge/Tuckahoe/Freeman reps personally, but have not had much success there. Hopefully there will be more transparency at the December committee meetings.

There is also a growing community concern that the budget extensions to include two new elem schools and an unnamed expanded middle school (which the committee did not even know about until the email was sent wide to HCPS families) will change all of this. It feels like a lot of expense and energy is being put into the redistricting process which now might not even be needed. I know those details are being flushed out, and I hope it will be decided quickly if those added schools and space might change the need for county-wide redistricting.

Thanks again for being open to dialog. It means a lot to me personally.

Amy

On Fri, Nov 22, 2019 at 5:09 PM TMS PTA President <tmspresidentpta@gmail.com> wrote:

Micky

Thank you for your reply. I always appreciate how quickly you return an email. My understanding was that at this point the only way the committee wants to hear from us is through the survey. In the beginning I was completing the feedback form that was going to the committee, but that was before the creation of the survey. I will have to look online to see if I am missing another mode of communication to committee members. Thanks for that feedback.

Amy

On Fri, Nov 22, 2019 at 4:28 PM Michelle F. Ogburn (mfogburn1) <mfogburn1@henrico.k12.va.us> wrote:

Amy,

I hear you. I will be watching this as we go forward. As you know, the committee is hard at work and has to process all of the feedback from the community meetings. I appreciate that you have filled out the survey, but have you also submitted your comments via the website directly to the committee? Be sure that you do, please.

Thanks for the email and info.

Micky

Mrs. Micky Ogburn
Henrico County School Board
Three Chopt District

EMAIL: mfogburn1@henrico.k12.va.us
CELL PHONE: 804-385-9819
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Ms. Debbie Ward- (804)652-3808, FAX-(804) 652-3856

From: TMS PTA President <tmspresidentpta@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2019 10:41 AM
To: Michelle F. Ogburn (mfogburn1) <mfogburn1@henrico.k12.va.us>
Cc: Superintendent <Superintendent@henrico.k12.va.us>
Subject: another thought

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Hi Micky and Dr. Cashwell,

I have completed the online redistricting survey many times since the meeting at Wilder Middle. I plan to attend the committee meetings in December, but I wanted to reach out to you to implore you to advocate and protect your constituents in the Ridge/Tuckahoe/Freeman feeder pattern. Since the survey closes on Sunday, I did not want to wait to share my thoughts directly with you.

As I mentioned when we had chance to speak at Wilder, my house is .5 -.7 miles from Ridge, TMS and Freeman. Our three kids have walked to and from school over the years since 2007. One of my seniors at Freeman walked home just yesterday because his twin brother had their car at swim practice. There are three official TMS school entrance access points in our neighborhood used daily by students from areas near Fordson/Yolanda Rd and Shannon Hill Rd and Girard and Gaylord Rd and Pamela Rd. Parents walk to all three schools for meetings and concerts and events. There are parents in this neighborhood who live in the house they grew up in and have always been Ridge/Tuckahoe/Freeman because it is our neighborhood school, and now we might be redistricted to Jackson Davis, QMS and Tucker...where we will put students on buses to go PAST the schools in our neighborhood as they travel. This potential change does not meet the committee's goal of "balancing community and neighborhood school concept."

The bigger issue involves Ridge Elem. According to the two maps in circulation now, removing our neighborhood from Ridge, would CONCENTRATE POVERTY at Ridge. They already have an ED of 92%. How does this meet the committee's goal of "reducing concentrations of poverty?" If these maps are used, Ridge Elem will not be able to sustain itself. The teachers there already work overtime in an overcrowded Title 1 school. It has been overcrowded for years and we have begged for someone to be brave enough to move the crowd, not the small number of students who live behind the school. Without the support of the PTA, the teachers will not be able to meet the needs of the students. I am also concerned that teachers will not want to teach there. Ridge has longevity among its teachers because it is rewarding to work there and the families who can give time and talents to the needs of the school, do so in a big way.

At the Wilder Middle meeting, I was told by some of the elem committee members that "there is no room to move elem students west." How can this be when Kaechele is at 68% capacity and Tuckahoe, Short Pump, Shady Grove and Pemberton are just above 80%?? As you know Nottingham Green is .4 miles from Pemberton. Many of those families do not have cars so they cannot participate at Ridge like they would if they could walk to school. Ridge has started bringing teachers to them on the weekends with books and lunch and tutoring. The PTA organizes playground meetings at Nottingham Green so these families can be part of the activities. They use HCPS buses to bring them to PTA and Title 1 events in the evenings. Yes, there are over 180 elem students in that apartment complex, but the true way to alleviate overcrowding is to move the crowd. If someone was brave enough to do that and let those students go to their neighborhood school (Pemberton), while moving some more students a little bit west to fill in schools with space, I think it would better meet the goals of the committee.

Over the ten years of redistricting, two rounds of which my husband, Rob, served on the redistricting committee, we have always been told that "those changes will force Ridge to lose its Title 1 status." I am a former educator and I value the benefits of a Title 1 school. I was singing the praises of this federal program when it came to Ridge! We all know that the Title 1 funding goes where the students have the need. With Ridge at 92% ED right now, I doubt that removing Nottingham Green will change the Title 1 status, but even if it does, the students will still get what they need at any HCPS school that qualifies for federal money.

My last point relates to feeder pattern. Freeman is overcrowded and I understand the need to move some students out of that zone to fill the 100 additional seats that will be at brand new Tucker HS. However, it makes no sense to me that the students who move from Freeman should be ones who can walk to school. What if the students from Nottingham Green, who are already zoned for QMS, went to Tucker? It would keep them in a feeder pattern with their middle school peers. It would move a larger number of students from Freeman to Tucker. Another added

benefit is that it would put ELL families from that community at Tucker where there is Spanish immersion curriculum and ELL Welcome Center. Those seem like benefits that would actually help meet the goals of the committee.

I understand the laborious details that go into this process, as well as the emotions. I think the Ridge/Tuckahoe/Freeman feeder pattern has concerns that need to be examined because we see where these two maps are in direct opposition to the stated goals of the committee. Please be our advocate!

Thank you, as always, for hearing my concerns. I am grateful for the care and concern you give to all of HCPS.

Sincerely,
Amy Boyle
804-347-2724

Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen)
Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2019 5:01 PM
To: Ryan Harris
Cc: Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Subject: RE: 2021 Redistricting - CHOOSE OPTION A

Mr. Harris,

Thank you for your email. I will ensure the redistricting committee receives your comments.

Chris

From: Ryan Harris <ryan@cviewfinancial.com>
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2019 4:00 PM
To: Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen) <casorensen@henrico.k12.va.us>
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Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: William A. Pike, Jr (wapike)
Sent: Saturday, November 23, 2019 9:54 AM
To: iamduffy2000@gmail.com
Cc: Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen); Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Subject: redistricting

Mr. Duffy,

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Sent: Saturday, November 23, 2019 9:53 AM
To: brown_jeannette@hotmail.com
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Mrs. Brown,

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From: William A. Pike, Jr (wapike)
Sent: Saturday, November 23, 2019 9:44 AM
To: kevincoxvt@gmail.com
Cc: Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen); Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Subject: redistricting

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From: William A. Pike, Jr (wapike)
Sent: Saturday, November 23, 2019 9:43 AM
To: karen.bolton@hotmail.com
Cc: Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen); Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
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Mrs. Bolton,

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From: William A. Pike, Jr (wapike)
Sent: Saturday, November 23, 2019 9:42 AM
To: leahdanforth@msn.com
Cc: Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen); Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Subject: redistricting

Mrs. Danforth,

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From: William A. Pike, Jr (wapike)
Sent: Saturday, November 23, 2019 9:41 AM
To: Shelly Deener
Cc: Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen); Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Subject: RE: Fox Hall Redistricting

Mrs. Deener,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Shelly Deener [mailto:shellydeener@me.com]
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2019 8:25 AM
To: schoolboard <schoolboard@henrico.k12.va.us>
Subject: Fox Hall Redistricting

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Thank you for taking this role. I know you want to do what you think is best for the kids!

So Oppose! Redistricting in ms and hs is incredibly upsetting to the emotional well being of our kids. Our kids need "community". We need to know other parents, the school staff and our neighbors. That takes time and if our kids move that doesn't happen. Then they go to college with no real community to support them.

I could go on but you get the point.

Sincerely,

Michelle Deener

Sent from my iPhone

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To: schoolboard <schoolboard@henrico.k12.va.us>
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From: Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen)
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2019 4:53 PM
To: Matthew Cropper; Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Subject: FW: HCPS Redistricting: Direction to GIS Consultant

From: Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen)
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2019 4:52 PM
To: walid.saleh@gmail.com; Charles J. Davis (cjdavis) <cjdavis@henrico.k12.va.us>
Cc: Andy Jenks <ajenks@henrico.k12.va.us>; Alyson K. Beverly (akbeverly) <akbeverly@henrico.k12.va.us>
Subject: RE: HCPS Redistricting: Direction to GIS Consultant

Good afternoon Mr. Saleh,

Transportation staff that attended the meetings answered specific question asked by committee members. Minutes were not taken at the meetings, so there is not a list of questions and answers that can be provided. I do anticipate that the transportation staff will attend the December meetings to conduct a more formalized information session for the committee members.

Please submit any comments you have, including any related to transportation, through the [link](#) on our [website](#). This process will allow you to provide your comments to the entire committee and also addresses your concerns of a committee member's qualifications to relay the information on your behalf. Please know that all comments submitted through the website are shared with the entire committee and applicable staff, as necessary. Ultimately, those comments will also be shared with the School Board.

Committee members are not meeting with any individuals or groups outside of the published meeting schedule. The process is designed for public meetings to allow equal access of all information to both the community and the committee.

I hope this answers your questions. Enjoy your weekend.

Chris

From: walid.saleh@gmail.com <walid.saleh@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2019 10:04 AM
To: Charles J. Davis (cjdavis) <cjdavis@henrico.k12.va.us>
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Dear Mr. Davis

Meeting vs Call

I will talk to my neighbors and get back to you.

SUMMARY OF ROUTE EFFICIENCY AND SAFETY ISSUES

You did not comment on my other request. We would greatly appreciate you sending a summary of issues with route efficiency and safety that were discussed at Citizen Redistricting Committee (CRC) meetings. Providing this information is critical to a transparent public involvement process. A copy of these issues could be given to the CRC members and the public, and updated as noted. Please provide a copy of this summary.

Specific statements made by a few CRC members to me and a few neighbors was that HCPS Transportation stated that they did not want to cross Broad Street in the Short Pump area and that was the primary reason selected options where this was honored. Most of the options presented at the Public Information Session reflect this. Given the significant impact of the statements made by HCPS Transportation at the CRC meetings, we would like a summary of the topic directly from the folks who made these statements. We believe, however, that the current PIS options have now created a series of new bus route efficiency and safety issues.

Dear Mr. Sorensen

MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY MEETING WITH CRC MEMBERS

Please note that during the Public Involvement Session (PIS), we could barely have a substantial discussion with our CRC members as they were being continuously swarmed by around 15 citizens. I do not think they could constructively absorb the amount of feedback being received on a wide array of issues. For that matter, we do not think that a CRC members are qualified to receive, evaluate, and relay transportation safety and efficiency issues on several routes.

We asked one CRC member if we could meet with him outside of the PIS given that he was being swarmed. He asked Mr. Cropper and Mr. Cropper advised that it would not be appropriate for the CRC member to meet outside of the PIS. So, what is the policy on CRC Members meeting with their peers in the community? Are they allowed to meet with their peers in the community? Are they expected to meet with their peers in the community, and aware of this expectation?

If the CRC members are permitted and expected to discuss matters with us, then please provide the name, email address, and phone numbers of the CRC Members for Short Pump Elementary School, Pocahontas Middle School, and Godwin High School.

Best Regards

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Oak Run

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Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: Ryan Harris <ryan@cviewfinancial.com>
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2019 4:01 PM
To: Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Subject: 2021 Redistricting - CHOOSE OPTION A

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Mr. Briggs,

I am writing you today to ask you to keep Freeman socioeconomically and culturally diverse, and choose option A.

We moved into this district in the Westwood neighborhood ten months ago for several reasons. We did our research and spoke to students/parents that went to Crestview, Tuckahoe, and Freeman. Keeping one stable home versus moving is important to how we raise our two children. The current feeder partner continuity is extremely important to the education of our kids. Our children are already forming friendships through extra-curricular activities with those going to other elementary schools that would not be affected by option B, and would still attend Freeman in the future. We believe those friendships could fail over time if they are split up after years of forming bonds due to option B separating them.

Freeman is closer to our home and is the safest route to school by way of Three Chopt. You have to drive PAST Freeman on Three Chopt to get to Tucker. We do not want to expose our children to additional traffic due to a further distance drive to get to Tucker by way of Interstate 64 or excess traffic on Parham Road. We feel like maintaining natural boundaries on the map makes the most common sense, which would keep the Westwood neighborhood in Option A. Going to Tucker high from Westwood does not align with natural boundaries whatsoever.

We specifically chose Crestview over Tuckahoe elementary, and then purchased a home in that area due to its diversity. We see Freeman as a well balanced and diverse school for our children to attend. While at Crestview, our children have experience good diversity with their after school programs and in the classroom.

It seems to me that there would be less of a STUDENT impact with option A, the path of least resistance so to speak. I urge you please to consider option A as the appropriate option to select when considering your final decision. I can only imagine the pushback you're receiving from people like me in support of both options. Thank you for your time and efforts in this redistricting plan.

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Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: Matthew Cropper <mcropper@croppergis.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2019 4:45 PM
To: Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen); Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Subject: Re: FW: HCPS Redistricting: Direction to GIS Consultant

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Make sure you tell them not to direct them to individual committee members, but to provide input via the feedback form. And also caution him if he has a meeting with one group he technically has to entertain that for anybody else who asks in the county.

Sincerely,
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From: Superintendent
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To: Melinda Winterhalter; schoolboard; Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen); Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs); Monica R. Manns (mmanns)
Cc: Andy Jenks
Subject: RE: Crestview Area Concerns about Redistricting

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Again, I appreciate you sharing your concerns,

Cheri Guempel

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From: Melinda Winterhalter <melinsean@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2019 6:31 PM

To: schoolboard <schoolboard@henrico.k12.va.us>; Superintendent <Superintendent@henrico.k12.va.us>; Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen) <casorensen@henrico.k12.va.us>; Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs) <jmbriggs@henrico.k12.va.us>; Monica R. Manns (mmanns) <mmanns@henrico.k12.va.us>
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Wednesday, November 20, 2019

To: Dr. Amy Cashwell, School Board Representatives, Chris Sorensen, Justin Briggs and Dr. Amanda Manns,

I am writing regarding concerns about redistricting options currently on the slate. I realize these are still drafts and there is a ways to go. I would like to thank you for taking the time to read my letter and taking note of my concerns: Feeder Pattern/Continuity, Transportation/Proximity/Safety, Concentration of Poverty/ Socioeconomic & Cultural Diversity, and Number of Students Impacted.

I live in the Monument Floral Gardens neighborhood. Our current school pattern is Crestview Elementary, Tuckahoe Middle, Freeman High. We moved to this location, as it is almost city living, being so close to Richmond City Line, and it has one of the most diverse pockets in Henrico County! We also moved here, as it is an established area with no room for new growth, therefore, we thought there would never be a change in our **feeder pattern/continuity** to Crestview ES, Tuckahoe MS and Freeman HS. We have lived here for 16 years and have a 6th grade son at Tuckahoe Middle and a 9th grade daughter at Freeman. We want them to be able to maintain the friendships they built throughout these important years and be able to celebrate their accomplishments together at their graduations.

The Crestview area is a very unique and special area in Henrico County. Our students are from 40 different nationalities and speak 20 different languages, this makes our school a gem! Crestview ES is a smaller elementary school in the county with only 341 students. But those 341 students are quite diverse, socioeconomically and culturally. Freeman needs Crestview for socioeconomic and cultural diversity! According to SchoolDigger.com, Crestview has 43.1% of students on free lunch program. The largest elementary school that feeds into Freeman is Tuckahoe ES with 644 Students. Tuckahoe Elementary provides 4.6% free lunches to their students. Freeman has 27.6% students on free lunches and Tucker has 42.6% students on free lunches. To take Crestview out of Freeman takes socioeconomic and cultural diversity out of Freeman which works against HCPS Guiding Principles! **Placing Crestview into Tucker then increases Tucker's concentration of poverty, which opposes HCPS Guiding Principle to reduce concentration of poverty!**

Freeman is reaching capacity and I know that you would like to see less than 95% capacity. Current Option A removes Pinchbeck ES from Godwin and places it into Freeman. Option B removes Pinchbeck ES AND parts of Carver ES from Godwin to put into Freeman (Option B then removes Crestview from Freeman to Tucker!) Why disrupt all of these elementary schools areas? Issues with this are that both Pinchbeck and Carver provide socioeconomic and cultural diversity to Godwin! Pinchbeck provides 40.4 % free lunches and Carver provides 44.6% free lunches. Godwin only provides 14.1% free lunches! Godwin will be more socioeconomically well off when Pinchbeck and Carter are removed, that defeats HCPS guiding principles on poverty. AND both Pinchbeck and Carver want to stay at Godwin. Crestview wants to stay at Freeman, so why even move these schools around? This is not even common sense, much less following HCPS Guidelines / Criteria.

Another concern is the transportation/proximity issue if we are moved from Freeman to Tucker. These issues boil down to the **SAFETY** of our children.

Freeman HS is 3.8 miles from my house with direct route on secondary roads (Monument Ave and Three Chopt). Tucker HS is 5.6 miles from my house and the fastest and most direct route would be traveling 1.6 miles on Broad Street (a 6 lane road with many intersections) to I-64 to Parham Rd. Here are the numbers as found on:

<https://www.treds.virginia.gov/Mapping/Map/CrashesByJurisdiction>

The car accidents on Broad Street between Libbie Rd and I-64 exit are as follows: 2017 - **67 crashes**, 2018 - **68 crashes!**
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Lastly, current Option A, which keeps Crestview at Freeman, **impacts the least amount of students countywide**. This should be a major factor the school board looks at when making final decisions to the redistricting. Less disruption equals less mental stress on our children/students.

I know any redistricting efforts have difficult decisions to be made. There so many areas with valid concerns, it can be overwhelming deciding which ones to prioritize as you want to adhere to HCPS guidelines / criteria. I have posted these comments on the General Feedback Form and when applicable on the Survey Form.

I hope you are able to see the validity in the above points about: Feeder Patten/Continuity, Transportation/Proximity/Safety, Concentration of Poverty/ Socioeconomic & Cultural Diversity, and Number of Students Impacted and how HCPS Guidelines and Criteria are met when you keep Crestview at Freeman!

Sincerely,
Melinda Winterhalter

Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: scan@henrico.k12.va.us
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2019 10:14 AM
To: Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Subject: Message from KM_364e
Attachments: SKM_364e19112011130.pdf

Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: William A. Pike, Jr (wapike)
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 8:22 PM
To: Brigitte Costello
Cc: Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen); Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Subject: RE: Redistricting

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Again, I appreciate you sharing your concerns, Bill

Bill Pike
School Board Representative
Tuckahoe District
Henrico County Public Schools

-----Original Message-----

From: Brigitte Costello [mailto:brigcost1@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 8:20 PM
To: schoolboard <schoolboard@henrico.k12.va.us>
Subject: Redistricting

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Hello,

I am writing to voice my concern about the high school change for Crestview students from Freeman to Tucker in option B. I think this is a big mistake as our neighborhood brings the diversity to Freeman, and then we would be placed at Tucker with much less diversity because our community is much like the Tucker community. Therefore, the idea of helping diversity would not happen with option B.

Thanks,

Brigitte Costello
Charles Glen

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From: William A. Pike, Jr (wapike)
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 8:20 PM
To: Geri Isenberg
Cc: Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen); Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Subject: RE: Redistricting Letter

Mrs. Isenberg,

I have attempted to respond to every e-mail from the Tuckahoe District. I note this is your second e-mail. Thanks for your willingness to continue to share concerns. Bill

Bill Pike
School Board Representative
Tuckahoe District
Henrico County Public Schools

From: Geri Isenberg [mailto:gsunflwr2000@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 9:49 AM
To: schoolboard <schoolboard@henrico.k12.va.us>
Subject: Redistricting Letter

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Dear Amy Cashwell,

November 19, 2019

I attended both the walk through map meetings, on November 7th and November 13th. I wanted to share with you some of my thoughts as a community member of the Crestview Area Coalition (CAC). We were present at both meetings and are aware of the maps and what is up for discussion at this point. Some key points to take into consideration are:

1.) If Crestview Elementary moves to Tucker you are increasing their concentration of poverty. We have many families that are below-poverty levels. We have a disadvantage as we cannot show up in numbers, or have shirts made, as many of our friends and neighbors don't understand what is going on. Reason being is because they speak a different language. We had fliers made up with English on one side and a Spanish translation on the other side. This puts us at a disadvantage due to our families having a language barrier, not having transportation available or just not knowing what to do for this rezoning.

2.) Currently Crestview Elementary is made up of 341 students (this is from 2019). There are 50% Caucasian, 25% Hispanic, 8% African Americans and 9% Asian. We have about 40 countries our students are from and students speak about 20 different languages! This is huge in Henrico County Public Schools!

3.) We are a well-established community! You aren't going to see any growth within our community.

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Geri Isenberg

Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: Superintendent
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 11:15 AM
To: Geri Isenberg
Cc: Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen); Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Subject: RE: Redistricting Letter

Good morning,

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns. I am responding on behalf of Dr. Cashwell.

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From: Geri Isenberg <gsunflwr2000@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 9:49 AM

To: Superintendent <Superintendent@henrico.k12.va.us>

Subject: Redistricting Letter

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November 19, 2019

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Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: Andy Jenks
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 10:25 AM
To: Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Subject: FW: Redistricting Letter

FYI

From: Andy Jenks
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 10:24 AM
To: Geri Isenberg <gsunflwr2000@bellsouth.net>
Subject: RE: Redistricting Letter

Hi again Geri, I strongly recommend that this be shared through the Committee's feedback mechanisms to ensure all its members have an opportunity to read it. There are two ways to do this, which I'm guess you're quite familiar with!

A survey on Options A and B: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfhexJyPrtotL7OB7EUGoxfyHCOB-fABMLYr_busEq4WmWCEw/viewform

General feedback form:

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Thanks!

Andy

From: Geri Isenberg <gsunflwr2000@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 9:57 AM
To: Andy Jenks <ajenks@henrico.k12.va.us>
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Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

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Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 9:50 AM
To: Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
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Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: Superintendent
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 8:30 AM
To: Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen); Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Subject: FW: Three Chopt District Concerns

Good morning,

Please see the email below. Would you mind giving me a brief response to her concerns with regard to what the committee members say they know/don't know?

Thank you!

Cheri Guempel

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From: Rebecca Ivey <ibecca2000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 6:32 PM
To: Michelle F. Ogburn (mfogburn1) <mfogburn1@henrico.k12.va.us>
Cc: John W. Montgomery, Jr. (jwmontgomery) <jwmontgomery@henrico.k12.va.us>; Roscoe D. Cooper, III (rdcooper) <rdcooper@henrico.k12.va.us>; Beverly L. Cocke (blcocke) <blcocke@henrico.k12.va.us>; William A. Pike, Jr (wapike) <wapike@henrico.k12.va.us>; Superintendent <Superintendent@henrico.k12.va.us>
Subject: Three Chopt District Concerns

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Dear school board members and administration,

I am very concerned that it appears my neighborhood's voice and its unique characteristics are not being accurately represented in the redistricting process, especially at the elementary level (I am in

the neighborhood north of Ridge ES, Tuckahoe MS, and Freeman HS, and those are the schools that neighborhood children currently attend). I was shocked at last Wednesday's redistricting walk through when I spoke with elementary committee members who were unaware of the existence of our cohesive, walkable neighborhood. Here are some concerns compiled by speaking with residents of my neighborhood and teachers at Ridge Elementary School, mapped onto the goals and policies of Henrico. If this is too long, you can skim the main points in bold (links in hypertext blue).

Stated goals of redistricting:

- A stated goal of the redistricting process is to [reduce concentrations of poverty while balancing a community/neighborhood school concept](#). Ridge ES is currently a Title I school, and the entire student population receives a free lunch because poverty is already severely concentrated there. As Lindsay Stone wrote to Ms. Ogburn earlier, giving the committees poverty figures late in the process (we hear this has still not been done) is concerning, and limits future changes. The Ridge community is concerned that both maps A and B would slice away the more economically advantaged households and send those students elsewhere. Both current maps (A and B) would also eliminate around 90% of active PTA board members in the community. Ridge's teachers and administration are already overburdened, and both options would make this worse. **Maps A and B frustrate Henrico's stated goal of reducing concentrations of poverty, and instead further concentrate poverty at Ridge ES and the secondary schools into which it feeds.** We worry that introducing poverty figures this late in the process means that the issue will not be sufficiently considered.
- The second part of the goal above is to [support a community/neighborhood school concept](#). The natural boundaries of the walkable neighborhood north of Ridge ES and Tuckahoe MS are Interstate 64 to the north, Three Chopt Road to the south, Parham Road to the West, and Forest to the east. Children who attend Ridge ES, Tuckahoe MS, and Freeman HS routinely walk to school from this neighborhood, which, while developed in stages, is a cohesive community. **Maps A and B also cut the walkable neighborhood north of Ridge ES, Tuckahoe MS, and Freeman HS in half, and as such does not support a community/neighborhood school concept.**
- Another goal of the redistricting process is to [efficiently use all available space and to plan for future growth](#). We find it odd that the area being added to the Ridge district is expected to increase incoming students from developments at Ridge ES by more than 300 students. If Ridge is already at near capacity, does this make sense, and is it efficient? The addition of the 300 students would be at the expense of the existing walkable neighborhood and the equitable distribution of economically diverse populations. **Space is more efficiently used and future growth more effectively accommodated by adding the Holly Hill area (the area added to the Ridge ES district in maps A and B) to other elementary school districts, particularly because the subtractions from the Ridge ES district exacerbate concentrations of poverty and destroy walkable neighborhood school zones.** (Students in the Holly Hill area would have to cross dangerous six-lane Parham to reach Ridge ES, Tuckahoe MS, and Freeman HS, so the maps do not establish new walkable school zones. This area is across major roads from most nearby elementary schools, but appears to have a neighborhood route to Pinchbeck ES.)

- It doesn't appear that Ridge ES, Tuckahoe MS, or Freeman HS are close enough to affect the districts created by the new schools, so the boundaries of the Ridge/Tuckahoe/Freeman districts are neutral with regard to the remaining two goals. To summarize, **maps A and B, as they apply to the Ridge ES district (and to Tuckahoe MS and Freeman HS, into which Ridge ES feeds) do the opposite of the stated goals of the redistricting process.**

Henrico School Board Redistricting Criteria:

- A Henrico School Board criterion for the redistricting process is that [efforts will be made to establish walking schools and reasonable walking zones where feasible](#). It is clear that the existing walking zone north of Ridge and Tuckahoe is something of which the committee is almost entirely unaware. Ridge promotes an [annual walk to school day](#) that illustrates the actual walkable zone. There is an official back entrance to Tuckahoe MS and Ridge ES along a safe walking path. The true walkable zone starts at Three Chopt Road on the south, and extends north to interstate 64. Both maps A and B draw a line at Michael Road, separating the northern part of this walkable neighborhood from the southern part. Children who currently can and do walk to school would be sent to Davis ES, Quioccasin MS, and Tucker HS *across dangerous six-lane Parham Road*. Instead of being able to walk to Freeman HS, maps A and B would send half of our neighborhood students across dangerous Parham Road *and* across entrance and exit ramps to Interstate 64. **Maps A and B destroy existing walking zones and would send students now living in walking school zones adjacent to Ridge ES/Tuckahoe MS/Freeman HS to schools to which there is no safe walking path. Those schools are farther away, across dangerous roads and interstate highway entry and exit ramps.** It appears the committee has not been given accurate information about existing walking zones in our neighborhood. Maps A and B make children in our neighborhood less safe.
- Another criterion is that [major roads and natural boundaries will be used when feasible to define attendance zones](#). The natural boundaries of the walkable neighborhood north of Ridge ES and Tuckahoe MS are Interstate 64 to the north, Three Chopt to the south, Parham to the West, and Forest to the east. As discussed above, **with respect to Ridge ES, Tuckahoe MS, and Freeman HS, it does not appear that major roads were considered at all in maps A and B, as both options would send children across dangerous major roads, including six-lane Parham Road and Interstate 64.** We find it perplexing that this criterion was not followed at all for our neighborhood.
- Another criterion is that [all reasonable efforts should be made to ensure contiguous geographic zones which minimize division of clearly identifiable community components](#). Our neighborhood was developed over the course of decades in different pockets. For example, my "subdivision," Ketch Court, consists of a single cul-de-sac. The neighborhood is appropriately defined as the community that participates in the [walk to school day](#). Because of

its walkability, the neighborhood functions as an integrated whole, and we neighbors see one another on walks, while walking our kids to school or to the playground or pools, and while participating in neighborhood events. **Maps A and B split our cohesive, walkable neighborhood in half right through the middle.**

- Another criterion is that [efforts will be made to ensure an efficient system of school bus transportation](#). It is unclear to us why bussing students right past Tuckahoe MS to Quioccasin MS is anything but terribly inefficient. Obviously, walking is more efficient than bussing, which is presumably why preservation of walkable zones is important to the Board. **Maps A and B would take students who could walk (or take a short bus ride) to Ridge ES, Tuckahoe MS, and Freeman HS, and bus them across Parham Road to schools farther away, including Davis ES, Quioccasin MS, and Tucker HS, which is inefficient.** The existing map already takes students who could walk to Pemberton ES and busses them to Ridge ES, and continues to do so in maps A and B (perhaps this is another opportunity to consider, that could benefit both local communities). Holly Hill, the addition to the Ridge ES district, is even farther from Ridge ES, and would bus these children an even greater distance. Call me crazy, but more, longer bus routes seem inefficient.
- One thing that we have not been able to figure out is why existing walkable neighborhoods have been cut from the Ridge district and another area, around the Holly Hill neighborhood south of Regency Mall, has been added. We believe the reason is that there is development in this area, but it seems bizarre to violate so many criteria and goals of the process to accommodate development that is really not that close. We are also concerned that these options both exacerbate concentrations of poverty at the school. This makes no sense, and we deserve an explanation of why this has been done rather than retaining the neighborhood areas that would help Ridge ES maintain a reasonable distribution of economic levels in its district, retain and respect walkable school zones, and protect the safety of children. **Maps A and B violate at least four of the Board's redistricting criteria with regard to Ridge ES, Tuckahoe MS, and Freeman HS.**

Finally, I want to pose the question of why we are going forward with the redistricting process when the plans for the new schools have not yet been finalized. Wouldn't it make more sense to wait and do it when the county, committee, and consultant have a full complement of information? It seems like **the county's goals would best be achieved with a process that waits until all of the relevant information is available.**

I apologize for the length of this e-mail, but I am stunned at all the ways in which the proposed maps are clearly detrimental to the stated goals of redistricting and violate the criteria that the School Board is supposed to follow in the redistricting process, particularly with regard to our neighborhood. It just doesn't seem like the committee is getting accurate information about our neighborhood. With regard to the Ridge ES, Tuckahoe MS, and Freeman HS districts, and specifically with regard to the neighborhood north of Three Chopt road (north to 64), **the community is being treated as if it does not exist, at least four Henrico County School Board criteria are actually violated by maps A and B with respect to the Ridge ES/Tuckahoe MS/Freeman HS feeding pattern, and none of the redistricting objectives are being met with regard to us, and our schools.** How has this been allowed to happen? Is there a flaw in the process? I am perplexed, and my neighbors and teachers at

Ridge feel the same way. We are all frustrated that no one seems to understand our schools and our community. We need your help to make sure we are heard.

Do not hesitate to contact me for clarification or additional information.

Respectfully, and with thanks for your hard work to support our schools, teachers, and children,

Rebecca E. Ivey
804-516-3472

Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: William A. Pike, Jr (wapike)
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 6:50 PM
To: Maryam Sayyeda
Cc: Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen); Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs); Michelle F. Ogburn (mfogburn1)
Subject: RE: Henrico County Redistricting concerns

Mrs. Sayyeda,

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I have copied Chris Sorensen, assistant superintendent for Finance, and Justin Briggs, education specialist for Planning. Both are monitoring the work of the committee.

And with lots of information going back and forth, we respectfully request that any future communication about redistricting go to the appropriate School Board representatives by the districts impacted, as well as the superintendent. While the County Manager and the Board of Supervisors are aware of the redistricting, the final decision rests with the School Board.

Again, I appreciate you sharing your concerns, Bill

Bill Pike
School Board Representative
Tuckahoe District
Henrico County Public Schools

-----Original Message-----

From: Maryam Sayyeda [mailto:maryamsayyeda@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 17, 2019 9:48 PM
To: schoolboard <schoolboard@henrico.k12.va.us>
Subject: Henrico County Redistricting concerns

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I am writing to express my anguish over the ongoing redistricting plans of Henrico County Public Schools. The School board recently released its possible options for rezoning which residents got to get an up-close look at during the public redistricting meetings. I attended the one at Godwin High School on Nov 13th.

Local tax payers were promised to be heard but were silenced upon arrival to the meeting. We were lead to believe that we would be given a platform to speak at. Instead, at the meeting, we were told questions and comments from the audience would not be taken and we were offered the option of filing out a feedback survey on CGIS's website. The survey itself is very limited and formatted in a way that skews people towards a certain answer.

Please check it out here

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfhexJyPrtotL7OB7EUGoxfyHCOB-fABMLYr_busEq4WmWCEw/viewform

One look at the Consulting Company's website will tell you that this firm has earned a reputation of shutting out public opinion and lying to taxpayers from its previous redistricting efforts. They fool you with the false hope of ensuring public participation and representation of our interests, but stealthily operate to fulfill a pre-conceived agenda.

Me and my entire neighborhood and community has no faith in the study they have presented to the Henrico school board and do not support the redistricting efforts. It ignores the local traffic patterns and forces our kids to drive past schools close to home to go further away. Walking to school is not a option anymore which is a big cause of concern for me, as a single parent household having to manage multiple pickups, drop offs, after school activities and a full time job.

Please see below for several news stories that reiterate the public sentiment regarding this matter over the past few weeks

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We would greatly appreciate your attention in this regard.

Maryam Sayyeda
Church Run Subdivision

Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: William A. Pike, Jr (wapike)
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 6:48 PM
To: Amy Burgoyne
Cc: Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen); Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Subject: RE: Redistricting concerns

Mrs. Burgoyne,

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns.

If you haven't done so, it is essential that the points noted in your e-mail be shared with the committee. This can be done online. The best way to communicate your concerns is through our website: <https://henricoschools.us/redistricting/>. All comments received are provided to the committee to review. All information and progress of the committee is posted on our website as well.

Redistricting is a challenging process for school systems and the communities they serve.

The School Board will not make any final decisions regarding redistricting until the spring of 2020. Clearly, a lot can happen for the committee as they work to make recommendations to the School Board.

Your input is important in the process. Please do not fail to communicate to the committee charged with this task.

I have copied Chris Sorensen, assistant superintendent for Finance, and Justin Briggs, education specialist for Planning. Both are monitoring the work of the committee.

And with lots of information going back and forth, we respectfully request that any future communication about redistricting go to the appropriate School Board representatives by the districts impacted, as well as the superintendent. While the County Manager and the Board of Supervisors are aware of the redistricting, the final decision rests with the School Board.

Again, I appreciate you sharing your concerns, Bill

Bill Pike
School Board Representative
Tuckahoe District
Henrico County Public Schools

From: Amy Burgoyne [mailto:amyb823@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 1:02 PM
To: schoolboard <schoolboard@henrico.k12.va.us>
Cc: Amy Burgoyne <amyb823@comcast.net>
Subject: Redistricting concerns

We are writing to express our opinion opposing the two current options for middle and high school redistricting. We believe that the building block of communities is a neighborhood. With the Options listed, our neighborhood will be split for middle school and high school districts. Even though our children are in their senior year of Godwin, we are writing to express our opinion on behalf of our neighbors with children who are in elementary, middle and high school. We strongly oppose the redistricting options for the following reasons:

Proximity

Our neighborhood is 1 mile from Godwin and Pocahontas. The move to Tucker/Quioccasin would be more than 5 miles. For students who drive, this entails navigation of additional morning traffic, intersections with statistically proven higher accident rates and longer commute times.

Considerations for our subdivision geography

We are in Lake Loreine which is a uniquely situated neighborhood. We have three entrances without adjoining streets – a Lake Loreine East, Lake Loreine West, Lake Loreine South. All of us pay into the same association and are connected by the beautiful lake in our neighborhood. Within Lake Loreine, a new section was built – McCabe’s Grant. This new section is wholly contained within and is part of the HOA of Lake Loreine. One of the current proposals would carve out McCabe’s Grant which would mean multiple school busses traveling down a street that dead ends to a cul-de-sac. It appears that the consultants involved are not aware of the geographic situation of many of the neighborhoods involved in these splits.

School time, travel routes and safety

We currently have children who are heavily involved in after school activities and one who does early bird classes, so we are keenly aware of the added time commitment involved with extracurricular activities. With a longer commute, the children could end up having 13+hour days. The drive to Tucker from our location includes many busy intersections which increases safety and travel concerns for teen drivers.

The Lake Loreine neighborhood has prepared a petition to express our strong opposition to any options that would split our neighborhood and move us away from the schools closest to our homes – Pocahontas and Godwin.

Additionally, we are concerned about the representation received as we are unable to contact the committee member who represents Godwin and are unsure if this person even has a child at Godwin. We believe that the committee members should make themselves available for contact regarding this important matter.

Finally, your website for Calendars and Documents does not allow a click to view documents from June 6 to November 7. Residents must have transparency and open dialogue with leadership and committee members for an effective process.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy & Bill Burgoyne
Lake Loreine – parents to children at Godwin High School

Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen)
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 4:51 PM
To: David Browne
Cc: ktaylor@croppergis.com; Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Subject: RE: Henrico Re: Redistricting - Deep Run and Fox Hall

Mr. Browne,

I can't speak to all of the discussions on of the various committee members, but any adjustment made by the committee is related to their efforts to balance the goals and guidelines of the process, including building capacity and major roadways.

Chris

From: David Browne <dbrowne@sblawva.com>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 1:12 PM
To: Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen) <casorensen@henrico.k12.va.us>
Cc: ktaylor@croppergis.com; Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs) <jmbriggs@henrico.k12.va.us>
Subject: RE: Henrico Re: Redistricting - Deep Run and Fox Hall

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Mr. Sorensen,

What was the committee's reasoning or basis for changing Draft Option 5 to remove areas south of Broad (e.g., Fox Hall) from Deep Run High School?

David G. Browne
Spiro & Browne, PLC
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From: Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen) [<mailto:casorensen@henrico.k12.va.us>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 3:02 PM
To: David Browne
Subject: FW: Henrico Re: Redistricting - Deep Run and Fox Hall

Mr. Browne,

Cropper GIS has provided the following information in response to your questions. I hope this helps.

Chris

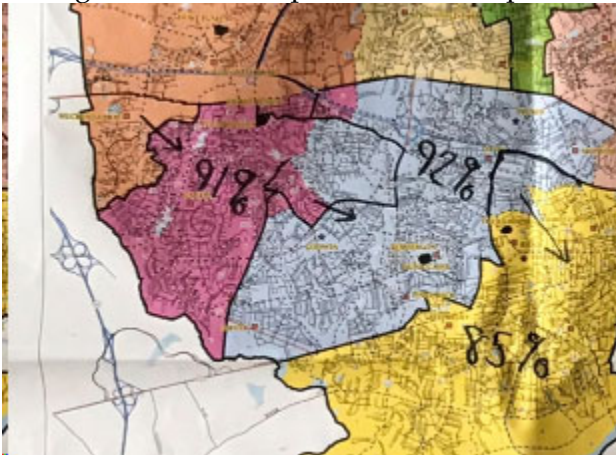
Chris Sorensen
Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Administration
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From: ktaylor@croppergis.com [<mailto:ktaylor@croppergis.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 10:48 AM
To: Matthew Cropper <mcropper@croppergis.com>; Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen) <casorensen@henrico.k12.va.us>
Cc: Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs) <jmbriggs@henrico.k12.va.us>; team@croppergis.com
Subject: RE: Henrico Re: Redistricting - Deep Run and Fox Hall

Hi Chris,
Here are some answers regarding Mr. Browne's comments:

1. Option A was built off of Option 5, but included the changes to Option 5 that the committee made during the Oct. 21 & 23 meetings. So for example, as seen below, the subdivision Fox Hall was moved during the committee process on the Option 5 map and therefore that is reflected in Option A:



2. In Option A, all students who are zoned to Short Pump MS are zoned to attend Deep Run HS, so there is no split as discussed below. See the table below that shows the feeder patterns:

MS Option A Zone	HS Option A Zone	Total 6-8th Live-In	MS Attendance
Brookland	Hermitage	898	80%
Brookland	Tucker	224	20%
Elko	Highland Springs	564	72%
Elko	Varina	221	28%
Fairfield	Henrico	223	21%
Fairfield	Highland Springs	830	79%
Holman	Deep Run	268	32%
Holman	Glen Allen	429	52%
Holman	Tucker	135	16%
Hungary Creek	Glen Allen	819	100%
L. Douglas Wilder	Henrico	723	100%
Moody	Hermitage	417	100%
Pocahontas	Godwin	1064	100%
Quioccasin	Freeman	402	29%
Quioccasin	Godwin	280	20%
Quioccasin	Tucker	691	50%
Rolfe	Varina	1062	100%
Short Pump M.	Deep Run	1462	100%
Tuckahoe M.	Freeman	941	82%
Tuckahoe M.	Tucker	203	18%

3. Fox Hall, in Option A, is zoned for Pocahontas and Godwin (not Short Pump and Deep Run). However, there is still no feeder split as Mr. Browne mentions in Option A for his subdivision. Referencing the table above, you will see that all students zoned to Pocahontas are zoned to Godwin.

Please let me know if this helps clarify these comments/concerns. I would be happy to provide other information needed.

From: David Browne <dbrowne@sblawva.com>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2019 2:33 PM
To: Leonard G. Pritchard (lpritchard) <lpritchard@henrico.k12.va.us>
Subject: RE: Redistricting - Deep Run and Fox Hall

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Mr. Pritchard,

Thanks for your response. Something else you may want to get to the committees and to Cropper GIS is a discrepancy between their presentation, and what is actually shown on current draft Option A.

In reviewing the Powerpoint presentation for the 11/13 gallery walk which is now on the redistricting website, page 18 shows the elementary and secondary committees' preferences, and shows how the options were narrowed from 6 to 2. It appears that original draft option 5 was the consensus as the best one overall taking both committees into account.

The presentation slide 18 states that current Option A is supposed to reflect original draft option 5, but Option A removes all neighborhoods south of Broad (including Fox Hall) from the Deep Run district. Original draft option 5 did not do this, and kept the southern portion of the DRHS district unchanged from its current boundary.

I am hoping this was simply an error or oversight, but I plan to raise this discrepancy between Option 5 and Option A at the gallery walk on Wednesday. Option A as currently shown would also result in our kids (Fox Hall and a couple smaller surrounding neighborhoods) being the only ones who attend Short Pump Middle School but not Deep Run High School, which makes little sense.

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From: Leonard G. Pritchard (lpritchard) [<mailto:lpritchard@henrico.k12.va.us>]
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2019 8:31 AM
To: David Browne
Subject: RE: Redistricting - Deep Run and Fox Hall

Hello and good morning. I hope that you are doing well. Thank you for sharing tis information. I do not oversee re-districting but I will make sure it gets in the hands of the committee. Thank you and have a great day.
Here are some links that may be of some help:

[Redistricting Survey](#)

We welcome your feedback. Take some time to [complete our survey](#).

Feedback Form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeiXHNiHT3MVZCZ6J0u48HP4XUqhoVwR4UooTKT9X2csTn-Lg/viewform>

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From: David Browne <dbrowne@sblawva.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2019 2:45 PM
To: Leonard G. Pritchard (lpritchard) <lpitchard@henrico.k12.va.us>
Subject: Redistricting - Deep Run and Fox Hall

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Dear Mr. Pritchard,

Congratulations on your new position at the central office . I hope that you will continue to make Henrico's schools among the best in the Commonwealth, as you did as principal at Deep Run.

I am very concerned right now about the redistricting process, and the direction it has gone in since the initial six draft options were published. Many parents in Fox Hall are deeply concerned as well. I am a parent of a current Nuckols Farm Elementary student and live in Fox Hall. The County initially had six draft options, four of which kept our children in the Deep Run High School district. Fox Hall has always been a part of Deep Run since the school opened (and vice versa), and Fox Hall residents deeply value this relationship.

The County has now narrowed the options to two (A and B), both of which would move Fox Hall to Godwin. These options would remove Fox Hall from Deep Run, while instead pushing the current Deep Run boundary well East of I-295. These proposed boundaries make little sense, as I-295 is a natural barrier for both neighborhoods and transportation. Based upon the statistics from the prior six options, as well as current enrollments, moving Fox Hall to Godwin would also put Godwin at or near full capacity (in a 40-year-old facility), whereas leaving the Deep Run boundaries largely unaltered would balance the enrollments. Current Godwin families, such as those in Church Run, are also very troubled by the shift that would put all neighborhoods south of 64/Broad into Godwin, pushing others into Freeman.

Fox Hall was also just redistricted from Pocahontas Middle School to Short Pump Middle School, about 10 years ago. One of the current draft options would move us back to Pocahontas again, which is disruptive and unnecessary. The other option would keep Fox Hall and Nuckols Farm students at Short Pump Middle School, but then they would be the only students at Short Pump Middle who would not go on to attend Deep Run High School. Neither of these options is acceptable.

Fox Hall would greatly appreciate your support and assistance in ensuring that our neighborhood remains part of the Deep Run High School community.

Thank you,

David Browne
Fox Hall Resident

Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen)
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 8:15 AM
To: Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Subject: FW: Henrico Redistricting-Raintree

Can you help with this?

From: Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen)
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 1:52 PM
To: Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs) <jmbriggs@henrico.k12.va.us>
Subject: Fwd: Henrico Redistricting-Raintree

Is this on our website?
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dana and Jason McComb <djmccomb95@gmail.com>
Date: November 12, 2019 at 1:34:39 PM EST
To: "Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen)" <casorensen@henrico.k12.va.us>
Subject: Re: Henrico Redistricting-Raintree

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Dear Me Sorensen,
Thanks for your quick response.
Could you please tell me how many students in Raintree this redistricting will affect? As in, what is the exact number of students who will be moved to Tucker under the current proposals? I was able to locate numbers for many other things, but not that one.
Thanks so much!
Dana

On Nov 12, 2019, at 12:29 PM, Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen) <casorensen@henrico.k12.va.us> wrote:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. McComb,
Yes, the committee will receive all comments submitted on our website as well as the survey responses. Have a nice afternoon.

Chris

From: Dana and Jason McComb [<mailto:djmccomb95@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 8:44 AM
To: Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen) <casorensen@henrico.k12.va.us>; Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs) <jmbriggs@henrico.k12.va.us>
Subject: Henrico Redistricting-Raintree

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for information.

Dear Mr Sorenson and Mr Briggs,

We have filled out the appropriate online surveys, but wanted to reach out to you directly, as it is unclear what information will or will not get through to each member of the redistricting committee.

Both proposal A and proposal B are contrary to your stated guidelines for redistricting and not in the best interest of the students.

Students can currently walk or bike to their local school, and instead the proposal suggests bussing them to Tucker which is a 4 mile bus ride, in addition to dividing an existing established neighborhood which has been an incorporated Association since 1972.

Some of the stated redistricting guidelines are:

1) To maintain the concept of geographic zoning which encourages the participation and involvement of geographically contiguous communities with a school.

Raintree is one of the first planned communities in Henrico. It is an existing established neighborhood which has been an incorporated Association since 1972. It, by definition, meets the criteria of a **geographically contiguous community**. Therefore, ALL of Raintree should be zoned to Godwin.

2) Major roads and natural boundaries will be used whenever feasible as zone lines.

The Raintree subdivision is bordered by Gaskins, Ridgefield, Pump and Gayton Roads. The proposal breaks off a portion of the community and ignores the natural boundaries and major roads.

Therefore, all of Raintree should be zoned to Godwin.

3) All reasonable efforts should be made to assure contiguous geographic zones that minimize the separation of clearly identifiable community components (e.g., apartment units, residential subdivisions, etc.).

Raintree in a subdivision, and one community. It is an existing established neighborhood which has been an incorporated Association since 1972. Dividing it is contrary to the stated guidelines, as we are an **IDENTIFIABLE COMMUNITY**.

Therefore, all of Raintree should be zoned to Godwin.

4) Efforts will be made to establish walking schools and reasonable walking zones.

We are within less than a MILE of Godwin High School, clearly within walking distance. Tucker is 4 miles from our community and NOT within walking distance. Bussing students who are within walking distance is a waste of resources, time and money.

Therefore, all of Raintree should be zoned to Godwin.

The NUMBERS do not support this redistricting effort either.

In option A, it would reduce the student population at Godwin by 12 students. Option B would reduce the population of Godwin by 39. Both of these options change the overall usage of the school by a negligible difference (1-2%), while creating massive upheaval for many families, as well as creating new bussing requirements and extra time and resources diverted to this new bussing requirement.

2) Freeman is currently at 100 +% capacity. Tucker is currently at 86% capacity with a planned increased footprint. These 2 schools are in closer proximity than Godwin and it's feeder neighborhoods are to either of those schools, and simply moving one or two neighborhoods currently attending Freeman over to Tucker would solve both the overpopulation at Freeman and the under-usage of Tucker without the massive disruption to the lives of so many families and students.

3) Raintree is less than 1 mile from Godwin. There is no room for expansion or new construction to this long established neighborhood. While population may vary slightly from year to year, the changes are relatively stable and easily absorbed into the current Godwin student population.

Capacity	Capacity with Option A or B	Total Enrollment	Option A Enrollment	Option B Enrollment	Current Utilization %	Option A Utilization %	Option B Usage Utilization %

Godwin
1904

		NO CHANGE
1822		1810
	(12 fewer students than current enrollment)	1783
	(39 students fewer than current enrollment)	
96%		95%
		(change is negligible)
94%		
(change is negligible)		
Tucker		
1958		1990
		(+32 students)
1684		1804
		1873
86%		91%
94%		
Freeman		
1760		
1760		
1767		1662
		1546
100%		94%
88%		

For these reasons, **WE STRONGLY OBJECT TO THE CURRENT** proposal to divide the Raintree neighborhood and take part of it out of the Godwin school district.

Sincerely,
Dana and Jason McComb

Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: David Browne <dbrowne@sblawva.com>
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2019 12:36 PM
To: Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Cc: Leonard G. Pritchard (lpritchard); Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen); schoolboard; Marcie Shea
Subject: Redistricting - Three Chopt and Tuckahoe Issues

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Mr. Briggs,

I am a resident of the Fox Hall neighborhood with children in or about to enter the HCPS. I am writing to provide some additional and more detailed feedback on the current redistricting options, after the November 13 gallery walk. I have completed the feedback form, but it is not set up in a manner that captures many of the concerns that Henrico residents have about the current draft options.

The Fox Hall subdivision and the smaller neighborhoods immediately north of it (Graham Meadows, Gayton Station, and Greengate) should remain in Deep Run High School and Short Pump Middle school, and should not end up at Godwin High School (as proposed under current A and B) or Pocahontas Middle School (as proposed under one of the two current options). The reasons are numerous, as set forth below:

1. Transportation/Traffic Issues

Deep Run High School is closer to, and a much more direct drive from, Fox Hall than Godwin High School - 3.2 miles and a straight shot on North Gayton Road/Shady Grove Road to Deep Run, versus 3.6 miles on narrower residential roads with multiple turns to get to Godwin.

[Deep Run Route Map](#)

[Godwin Route Map](#)

The County spent an enormous amount of money on the North Gayton Road expansion a few years ago, which makes both Short Pump Middle School and Deep Run High School easily accessible to Fox Hall for student transportation via this wide, 5 lane major road.

Replacing Fox Hall with areas inside of I-295 for the DRHS district, as proposed by these current draft options A and B, would create traffic/transport issues for these new areas, which would be in and around Innsbrook. This area, and particularly Nuckols Road at 295 which would be the only transport route, is already heavily congested during normal transportation times due to all of the Innsbrook office traffic.

2. Natural Boundaries

The redistricting committees and School Board consider natural boundaries, such as major roads, in order to avoid splitting neighborhoods, to simplify transport, and to alleviate traffic concerns. Both of these current proposals would expand the Deep Run High School District into areas East of I-295, which is the current boundary and also a natural neighborhood and transportation boundary.

Godwin appears already at or slightly over capacity, and Deep Run is a much newer facility that appears to have a bit more room, with the current boundaries. In order to move Fox Hall and its immediately surrounding neighborhoods into Godwin under the current proposals, many current Godwin neighborhoods are being split or moved. We do not want our friends to the South of us, in places like Raintree and Church Run, to be disrupted unnecessarily, particularly when these neighborhoods are much closer to Godwin. Keeping Fox Hall at Deep Run High School (and Short Pump Middle School as its feeder) makes much more sense for the entire Western side of the County.

3. Not Moving Communities Repeatedly

Another goal of the redistricting process is to reduce the repeated movement/redistricting of neighborhoods. Fox Hall was just moved from Pocahontas Middle School to Short Pump Middle School within the last 10 years. The proposal that would move it back to Pocahontas would detract from this consideration, and would also be inconsistent with the feeder pattern into Deep Run High School where Fox Hall has been since Deep Run opened in 2002.

I hope that the committees and the board will consider these factors and adjust the proposals accordingly. The stated objectives of the redistricting process can be better achieved by doing so, while also reducing the impact on neighborhoods in both the Three Chopt and Tuckahoe Districts.

Thank you,

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