

**Henrico County Public
Schools Redistricting
Feedback January 13, 2020**

Brookland District Comments

Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: Kristi B. Kinsella (kbkinsella)
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 6:31 AM
To: Bethany Clayton
Cc: Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs); Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen)
Subject: RE: Redistricting Options

Ms. Clayton,

Thank you for sharing your redistricting concerns with me. Your input is important in this process. If you haven't done so, it is essential that 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. I've included Chris Sorensen, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, and Justin Briggs, Education Specialist for Planning, on this email. Both are monitoring the work of the committee.

Sincerely,
Kristi Kinsella
Henrico County School Board
Brookland District

From: Bethany Clayton <clayton.bethany@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 9:05 PM
To: Kristi B. Kinsella (kbkinsella) <kbkinsella@henrico.k12.va.us>
Subject: Redistricting Options

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Good evening, Ms. Kinsella,

Unfortunately, due to work, I was unable to attend the redistricting meeting tonight. I live near Bryan Park, and my kids are in 7th grade in Brookland district, currently zoned for Hermitage High School.

All of the redistricting maps show us remaining in the Hermitage High School district except for the new option C, which would put us in the Henrico HS area.

My husband and I are new homeowners in this area of Lakeside, and schools played a huge part in our search.

The annexation of our tiny area, between Dumbarton and 95 and Lakeside to the proposed Greenway, into the Henrico High School zone just doesn't make sense.

Please oppose the adoption of Option C for high schools.

Thank you,

Bethany Clayton
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Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: Kristi B. Kinsella (kbkinsella)
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 1:30 PM
To: Adrienne Kotula; Roscoe D. Cooper, III (rdcooper)
Cc: Nick Kotula; Dan Schmitt; Fairfield; Brookland; Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen); Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Subject: RE: Bryan Parkway & High School DRAFT Option C

Good Afternoon! Thank you for sharing your redistricting concerns with us. In addition to replying to all originally on this email, I've included Chris Sorensen, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, and Justin Briggs, Education Specialist for Planning. Both are monitoring the work of the committee and will make sure your feedback is shared with the Redistricting Committee.

Sincerely,
Kristi Kinsella
Brookland District
School Board Member

From: Adrienne Kotula <adrienne.kotula@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 1:09 PM
To: Kristi B. Kinsella (kbkinsella) <kbkinsella@henrico.k12.va.us>; Roscoe D. Cooper, III (rdcooper) <rdcooper@henrico.k12.va.us>
Cc: Nick Kotula <nkotula@gmail.com>; Dan Schmitt <dan@brooklandsupervisor.com>; Fairfield <Fairfield@henrico.us>; Brookland <Brookland@henrico.us>
Subject: Bryan Parkway & High School DRAFT Option C

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Good morning Ms. Kinsella and Mr. Cooper,

My family and I reside at 2300 New Berne Road, which is at the corner of New Berne and Westlake Avenue in the Bryan Parkway Neighborhood. Our home is in the Brookland District, but our son's bus stop (immediately across the street) is in Fairfield.

I've been following the redistricting process and up until this point, our neighborhood has remained whole in all of the proposals with the children attending Lakeside, Moody and then Hermitage. The latest draft High School Option C, however, splits the neighborhood along Westlake Avenue for high school.

Myself, as well as many other parents in the neighborhood, would prefer that all of the children in the neighborhood be able to go to Hermitage High School together just as they have to Lakeside and Moody. Accordingly, we would request adoption of High School Option A or Option B and that future proposals keep all of our neighborhood children together.

Thank you very much for your consideration,
Adrienne Kotula
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Three Chopt District Comments

Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: Michelle F. Ogburn (mfogburn1)
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 6:26 PM
To: Todd Springer
Cc: Matthew Cropper; Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen); Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Subject: Re: HCPS School Redistricting Options A, B, C, and D

Todd,

Thanks for the detail and effort you are putting to the redistricting process. Your analysis will be of great help to the committee.

I do have to disagree that we care late in the process. We have such a long way to go, there will be changes yet to come, and the Board won't vote for 4 months at least. The only advice I have is to keep providing feedback to the committee at each step. It sounds lame, but that is what has to happen at this point.

Thanks again,
Micky

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Three Chopt District

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Subject: HCPS School Redistricting Options A, B, C, and D

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Hi Micky,

I hope this finds you doing well and wish you a Happy New Year. After the holiday break, we see the four options ([Options A, B, C and D](#)) for HCPS School Redistricting that are now in play. The bottom line of my email below is as follows at this late stage in the redistricting process:

- 1) How do we reinforce Options C and D for the High School?
- 2) How do we get options for the Middle School that has students from the Church Road Community attending Pocahontas Middle School where they belong?

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPTIONS

We are pleased with all Options (A, B, C and D) as they have our children attending Short Pump Elementary School; and we believe all these options comply well with the [HCPS Policy and Regulation for Redistricting](#) both locally and in the county.

HIGH SCHOOL OPTIONS

We are glad to see that Options C and D have our children going to Godwin High School. We believe these options also best comply with the [HCPS Policy and Regulation for Redistricting](#) both locally and in the county. Options C and D also move fewer high school students and minimize transportation route distance in the western part of the county. **Please advise as to what can be done to see continued progress in the direction of Options C and D (and arguable remove Options A and B from consideration).**

MIDDLE SCHOOL OPTIONS

We reject all Options A, B and C. We are extremely disturbed that Cropper GIS developed Option C that is yet another option that does not have our children going to Pocahontas Middle School, and continues to use Broad Street as a boundary in this area. Furthermore, Option C is not even a rational/viable option given the low utilization rate at Pocahontas Middle School and poor feeder patterns to Godwin High School and Deep Run High School for Options C and D. Several easy adjustments below could have been incorporated to fix this. Also, Cropper GIS could not even develop an Option D that could have had our children going to Pocahontas Middle School and provide better high school feeder patterns.

Utilization Rates for Option C

Pocahontas Middle School = 79% (fully developed and able to be at 95%+ utilization)

Quioccasin Middle School = 94% (Can offload students to PMS, needs to accommodate development at Regency with a proposed total 1,000 residential units)

Short Pump Middle School = 82% (could pick up students PMS from Fox Hall area (ie. cross Broad Street))

Holman Middle School = 77% (could pick up students SPMS)

Tuckahoe Middle School = 100% (can offload students to QMS)

All of the above after the extensive-rational-objective-justified feedback from our community on this matter. It seems that there is an absolute resistance from Cropper GIS (or whoever) to develop options that place our subdivisions into Pocahontas Middle School where they most logically belong per the [HCPS Policy and Regulation for Redistricting](#) both locally and in the county. **Please advise as to what can be done about this as we are getting very late into this process! What will it take because our extensive feedback so far is not being heard.**

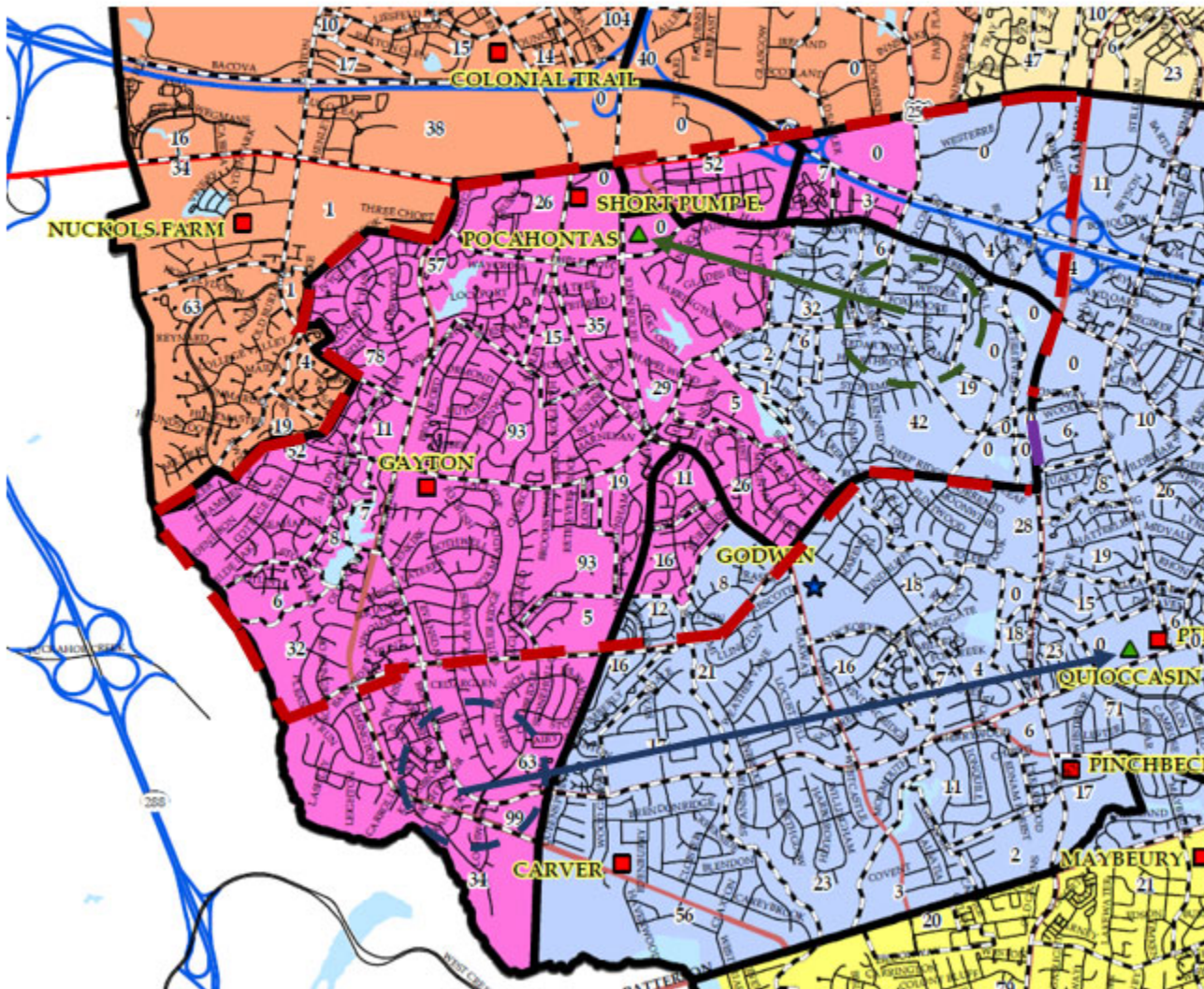
Proposed Middle School Option E (or F, G, H, I, J): We request that a modified version of Option B (and Option C) be developed per below.

Proposed option E (or F, G, H, I, J) better complies with the [HCPS Policy and Regulation for Redistricting](#) both locally and in the county, moves fewer high school students, reduces transportation route

distances in the western part of the county, and results in better SPES-PMS-GHS and NFES-SPMS-DRHS feeder patterns for High School Options C and D.

- Per Option B, students from the Fox Hall area cross Broad Street and go to Short Pump Middle School. HCPS Transportation confirmed at the December 2019 CRC meetings that it is perfectly acceptable to cross Broad Street in this area.
- Move the Church Road community back into Pocahontas Middle School where it belongs as one of the closest communities to Pocahontas Middle School.
- Move communities that are much further away and roughly equidistant to Pocahontas Middle School and Quioccasin Middle School into Quioccasin Middle School.

Proposed Middle School Option Modified Option B using Option C and



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UTILIZATION											
Option	PMS		QMS		SPMS		HMS		TMS		C
Capacity	982	100%	1356	100%	1238	100%	1058	100%	1348	100%	
Current	911	93%	1113	82%	1070	86%	937	89%	1103	82%	
Option A	967	98%	1269	94%	1025	83%	808	76%	1129	84%	B
Option B	892	91%	1223	90%	1163	94%	792	75%	1128	84%	
Option C	771	79%	1268	94%	1014	82%	819	77%	1350	100%	B
Option D	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n
Prop. E	828	84%	1287	95%	1163	94%	792	75%	1128	84%	-
Prop. F	1024	104%	1091	80%	1163	94%	792	75%	1128	84%	-i
Prop. G	961	98%	1154	85%	1163	94%	792	75%	1128	84%	-i
Prop. H	862	88%	1253	92%	1163	94%	792	75%	1128	84%	-i
Prop. I	891	91%	1224	90%	1163	94%	792	75%	1128	84%	-i
Prop. J	990	101%	1125	83%	1163	94%	792	75%	1128	84%	-i

COMPLIANCE WITH HCPS POLICY AND GUIDELINES FOR REDISTRICTING: We also request that HCPS Board Members, HCPS Staff, Cropper GIS and the CRC members make the [HCPS Policy and Regulation for Redistricting](#) a priority as it is the POLICY and takes precedence over other items. There still seems to be too much focus on the second precedent, which is the "Goals of the Redistricting Project". Even having these separate goals in addition to the policy and guidelines adds tons of confusion (some added by Cropper GIS by continually grouping the various criteria together) which I have seen at the Citizen Redistricting Committee meetings. In addition to the [HCPS Policy and Regulation for Redistricting](#), we ask that the number of students Impacted be reduced. Also, we ask that proximity to the schools be considered as a factor as it generally aligns well with the [HCPS Policy and Regulation for Redistricting](#).

KEEPING THE CHURCH ROAD COMMUNITY IN GODWIN HS & POCAHONTAS MS BEST COMPLIES WITH HCPS POLICY AND GUIDELINES FOR REDISTRICTING

There are many reasons to KEEP all the children in the Church Road community in the Short Pump ES, Pocahontas MS and Godwin HS Districts that are HIGHLY consistent with the [HCPS Policy and Regulation for Redistricting](#). I reiterate the specific points below.

1. All reasonable efforts should be made to ensure contiguous geographic zones which minimize division of clearly identifiable community components. The Church Road community is a natural contiguous series of subdivisions along Church Road that includes subdivisions like Barrington, Barrington West, Church Run, Bell Tower, Morgan Run, Windsor Place West, etc. Families and children from our Church Road community congregate together at [Church Run Pool & Recreation Center](#), our children swim together each summer on the [community swim team](#), we gather for meetings and recreational activities at the close by Pocahontas MS, our children go from subdivision to subdivision to play together, etc. Many children participate together in Spring and Fall ball on [Tuckahoe Little League](#), etc... The Church Road community has been lobbying the Henrico County Department of Public Works for continuous sidewalks and pathways along the entire length of Church Road.

In contrast, the Church Road community is not identified with any the communities associated with Quioccasin MS or Tucker HS and it would effectively distance part of our community from its natural community. In fact, Tucker HS extends along a ten-mile long corridor extending all the way to the City of Richmond border. How does it possibly make sense to chop up our community and send them to other districts?

2. Efforts will be made to establish walking schools and reasonable walking zones where feasible. We will soon have continuous sidewalks all the way to Pocahontas MS. The Henrico Department of Public Works (DPW) is investing \$25+ million to complete the “[Three Chopt Road Improvements Project](#)” that will provide continuous sidewalks along Three Chopt Road from Pocahontas MS all the way east to Gaskins Road. DPW is in the process of obtaining right-of-way and the anticipated completion date is the Summer of 2022. DPW will also be constructing a new sidewalk on Church Road from Three Chopt Road to Morgan Run Road by the Summer of 2020. This will allow our middle school students in the Church Road community to easily and safely walk on sidewalks to Pocahontas MS. The proposed Options would move many other neighborhoods that are more than four miles away into the Pocahontas MS district while many of our subdivisions are only one mile away, are moved out! How does this make any sense?

3. Efforts will be made to ensure an efficient system of school bus transportation. The subdivisions in the Church Road community are only around one mile away from Pocahontas MS. How much more efficient can you get? Sending students from our neighborhood to Quioccasin MS would send buses through the Three Chopt Road/Church Road, Gaskins Road/Three Chopt Road, Gaskins Road/Ridgefield Parkway, and Gaskins Road/Quioccasin Road intersections. Currently, children in the Church Road community are around 1.5 miles from Godwin HS. Our children travel on lower volume roads against rush hour traffic and the only busy intersection is Ridgefield Parkway/Pump Road at Godwin HS. Sending our children to Tucker HS will more than double the distance to school, and forces children (including new young teenage drivers) across I-64 and on very busy streets and thru the very busy Church Road/Three Chopt Road, Gaskins Road/Three Chopt Road, Parham Road/Three Chopt Road intersections during and in the direction of heavy rush hour traffic in both the morning and afternoon. Only Options that have our children going to Pocahontas MS or Godwin HS make sense!

4. Major roads and natural boundaries will be used whenever feasible to define attendance zones. Options moving us out of Pocahontas MS or Godwin HS chop up our community using a dry gulch “creek” between Church Run and Windsor Place West even though the communities are joined with pedestrian pathways. Major Roads like Three Chopt Road (Collector Road) and/or Gaskins Road (Arterial Road) are much more appropriate boundaries.

5. Provisions should be made to ensure the continuity of a child’s K-12 progress. This may be accomplished by offering older students in a school the option to remain at an existing school if parents provide transportation. Children from our neighborhood should ALL flow, like other children at Short Pump ES, into Pocahontas MS into Godwin HS. Any option with our children attending Quioccasin MS or Tucker HS would result in are community being one of the few partial communities that go Short Pump ES into Quioccasin MS into Tucker HS or Short Pump ES into Quioccasin MS into Godwin HS. Therefore, this is another criterion where it makes sense to have our children going to Pocahontas MS or Godwin HS!

6. Implementation of a rezoning plan over a span of several years would be preferable if it has the effect of minimizing the need for additional line changes for a community in the near or immediate future. This is perhaps our most important point: Many of our Subdivisions along Church Road have been redistricted at least four times in recent years. HCPS should take the time to plan for future communities being built in the east and north before moving our neighborhood where it will not be needed.

7. All legal and judicial guidelines for the maintenance of a unitary school system will be strictly adhered to. There is nothing we can address under this guideline

We look forward to your response...

Thank you

Todd

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Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

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Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 4:01 PM
To: Kristi B. Kinsella (kbkinsella); Roscoe D. Cooper, III (rdcooper); Marcie F. Shea (mfshea); Michelle F. Ogburn (mfogburn1); Alicia S. Atkins (asatkins); Superintendent; Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen); Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Cc: Bill Auchmoody
Subject: Henrico County School Redistricting Feedback - Bell Tower

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January 8, 2020

Hello School Board Members & Redistricting Staff,

Thank you for your service and for taking into consideration the community feedback as the county school redistricting process proceeds. We hope that the outcome of this process will disrupt the least number of students while also limiting commute times for buses and/or student drivers.

We **fully support elementary school options A, B and C**, which keep our neighborhood children in the Short Pump Elementary district.

With regards to the middle school options, we **do not support options A, B or C** as currently drawn. Our neighborhood entrance is directly across from the entrance to Windsor Place West on Church Road. All three options have the children of Windsor Place West attending Pocahontas Middle School. It has been our home school since its inception as well and is walkable from our neighborhood at less than a mile. Tommy Branin, Three Chopt District Supervisor, was instrumental in working with the Henrico County Department of Public Works to have a crosswalk with flashing lights added at our entrance to cross Church Road from Bell Tower to Windsor Place West. Along with walkability, including Bell Tower in the Pocahontas Middle School district makes sense from a transportation efficiency standpoint as well. The bus stop, as our neighborhood has no through streets, is at the entrance at Church Road and the bus will pass directly in front of our entrance when traveling Thamesford Way in either direction through Windsor Place West. We urge you to consider a new option that would allow our children to continue to attend their neighborhood school.

Of the high school options, we **fully support options B, C and D**. We would also support option A, if as noted above our neighborhood were included with Windsor Place West in the Godwin High School district. The school is 2 miles from our neighborhood entrance.

Please share our feedback with the Citizen Redistricting Committee members. Lastly, we encourage you to make complying with the HCPS Policy & Regulation for Redistricting a priority.

Sincerely,

Laura

Laura & Mark Jarrett
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Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: Superintendent
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 12:01 PM
To: Hector P Rosa II; Kristi B. Kinsella (kbkinsella); Roscoe D. Cooper, III (rdcooper); Marcie F. Shea (mfshea); Michelle F. Ogburn (mfogburn1); Alicia S. Atkins (asatkins); Superintendent; Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen); Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Subject: RE: Redistricting concerns and agreements

Good afternoon,

Thank you for taking the time to share your preference and concerns with the various redistricting options. I am responding on behalf of Dr. Cashwell.

I see you have copied Chris Sorensen, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, and Justin Briggs, Education Specialist for Planning. Both are monitoring the work of the committee and will make sure your request is shared with the committee.

Kind regards,

Cheri Guempel

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From: Hector P Rosa II <hectorisms@gmail.com>
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Subject: Redistricting concerns and agreements

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Hello, I want to express my gratitude for high school options C & D that keep my child in Godwin HS in the future. It makes sense since we can literally walk to Godwin. We live at 2340 Cedar Cone Dr and while your HS redistricting makes sense your middle School options do not. Options A B C & D still have is going to Quiocassin middle school instead of Pocohants middle school which is literally 3 minutes away from our home. Going to Pocohants Middle school to better comply with [HCPS Policy and Regulation for Redistricting](#). Our after school care will also change with the middle school options. The travel distance to Quiocassin increases traffic dangers and puts out cold in direct danger. PLEASE CONSIDER KEEPING OUR CHILD AT POCOHANTAS MIDDLE SCHOOL which is less than 1 Mile away. I'm not sure why you are making this so difficult but please consider our request.

Please listen to our pleas and please forward our emails to the Citizen Redistricting Committee.

Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: Superintendent
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 9:05 AM
To: Greg Doran
Cc: Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen); Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Subject: RE: Concerned About Redistricting Committee Member

Good morning, Mr. Doran,

I appreciate you sharing your concern. I am responding on behalf of Dr. Cashwell. I have copied Chris Sorensen, Chief Financial Officer, and Justin Briggs, Planning Specialist, so they are aware of your concern since they monitor the work of the redistricting committee. They will look into your complaint.

Thank you again for expressing your concern,

Cheri Guempel

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From: Greg Doran <gjdoran@hotmail.com>
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To: Superintendent <Superintendent@henrico.k12.va.us>
Subject: Concerned About Redistricting Committee Member

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Good evening,

It has been brought to my attention by observers of the Secondary Committee meeting tonight (1/8/2020) that a member of the committee, Jaime Petrasek, acted with clear bias, advocating only for her own interests and verbally attacking committee members who wanted to discuss options that would impact her personally. She would not allow

discussion of Option D, as that option would move her area from Freeman to Tucker, by continually berating any committee member who would try to bring it up. I find this behavior completely unacceptable, and believe it undermines the intent of this entire process.

As a resident of an area that may very well be impacted during this process, I am extremely disheartened to know that this committee member is clearly biased and not acting in the best interest of all the students of Henrico. I believe she should be removed from the committee immediately due to unethical behavior that is not in line with the goals of this project.

Thank you for your consideration and I hope action will be taken to remedy this situation.

Best regards,

Greg Doran

Tuckahoe District Comments

Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

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Sent: Friday, January 10, 2020 3:14 PM
To: Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs); Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen)
Cc: Matthew Cropper; Superintendent; schoolboard
Subject: Concerns over biased committee members

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Mr. Briggs and Mr. Sorensen,

I had the opportunity to observe both the secondary and joint committee meeting this week as part of the redistricting process. It is apparent that most of the committee members and staff are truly working hard trying to come up with a solution and I applaud their efforts.

One observation that did concern me were two separate instances of both elementary and secondary members advocating for a particular solution that appear biased towards their own preferences rather than an impartial solution based on the county wide goals of this exercise.

First, it appears as if Map D was created by a committee member, not Cropper, at the December secondary meeting. When the committee met again on Wednesday and broke into smaller groups to make adjustments to maps, the first group stated that they focused on feeder pattern. It seems that is the sole area they focused on. When asked by the other group if socioeconomic disadvantage numbers were considered, at a blatant "NO!" was remarked. Aren't the committees supposed to take into account all of the guidelines/criteria? How can a map be relevant if created based solely on one criteria? The other group did say they focused on socioeconomic disadvantages, feeder patterns and capacity numbers. This is how I would expect the thought process to be as they are working on the maps.

Secondly, when at the joint committee meeting last night, I recognized an individual, who is one the elementary committee. I remember seeing him at the Godwin public meeting. When at the Godwin presentation, he stood out to me when advocating in full force with his neighborhood/area in opposition to certain maps! He was wearing T-shirt specifically made for that meeting and holding a banner representing his neighborhood! I was shocked seeing him on the committee last night!!! Committee members are not supposed to show favor towards one particular community, as that is being biased! Frankly, pondering over this last night and today, I do not understand how it is that he still on the committee?

How does staff and Cropper police and correct these instances where clear neighborhood bias by a committee member is injected into discussions that should be neutral and geared to the guidelines?

Thank you for your time in reading my concerns.
Melinda Winterhalter

Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen)
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 11:52 AM
To: Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Subject: FW: Redistricting- Ridge Elementary

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Subject: Fwd: Redistricting- Ridge Elementary

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Hi!

I spoke with you at the walk thru and committee meeting and I wanted to thank you so much for advocating for Ridge. You have been instrumental in keeping our PTA intact and we all have so appreciated you being open to feedback about our amazing little school. That said, it seemed at the last meeting that the committee hit a bit of a roadblock in terms of helping reduce poverty at Ridge. As you know, the amount poverty at Ridge is totally disproportionate to the rest of the surrounding schools.

While it's hard to see any of our students move to another school, we feel strongly that Ridge's resources are currently being stretched thin. By moving just one area of high poverty (of which we have many others) to another school, Ridge would be better able to serve it's students. The students who would move would benefit from access to more resources, as well. In order to address the poverty, we have come up with the following proposal. We are, of course, aware that a move for the benefit of Ridge would affect many others so we have tried to lay out solutions to decrease concentrations of poverty and overcrowding. We also feel strongly that the option we have laid out below would vastly improve our feeder pattern (now only 30% of Ridge students attend Tuckahoe, but after our proposed changed 70% would go to Tuckahoe which is actually adjacent to Ridge).

-Take 168 from Knottingham Green (west side of Ridge zone – the cross streets are Quiocassin, Imperial, Calvary, Vintage square) and send to Pinchbeck. This would decrease Ridge's to poverty 72%.

-Take 70 and 32 (east side of Pinchbeck zone- the cross streets are Quiocassin, Condoover, Patterson, Parham square) from Pinchbeck and Maybeury to decrease their utilization and send to Tuckahoe. This will increase the poverty at Tuckahoe and utilization. Some students from Tuckahoe may need to be shifted to Crestview.

-Take 22, 28, 56, 22 (west side of Pinchbeck zone – cross streets are Eagles View, Giltspur, Patterson square) from Pinchbeck to Carver to decrease Pinchbeck's utilization. These changes to Pinchbeck would only net increase Pinchbeck's poverty about 10% so they would be at 50% poverty.

-Take 52 (north side of Carver zone- cross streets are Ridgefield Pkway to Causeway) from Carver to Gayton as proposed in option B to decrease Carver's utilization.

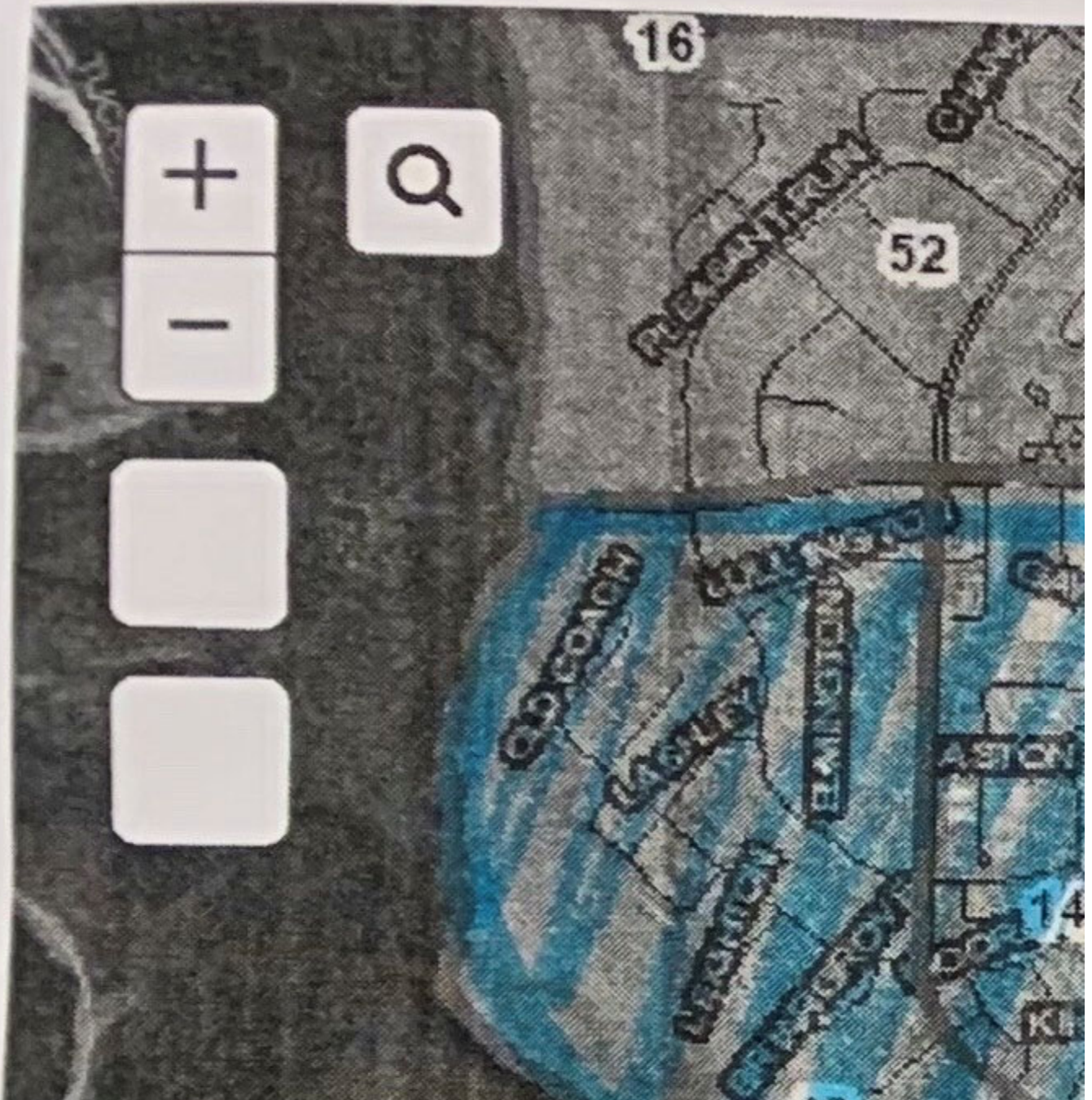
-Ridge takes 48 and 33 (from south of 64 Three Chopt zone – cross streets are I-64, Alvarado, Milbank) from Three Chopt to increase utilization. Three Chopt may need to then take some students from Skipwith to decrease Skipwith's utilization.

We plan to attend the meetings this week on Tuesday and Thursday. We will bring a copy of our re-drawn map for you to reference if needed.

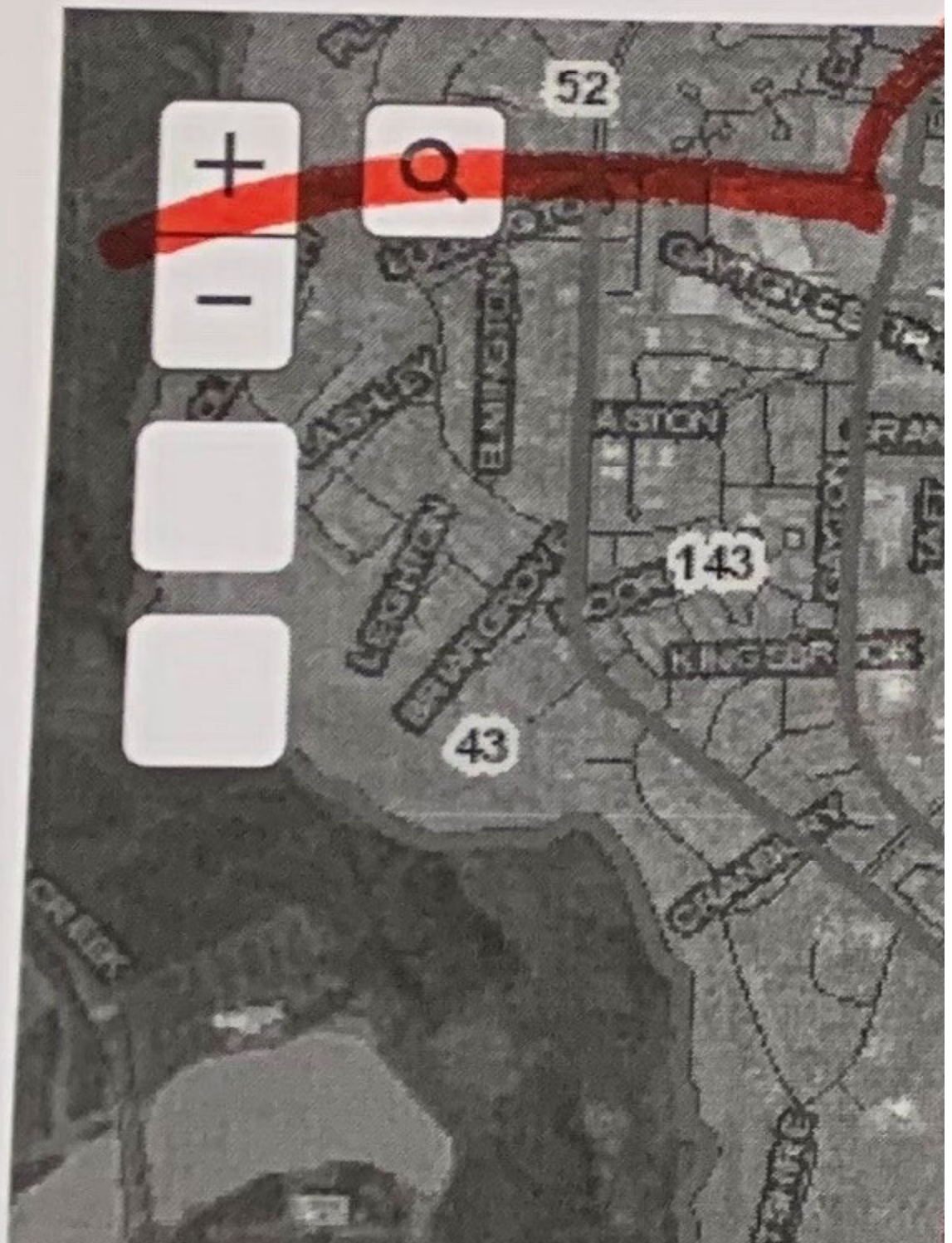
Thank you for your timeThe Ridge/Tuckahoe/Freeman Coalition

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Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: Annalee Barkstrom <amorris13@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 4:13 PM
To: Cheryl L. Guempel (clguempel)
Cc: Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen); Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Subject: Re: Keep Crestview to Freeman (Option C)

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Cheryl,

Appreciate your response. I have already submitted this note to the committee along with similar comments on previous maps.

I felt it was important enough to reach out to the board and others and again, I appreciate your time reading it and making sure I had the link for the committee.

Thank you,
Annalee

On Jan 6, 2020, at 3:45 PM, Cheryl L. Guempel (clguempel) <clguempel@henrico.k12.va.us> wrote:

Apologies. I hit send before copying others.

Kind regards,

Cheri Guempel
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From: Superintendent
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 3:44 PM
To: 'Annalee Barkstrom' <amorris13@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Keep Crestview to Freeman (Option C)

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From: Annalee Barkstrom <amorris13@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 11:51 AM
To: Superintendent <Superintendent@henrico.k12.va.us>
Subject: Keep Crestview to Freeman (Option C)

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Dear Dr Cashwell,

Thank you for your time and consideration of this note.

I am a resident of Duntreath, currently zoned Crestview, Tuckahoe Middle, Freeman. I write in strong support of current Map Option C to KEEP CRESTVIEW TO FREEMAN.

I have a three year-old son who will attend Crestview and an 18 year-old stepson who graduated Freeman High School last spring. We are tremendously proud of my step-son who transferred from St. Christopher's to Freeman in 9th grade and was **last year's valedictorian at Freeman**. He transferred due to academic options at Freeman and had a wonderful experience. We looked forward to sending our

youngest to Freeman and believe **keeping Crestview to Freeman (Option C)** is the only option that truly meets the objectives set out for redistricting for the following reasons.

Continuity of Child's K-12 Progress is best ensured by keeping Crestview to Freeman- Unless you select Option C, Crestview children would almost exclusively be pulled away from the rest of the Tuckahoe MS population upon graduation to go to Tucker while 87% of Tuckahoe MS attends Freeman. This is horribly disruptive and feels like an avoidable targeting. Why is the elementary school population with highest poverty within Tuckahoe MS and a large population of spanish-speaking families being specifically pulled away from friends and classmates? Of every 9 friends my son would have at Tuckahoe MS, only 1 would attend HS with him at Tucker and the other 8 would go to Freeman. That is simply against how community schools should work and is against any reasonable notion of what would be best for a 14 year-old.

Reduce Concentrations of Poverty- If you remove Crestview from Freeman, you are effectively and intentionally making Freeman extremely *UN*diverse. Tucker is already diverse and does not need the Crestview population to become so. Freeman benefits from its current diversity which is one of the things my step-son appreciated and noted about the school. I am not sure why in the year 2019 you would remove diversity from a strong performing school. Freeman should be the beacon to preserve and emulate, not the thing to change.

Ensure Efficient Transportation- I know you have heard "But I have to drive past Freeman to get to Tucker!" While true from my house, I understand that isn't your concern. What I hope is compelling is the notion that putting more traffic, specifically more teenager-driver traffic, onto Broad St/64 isn't smart. Doable, of course but not smart. Not if there are alternatives and there are alternatives.

Thank you again for your time.

Sincerely,
Annalee Barkstrom
1000 Regester Parkway

Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: Superintendent
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 3:49 PM
To: Sharad Uprety; Charles J. Davis (cjdavis)
Cc: Matthew Cropper; Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen); Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs); Alyson K. Beverly (akbeverly); Superintendent; Michelle F. Ogburn (mfogburn1)
Subject: RE: Redistricting -2021 (Oppose High School Options C and D which exclude Dalton Park Community from Deep Run High)

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From: Sharad Uprety <sharad.uprety@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 23, 2019 2:18 PM
To: Charles J. Davis (cjdavis) <cjdavis@henrico.k12.va.us>
Cc: Matthew Cropper <mcropper@croppergis.com>; Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen)

<casorensen@henrico.k12.va.us>; Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs) <jmbriggs@henrico.k12.va.us>; Alyson K. Beverly (akbeverly) <akbeverly@henrico.k12.va.us>; Superintendent <Superintendent@henrico.k12.va.us>; Michelle F. Ogburn (mfogburn1) <mfogburn1@henrico.k12.va.us>

Subject: Re: Redistricting -2021 (Oppose High School Options C and D which exclude Dalton Park Community from Deep Run High)

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Good Afternoon Everyone:

I had sent email earlier with my support for High School options A and B. I live in Dalton Park Community West of Sadler Road and East of I-295. My daughters currently attend Rivers Edge Elementary School and it appears that they will continue to attend the same school based on all the options provided so far. This is good news for us as my kids, my wife and I all love Rivers Edge. Also, based on the options provided my kids may end up going to Short Pump Middle School. While I prefer my daughters going to Holman which Dalton Park Community currently assigned to, I do not have any major issue if they are rezoned to Short Pump which is actually closer to our house compared to Holman.

My major issue is with High School options C and D. As you can see the maps provided below (Figure 1), High School options C and D will put kids from Dalton Park to Glen Allen High School. Based on the Google map, I noticed **that travel distance to Glen Allen High is approximately 1.3 miles more than Deep Run High from my home (4.7 miles to Deep Run compared to 6.0 miles).**

It is also interesting that students from Dalton Park would go to Rivers Edge for elementary school, Short Pump for middle school (based on all three options A, B and C) but not Deep Run for High school which is essentially in the middle of Rivers Edge and Short Pump Middle for students in the Dalton Park Community. This is strange recommendation from committees. Perhaps elementary school committee needs to share this information to the middle/high school committee. Please refer to Figure 1 below.

With options C and D, only 11% of the students that would attend to Short Pump middle will attend Glen Allen High. This proposed feeder pattern will have impact on kids in Dalton Park as they transitioned from Elementary to Middle and Middle to High School. Dalton Park kids will lose many of the Elementary School friends while going to Middle School and it will be even worse when they transition from Middle School to High School as only 11% students attending Short Pump Middle will attend Glen Allen High.

Therefore, I humbly request to **consider students feeding to Rivers Edge Elementary School from Dalton Park Community to keep in Deep Run High School.** This makes sense from feeder pattern and travel distance standpoint. I do not want to dig into all the data at this point, I believe this minor tweak will not have any major impact on the overall options. Thank you for consideration. Wish you all a wonderful holiday!

Note: If images are not clear in the email, please review the attached file for all Figure 1 mentioned in the body of the email which compared distance between two high schools from my home.

Question: Are GIS layers/shape files available for public to tweak and provide recommendations to the committees?

Figure 1: Area Covered by blue line (West of Sadler Rd between W Broad St and Nuckols Rd).

Figure 2: Elementary School Option C

Figure 3: Middle School Option C

Figure 4: High School Option C (Consider hatched area currently feeding Rivers Edge to Deep Run High)

Figure 5: High School Option D

Thank you,

Sharad Uprety

On Thu, Dec 19, 2019 at 1:45 PM Charles J. Davis (cjdavis) <cjdavis@henrico.k12.va.us> wrote:

Hello Mr. Uprety,

Thank you very much for your feedback. I have copied your email to other HCPS staff working on this important project.

I hope your family enjoys the upcoming winter holiday break.

Regards,

Josh

Josh Davis

Director of Pupil Transportation

Henrico County Public Schools

(804) 226-5563

From: Sharad Uprety [mailto:sharad.uprety@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2019 1:33 PM
To: Charles J. Davis (cjdavis) <cjdavis@henrico.k12.va.us>
Cc: Matthew Cropper <mcropper@cropperGIS.com>
Subject: Redistricting -2021 (Support Option A and Option B for High Schools)

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Good afternoon Mr. Davis and Mr. Cropper:

I just wanted to let you know that my two daughters go to Rivers Edge Elementary School. As a professional transportation/traffic engineer and father of two daughters residing in west of Sadler Rd (Dalton Park), I support both Option A and Option B. Based on the distance to High Schools, feeder pattern of elementary and middle schools (Rivers Edge and Holman), and capacity of existing schools, it makes sense to have Sadler Rd area feed to Deep Run High School. Deep Run HS would be much shorter route compared to Glen Allen HS for this community located west of Sadler Rd.

FYI, I have already sent similar email to the superintendent and Ms. Ogburn.

Thank you,

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Sharad Uprety



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Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: Superintendent
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 3:48 PM
To: Joseph Douglas; William A. Pike, Jr (wapike); Superintendent; pob@patobannon.com; Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs); Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen)
Subject: RE: Redistricting

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From: Joseph Douglas <josephadouglas@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 29, 2019 7:12 AM
To: William A. Pike, Jr (wapike) <wapike@henrico.k12.va.us>; Superintendent <Superintendent@henrico.k12.va.us>; pob@patobannon.com; Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs) <jmbriggs@henrico.k12.va.us>; Christopher A. Sorensen

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Members of the School Board,

I am writing in support of the new Elementary School Option C, which keeps Oldhouse Run at Jackson Davis Elementary and no longer divides Oldhouse Run from Rockstone and the Pemberton Road JDES community. Oldhouse Run and Rockstone are essentially the same neighborhood, sharing an entrance and a bus stop. Thank you for listening to our concerns about splitting a residential neighborhood and keeping Oldhouse Run at JDES.

I also want to thank you for the most recent round of maps that take into consideration some of the community feedback you have received. I am writing in support of High School Option D, which takes into account the concerns of the Pemberton corridor about having our boundaries shifted and our community impacted repeatedly in HCPS redistricting processes. Option D maintains the feeder pattern that HCPS implemented as an important goal during the last redistricting just ten years ago. This feeder pattern brings together both sides of the Pemberton corridor to form one community at Quioccasin Middle School and Freeman High School. I support High School Draft Option D for the following reasons:

Option D follows the rules and guidelines for redistricting by using major roads as natural boundaries and supporting community and continuity for students during their K-12 education. For the zoning of the Pemberton corridor, Three Chopt Road forms a clear natural boundary for the Freeman High School zone, which is utilized in this option.

The Option D map helps bring all high schools in Henrico closer to ideal utilization numbers. The utilization of each high school is right at the goal/average in this option and optimally fills the extra space at the brand new Tucker High School.

Option D minimizes the impact on students compared to other options, impacting 784 students, as opposed to 1,092 students impacted by option C, 1,472 by option A, and 2,094 by option B. Every effort should be made to minimize student impacts in this process.

Option D avoids moving an arbitrary group of neighborhoods divided in the middle of a residential area on Pemberton Road, and minimizes repeated impacts on the same families more than once during their K-12 education. As stated by Mr. Cropper, every effort should be made to minimize repeated redistricting impacts on the same communities.

The entirety of the Pemberton corridor is in the Tuckahoe magisterial district. Option D keeps the Pemberton corridor together at Freeman High School, a Tuckahoe district school. This allows community members to have school board representation for our zoned school.

Residents of the Pemberton corridor live less than two miles from both Godwin and Freeman High Schools. Freeman is walkable for our students down Three Chopt or Quioccasin Rd. Moving us to Tucker would create a third feeder pattern, a third high school in ten years for much of the Pemberton corridor, and take us to the third farthest high school from our homes, across a major interstate. This is unreasonable.

HCPS created a new feeder pattern for the Pemberton corridor just ten years ago in order to meet the goals of that redistricting process, bringing together the students of the Pemberton corridor to attend Quioccasin MS and Freeman HS. The same communities and families should not be impacted repeatedly. We cannot build community and invest in our schools when our boundaries are constantly shifted.

Thank you for considering implementing high school option D or a similar option that would keep the Pemberton corridor at Freeman HS and prevent us from having to endure a second major boundary shift in two consecutive comprehensive redistricting projects.

Sincerely,

Joseph Douglas
9524 Chapin Dr

Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: Superintendent
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 3:47 PM
To: Crestview Area Coalition; schoolboard; Superintendent; Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen); Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs); Monica R. Manns (mmanns); kristi@votekinsella.com; sheaforschools@gmail.com; aliciaforvarina@gmail.com; Matthew Cropper
Subject: RE: Crestview Area Coalition Petition

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From: Crestview Area Coalition <crestviewareacoalition@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 11:40 AM
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>; kristi@votekinsella.com; sheaforschools@gmail.com; aliciaforvarina@gmail.com; Matthew Cropper <mcropper@croppergis.com>
Subject: Crestview Area Coalition Petition

December 30, 2019

Dear Dr. Cashwell, HCPS School Board Members, School Board Associates/Administration and Matt Cropper,

On behalf of the Crestview Area Coalition ("CAC"), please find enclosed a petition signed by 319 members of our community. The petition supports keeping the current feeder pattern for those students who are currently zoned to attend Crestview Elementary, then to Tuckahoe Middle School, and then to Freeman High School (current "Option C"). Currently, "Option D" would move students from this pattern to attend J.R. Tucker High School and not Freeman High School. This petition was started in October so some of the wording reflects options that were on the table at that time, but the basis is the same: Keep Crestview in current feeder pattern to Freeman

As you can see from the enclosure, the petition was signed by residents on the following bases:

- 1. Separation from community** - many students participate in extracurricular activities (*i.e.*, sports, music, faith-based communities) around the Monument avenue corridor. A move to Tucker HS would disrupt this strong community. Based on geography, the Crestview area predominantly conducts extracurricular activities, sports and interacts with the community south of Broad Street and with families in the Tuckahoe Middle School/Freeman High School zone. There are no neighborhood commonalities between Crestview Elementary students who would be rezoned under Options 1, 3, and 4 to J.R. Tucker High School due to the commercial barrier that exists to the north of Broad Street. Monument Avenue is an arterial, residential road bordered by neighborhoods. It is much different from the commercially-focused Broad Street. Our traffic patterns, commercial districts, service districts, residential districts, and social districts are all connected and have grown together as a direct result of how our community serves our needs in a connected way through school zones aligned with natural boundaries, including Broad Street.
- 2. Separation from peers** - the current feeder pattern allows for lifelong friendships to form starting in kindergarten all the way through 12th grade. Moving to Johnson ES or Tucker HS would separate children from their peers and friends. Indeed, Crestview Elementary students are already making lifelong friendships with Tuckahoe Middle School and Freeman High School students, who are their geographic neighbors.
- 3. Increased safety risk** - travel to Tucker High School would require crossing major road boundaries, such as Broad St., as well as traveling on Interstate-64 to get to school, not to mention significantly increasing commute time. This is not ideal for inexperienced teenage drivers or small children riding on a school bus. The CAC community exists south of Broad Street, which is a major road and natural boundary for zoning purposes. Indeed, Broad Street currently serves as a basis for school zoning. That makes sense. Broad Street is a busy and dangerous road to cross, especially for buses filled with elementary school children or high schoolers who may be just starting to drive (juniors and seniors who drive themselves to school). The CAC has substantial safety concerns about requiring our children to traverse Broad Street and/or Interstate 64 to get to school, especially at the busy times of day they would be commuting in heavy traffic.
- 4. Maintaining diversity** - Crestview is strongly diversified, both from an ethnicity and a socioeconomic standpoint, and this contributes strongly to continued diversity at Tuckahoe and Freeman. Breaking up this feeder pattern would negatively impact diversity at all three schools. In particular, removing Crestview Elementary from the Freeman High School zone does not reduce concentrations of poverty, assist vulnerable students, or promote diversity. Just the opposite would be true. Presently, Crestview Elementary School, Tuckahoe Elementary School, and Maybeury Elementary School all send 100% of their students to Freeman High School. Over half of the Crestview Elementary School population is eligible for a free/reduced meal, whereas Tuckahoe Elementary School students only have 5% of their population eligible and Maybeury School Elementary only has 35% of their student population eligible. Freeman High School currently has 32% of their students eligible for a free/reduced meal, while J.R. Tucker High School has 51% eligible. Freeman High School's percentage is fed largely by Crestview Elementary School's population. Removing the Crestview Elementary School population from Freeman High School will further drop that percentage at Freeman High School, which is counter

to the Board's guidelines. Indeed, Crestview Elementary School has the most diverse ethnic student body in all of the West End of Henrico County. Removing Crestview Elementary School from Freeman High School segregates this diverse population, making Freeman High School much less diverse. Freeman High School also is a great opportunity for our Crestview Elementary School students who may not have an option to attend a specialty center or another high performing school with a longstanding positive reputation like Freeman High School. Removing that option and opportunity does the opposite of leveling the playing field for our students who may not have the same benefits the affluent students of Henrico County Public Schools already have. It should also be noted that Crestview Elementary prides itself on the attention paid to both students with learning disabilities and students who are learning English as a secondary language (a large percentage of the student base). Expecting those vulnerable students to attend a high school without the friends they have had through elementary and middle school seems out of touch and certainly not at all kind-hearted.

Members of the CAC will be attending the various redistricting meetings that are open to the public. However, we wanted to state these concerns clearly to you in writing and to show the broad support for current Option C. We would be glad to sit down with you to further discuss those issues and to answer any further questions you might have. In addition, could you please ensure that this letter and petition is included as a public record to the documents that are given to the committee.

Thank you for taking the time to read our valid concerns.

The Crestview Area Coalition Committee
CrestviewAreaCoalition@gmail.com

Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: Superintendent
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 3:44 PM
To: Leslie Harris; schoolboard; Superintendent; Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen); Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs); Monica R. Manns (mmanns); Andy Jenks; kristi@votekinsella.com; sheaforschools@gmail.com
Cc: Crestview Area Coalition; Melinda Winterhalter
Subject: RE: Keep Crestview at Freeman!

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Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2019 2:55 PM
To: schoolboard <schoolboard@henrico.k12.va.us>; Superintendent <Superintendent@henrico.k12.va.us>; Christopher

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Cc: Crestview Area Coalition <crestviewareacoalition@gmail.com>; Melinda Winterhalter <melinsean@verizon.net>
Subject: Keep Crestview at Freeman!

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I am writing to strongly support of Option C, which keeps the current pathway from Crestview-Tuckahoe-Freeman for my family and our community. I live in Monument Avenue Crest, at Libbie and Monument Avenues. I have several reasons why I believe firmly that this is the best plan for our community:

1. Removing the Crestview contingent (where we started) from Freeman does NOT REDUCE CONCENTRATIONS OF POVERTY, in fact it serves only to make Freeman more elite and less diverse. Free and reduced lunch data shows economic diversity is supplied at Freeman by Crestview families: Crestview 43%, Tuckahoe Elem 4.6%, Freeman 27.6%, Tucker 42.6%. Moving us to Tucker makes Freeman less diverse and would serve to concentrate more poverty at Tucker, which is exactly what the committee was trying to avoid.
2. TRANSPORTATION! Tucker equals a longer commute time on more heavily traveled and more dangerous roads, period. Routes to Tucker have significantly higher numbers of auto accidents reported (ie: I-64, the intersection of Three Chopt and Parham, etc.) vs our current routes to Freeman. The Broad St/I-64 route is the proposed route for buses traveling to/from our area to Tucker - imagine adding more new teen drivers traveling that route during rush hour!
3. CONTINUITY OF CHILD'S K-12 PROGRESS - The Crestview, Tuckahoe MS, Freeman feeder pattern allows continuity! 100 % of Crestview feeds into Tuckahoe MS. 87% of Tuckahoe MS students go to Freeman currently, so breaking our neighborhoods out strips our children of a vital sense of community at a very vulnerable time. There are significant avenues of community that are actively built between Tuckahoe MS and Freeman HS, such as band. The two band directors (Kirkland Jackson and Rob Blankenship, who we cannot praise strongly enough!) work so closely with one another, and 8th grade musicians are allowed to march with the Freeman marching band, meaning they already know people at the high school and have a huge sense of belonging in that tight knit group before they even enroll. My own kids have experienced this - my current Sophomore had a much easier transition to high school by already having band friends that he'd known for over a year. My current 6th grader is actively involved as a band sibling at Freeman already now (and has been for 3 seasons) and is looking forward to continuing that relationship as a member in 2 years as an 8th grader, and eventually as a Rebel himself. For kids that don't play sports, music is HUGE, and marching band is their tribe.
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I appreciate you taking the time to read this and note my concerns.

Leslie Harris
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Leslie Watson Harris

Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: Superintendent
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 3:43 PM
To: adam@connectionsrealtvrva.com
Cc: Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen); Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Subject: RE: Keep Crestview to Freeman (Option C)

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Again, I appreciate you sharing your preferences and insights,

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From: adam@connectionsrealtvrva.com <adam@connectionsrealtvrva.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 1, 2020 4:04 PM
To: Superintendent <Superintendent@henrico.k12.va.us>
Subject: Keep Crestview to Freeman (Option C)

Dear Dr Cashwell,

Thank you for your time and consideration of this note.

I am a resident of Duntreath, currently zoned Crestview, Tuckahoe Middle, Freeman. I write in strong support of current Map Option C to KEEP CRESTVIEW TO FREEMAN.

I have an 18 year-old son, Walker Barkstrom, who graduated as Freeman High School's valedictorian last spring. Walker started at St. Christopher's, where I went to school and where my mother worked. I admittedly wasn't involved in the specifics of the Henrico County Public Schools but Walker wanted to attend Freeman after finishing 8th grade at St. C. He selected Freeman for its many academic offerings and he excelled there. I was astounded at the education, the teachers and the strong sense of community at Freeman. As proud I am of Walker, I was equally excited because I have a 3-year old son and my wife and I committed to send him to Henrico schools from the beginning starting with Crestview, then Tuckahoe then Freeman. Our neighborhood is a Freeman neighborhood and not just because of geographic proximity but because we, the residents and parents of the Crestview area, make Freeman special. We provide a unique perspective and the Crestview population provides a unique student body to Freeman. **Keeping Crestview to Freeman (option C) is the only option that makes sense given your stated redistricting objectives and given what are the factors in successful community and neighborhood building.**

Continuity of Child's K-12 Progress is best ensured by keeping Crestview to Freeman - Unless you select Option C, Crestview children would almost exclusively be pulled away from the rest of the Tuckahoe MS population upon graduation to go to Tucker while 87% of Tuckahoe MS attends Freeman. Of every 9 friends my son would have at Tuckahoe MS, only 1 would attend HS with him at Tucker and the other 8 would go to Freeman. That is simply against how community schools should work and seems to unfairly and almost exclusively target Crestview children. It also concerns me that Crestview children are the ones being targeted here since, as I will discuss below, they have the most socio-economic diversity at Tuckahoe MS and Freeman. The emotional well-being and continuity of Tuckahoe ES and Maybeury ES children is being supported by maintaining their feeder pattern. But Crestview kids are being treated as viewed as expendable and pulled from their very own community built within the walls of Tuckahoe MS.

Reduce Concentrations of Poverty- If you remove Crestview from Freeman, you are effectively and intentionally making Freeman extremely *UN*diverse. Tucker is already diverse and does not need the Crestview population to become so. Given the higher diversity of Crestview, I think the committee and the schoolboard should specifically consider why they are pulling the most diverse elementary school and **ONLY** the most diverse school out of Freeman. In this day and age, I believe a Freeman HS composed almost entirely of Tuckahoe ES and Maybeury ES will look and sound quite different and not in a good way. Freeman benefits from its current diversity and should be the beacon to preserve and emulate, not the thing to change.

Ensure Efficient Transportation- I know you have heard "But I have to drive past Freeman to get to Tucker!" While true from my house, I understand that isn't your concern. But it should be compelling that more drivers, many of them being teenage drivers on Broad St and 64 isn't smart. Doable, of course but not smart. Not if there are alternatives and there are alternatives.

KEEP CRESTVIEW TO FREEMAN (OPTION C).

Thank you again for your time.

Sincerely,
Adam Barkstrom

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Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: Superintendent
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 3:42 PM
To: Geri Isenberg; schoolboard; Superintendent; Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen); Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs); Andy Jenks; kristi@votekinsella.com; sheaforschools@gmail.com; Monica R. Manns (mmanns)
Subject: RE: Redistricting of Crestview

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From: Geri Isenberg <gsunflwr2000@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 1, 2020 10:04 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>; Andy Jenks <ajenks@henrico.k12.va.us>; kristi@votekinsella.com; sheaforschools@gmail.com; Monica R. Manns

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Hello, I hope this finds you well and you have been enjoying your Winter Break and holidays with your families.

I am writing to show that I support Option C, which keeps the current pathway from Crestview-Tuckahoe-Freeman for not only my two children but our community. I currently live in the Charles Glen neighborhood and I have several reasons why I believe that this is the best plan for our community:

1. Removing the Crestview contingent (where we started) from Freeman does NOT REDUCE CONCENTRATIONS OF POVERTY, in fact it serves only to make Freeman more elite and less diverse. Free and reduced lunch data shows economic diversity is supplied at Freeman by Crestview families: Crestview 43%, Tuckahoe Elem 4.6%, Freeman 27.6%, Tucker 42.6%. Moving us to Tucker makes Freeman less diverse and would serve to concentrate more poverty at Tucker, which is exactly what the committee was or is trying to avoid.
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I would like you to know that these concerns are had by many within our close community. Unfortunately, we have a lot of non English speaking families that aren't able to communicate or represent their concerns. This has always been this case in the Crestview-Tuckahoe-Freeman area. I really do hope you will take this into consideration. We are a very diverse community and it is very important to continue to help keep this area as diverse as it is NOW! Thank you so much and I appreciate you taking the time to read this and note my concerns.

Geri Isenberg
954-892-2733

Sent from my iPhone

Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: Superintendent
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 3:39 PM
To: Wendy Lash; Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen); Monica R. Manns (mmanns); Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs); Andy Jenks; kristi@votekinsella.com; sheaforschools@gmail.com; schoolboard
Subject: RE: Redistricting of Monumental Floral Gardens/Crestview Area

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From: Wendy Lash <WLash@communitypartnersva.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 2:09 PM
To: Superintendent <Superintendent@henrico.k12.va.us>; Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen) <casorensen@henrico.k12.va.us>; Monica R. Manns (mmanns) <mmanns@henrico.k12.va.us>; Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs) <jmbriggs@henrico.k12.va.us>; Andy Jenks <ajenks@henrico.k12.va.us>; kristi@votekinsella.com;

Subject: Redistricting of Monumental Floral Gardens/Crestview Area

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Dear School Board Members and Various Committee Members,

I first want to take the opportunity to thank each of you for the amount of time and effort that has already been put forth regarding the redistricting of Henrico County Schools. I am sure this is not an easy task but sincerely appreciate all of the hard work that has gone into trying to incorporate new boundaries into the current school system. As parents we all want what is best for our children.

Just to give you a little background on our area. My husband and I moved from the city into the county when our daughter was two years old. We have lived in the Monumental Floral Gardens neighborhood for 12 years now. For those that are not too familiar with this area, it is a small neighborhood between Libbie and Byrd Avenue. We are probably one of the closest neighborhoods to the city but still located within the county. Our daughter started at Crestview when she was in kindergarten, she is now in the 8th grade at Tuckahoe Middle School. Our son is currently in the 4th grade at Crestview. Going to Crestview has been one of the best experiences that our children could have had. The different cultures brought into this small school and languages spoken on a daily basis, are instrumental to the growth and life experiences that children need. Freeman needs this diversity provided by Crestview. Crestview sends 100% of their students to Freeman. Over half of Crestview students are eligible to receive a free or reduced lunch. In contrast, Tuckahoe Elementary only has 5% eligible and Maybeury has 35% eligible. Currently Freeman has 32% of their students eligible for free or reduced lunch. Removing Crestview from Freeman will further drop the percentage for free or reduced lunch, which is counter to the Board's guidelines in promoting socioeconomic diversity.

I recently went to have lunch with my son at Crestview. As I was waiting for the front door to be unlocked, I noticed a sign. This sign noted different locations where English classes are taught nearby. I have attached a copy of this letter. Upon entering the school, I also noticed signs outside the cafeteria. I asked my son's teacher if these were all the different languages spoken at Crestview and she said yes. I have also attached a picture of this just so the committee can see all of the diversity that Crestview brings to Freeman. Our monthly PTA newsletter is printed in both English and Spanish. This diversity is what makes Crestview so very unique and so crucial to making Freeman a more well- rounded school. If Crestview is removed from the current feeder pattern to Freeman, ethnically, Freeman would become one of the least balanced schools in the county.

Thank you again for your work and considerations. I hope you are able to see the validity in the above points about concentration of poverty, socioeconomic and cultural diversity.

Sincerely,

Wendy Lash

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Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: Superintendent
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 12:12 PM
To: Greg Doran
Cc: Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)
Subject: RE: HCPS Redistricting Feedback

Good afternoon, Mr. Doran,

Thank you for your feedback. I am responding on behalf of Dr. Cashwell. I have forwarded your feedback to Justin Briggs, Educational Planner, so he can ensure it is received by the redistricting committee.

Kind regards,

Cheri Guempel

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From: Greg Doran <gidoran@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 10:33 PM
To: Superintendent <Superintendent@henrico.k12.va.us>
Subject: HCPS Redistricting Feedback

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Good evening,

I wanted to provide feedback on the latest round of HCPS redistricting maps published before the holidays.

First, I am writing in support of the new Elementary School Option C, which keeps Oldhouse Run at Jackson Davis Elementary (JDES) and no longer divides Oldhouse Run from Rockstone and the Pemberton Road JDES community. Oldhouse Run and Rockstone are essentially the neighborhood, sharing an entrance and a bus stop. There is no physical divider separating these neighborhoods and separating them would fracture a tight-knit community.

Second, I am writing in support of High School Option D, which takes into account the concerns of the Pemberton corridor about having our boundaries shifted and our community impacted repeatedly in HCPS redistricting processes. Option D maintains the feeder pattern that HCPS implemented as an important goal during the last redistricting just ten years ago. This pattern brings together both sides of the Pemberton corridor to form one community at Quioccasin Middle School and Freeman High School. I support High School Draft Option D for the following reasons:

- * Option D follows the rules and guidelines for redistricting by using major roads as natural boundaries and supporting community and continuity for students during their K-12 education. For the zoning of the Pemberton corridor, Three Chopt Road forms a clear natural boundary for the Freeman High School zone, which is utilized in this option.

- * The Option D map helps bring all high schools in Henrico closer to ideal utilization numbers. The utilization of each high school is right at the goal/average in this option and optimally fills the extra space at the brand new Tucker High School.

- * Option D minimizes the impact on students compared to other options, impacting 784 students, as opposed to 1,092 students impacted by option C, 1,472 by option A, and 2,094 by option B. Every effort should be made to minimize student impacts in this process.

- * Option D avoids moving an arbitrary group of neighborhoods divided in the middle of a residential area on Pemberton Road, and minimizes repeated impacts on the same families more than once during their K-12 education. As stated by Mr. Cropper, every effort should be made to minimize repeated redistricting impacts on the same communities.

- * The entirety of the Pemberton corridor is in the Tuckahoe magisterial district. Option D keeps the Pemberton corridor together at Freeman High School, a Tuckahoe district school. This allows community members to have school board representation for our zoned school. This would not be the case for the other High School options which would move the Pemberton corridor to Freeman High School, a Three Chopt district school. The Pemberton Road corridor community deserves the right to vote for school board representatives that actually represent their high school (Freeman high school).

- * Residents of the Pemberton corridor live less than two miles from both Godwin and Freeman High Schools. Freeman is walkable for our students down Three Chopt or Quioccasin Rd. Moving us to Tucker would create a third feeder pattern, a third high school in ten years for much of the Pemberton corridor, and take us to the third farthest high school from our homes, across a major interstate. This is unreasonable.

HCPS created a new feeder pattern for the Pemberton corridor just ten years ago in order to meet the goals of that redistricting process, bringing together the students of the Pemberton corridor to attend Quioccasin MS and Freeman HS. What has changed in the last years that would cause HCPS to not only undo what they created, but to also send the Pemberton corridor community to yet another high school? The same

communities and families should not be impacted repeatedly. We cannot build community and invest in our schools when our boundaries are constantly shifted.

Please consider my support and rationale for implementing high school option D or a similar option that would keep the Pemberton corridor at Freeman HS and prevent us from having to endure a second major boundary shift in two consecutive comprehensive redistricting projects. The Pemberton corridor community is not a pawn on the redistricting chess board. We are a tight-knit community of families that deserve better. Thank you for your consideration. Best regards,

Greg Doran (resident of Oldhouse Run and the Pemberton Road Corridor Community)

Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs)

From: Superintendent
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 12:05 PM
To: Arlene Garlock; sheaforschools@gmail.com; Superintendent; pob@patobannon.com; Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs); Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen)
Subject: RE: Support for High School Redistricting Plan D and Elementary School Redistricting Plan C

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From: Arlene Garlock <dave.garlock@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 8:50 PM

To: sheaforschools@gmail.com; William A. Pike, Jr (wapike) <wapike@henrico.k12.va.us>; Superintendent <Superintendent@henrico.k12.va.us>; pob@patobannon.com; Justin M. Briggs (jmbriggs) <jmbriggs@henrico.k12.va.us>; Christopher A. Sorensen (casorensen) <casorensen@henrico.k12.va.us>
Subject: Support for High School Redistricting Plan D and Elementary School Redistricting Plan C

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Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen of the Henrico County School system, School Board and Board of Supervisors,

We are writing to you in regards to the current deliberations of the School Board in regards to the redistricting of the elementary and high schools to achieve a more balanced distribution of the students among the available facilities within the County. We realize that you are facing a very difficult and challenging decision in regards to the potential relocation of a number of students from their current schools or from schools which have traditionally served their neighborhoods. This is not the first time that the shifting demographics of Henrico have caused a realignment of the school districts and we expect there will continue to be changes in the school districts over time as Henrico grows and the school age population moves.

As thirty five year residents of the Pemberton Corridor, we have experienced stability in two generations of children attending Jackson Davis Elementary School. The families of those attending have been very active in the school and have made it an outstanding experience for parents and children alike. There is a strong sense of continuity and community along the Pemberton Corridor and we ask that this be maintained by adopting Elementary School Redistricting Plan C. In our neighborhood, there has been an influx of young families who are actively revitalizing the neighborhood as our generation has moved on. This is in part driven by the attraction to the Jackson Davis environment where these younger families are experiencing a sense of community identity that we experienced over twenty five years ago. Please help sustain this momentum with an affirmation of Plan C.

When our children reached high school age, they went to Miles Godwin which was held in high esteem and deemed one of the best schools in the state by all involved. It was a wonderful place to learn and be involved in the academic experience. Godwin's reputation also made it a great springboard for many graduates to gain entrance to the best schools in the Commonwealth. When the Pemberton corridor was shifted to Douglas Freeman High School several years ago, there was a great deal of angst over how the change would compare to the quality of education received at Godwin. The parents and students adapted to the change and have thrived in the Freeman environment. For the purpose of maintaining the stability and continuity of community realignment to Freeman, we ask that you also support High School Redistricting Plan D.

Our neighborhood association have been providing us with the facts and figures that support the economic sense in adopting these two Plan which we are sure you have received from others. For brevity, we will not present them again. We appreciate your consideration of our request.

Respectfully yours,

Arlene and Dave Garlock
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