



Frederick County Public Schools, VA Rezoning Study

Public Information Session Survey Results

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Introduction

A Public Input Session was held on November 28, 2018 during which the progress of the Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) Rezoning study was made available to the public. Each option developed by the committee was displayed on large maps along with tables indicating how each met the guiding principles issued by FCPS. It is approximated that 75 community members visited the Public Input Session. The public was encouraged to complete questionnaires with their feedback regarding each boundary option, for the committee's consideration. These questionnaires were accepted via an online survey until December 9, 2018.

The data that is presented as a result of this Public Input Session should be used as a tool to help facilitate the study. **It should not be used ALONE as a decision-making tool for the Rezoning Study.** The committee will utilize data from the input session (in this report), and will focus on the study guidelines as the primary criteria for developing the study's plan.

Analysis Methodology

Received online surveys were exported to an excel spreadsheet. The spreadsheet tracked the date the comment was received, the neighborhood and elementary school zone the respondent is associated with, and the respondent's comments on each option

In order to gain a better understanding of the responses, respondents were asked to provide their general attitude towards a comment based on the following categories: *Approve, Dislike, Like, Neutral, and Oppose*. Respondents were also asked to provide a reason for concern if they did not support an option, in order to gain a better understanding of the nature of the objection. The prominent concern themes were Enrollment, Feeder Pattern, Neighborhood, Other and Transportation Concerns.

Pages three through five provide summaries of comments based on prominent concerns, which will help the committee to determine which options to move forward with and modify.

Total Respondents by Live-In Middle School Zone		
Live-In Middle School Zone	Total Respondents	Percent of Respondents
Admiral Byrd MS	3	1.24%
Frederick County MS	75	30.99%
James Wood MS	158	65.29%
Not Specified	6	2.48%
Total	242	

General Summaries from Public Input Session

There was a total of 710 option attitude responses and 203 typed comments from 242 respondents collected regarding the options presented.

Comment Summary	
Total Responses to "What is your overall attitude toward an option?"	
Total Responses	710

In addition to these responses, the options saw a total of 347 responses to the question: "If you dislike or oppose an option, what is your primary concern?"

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Total Responses	542

In order to gain a better understanding of where the majority of the respondents are coming from throughout the district, the respondents were asked "In which middle school zone do you live?"

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Option Attitude Summary Tables for All Submitted Comments

The following provides a general summary on the community’s overall attitude related to the Options. Important points to consider as you read this set of tables:

1. The majority of responses that were submitted were in regard to the most suitable Option for their particular neighborhood / subdivision.
2. As is evident in the ‘Total Respondents by Live-In Middle School Zone’ table on the previous page, the geographic distribution of respondents is uneven, so these summary tables should not be used as the ONLY defining factor or indicator over which Options are best suited for the entire district.
3. The committee needs to maintain focus on building a solution that best meets the Realignment guidelines.

Middle School Options Attitude Summary

When asked ‘What is your overall attitude toward a MS option?’ the largest percentage of respondents said they Approved Option Blue. Option Green had the highest percentage of opposition.

Options Attitude Summary						
Option Attitude	Option Green		Option Red		Option Blue	
Approve	68	28.8%	76	32.5%	89	37.1%
Like	20	8.5%	20	8.5%	24	10.0%
Neutral	53	22.5%	75	32.1%	75	31.3%
Dislike	29	12.3%	34	14.5%	32	13.3%
Oppose	66	28.0%	29	12.4%	20	8.3%
Total	236	100.0%	234	100.0%	240	100.0%

Middle School Primary Concerns Summary Tables

The tables below show what the primary concerns were for those that *OPPOSED* a plan.

Options Primary Concern Summary						
Prominent Theme	Option Green		Option Red		Option Blue	
Demographics Concern	10	5.0%	6	3.4%	7	4.2%
Enrollment Concern	10	5.0%	16	9.1%	20	12.1%
Feeder Pattern Concern	19	9.5%	19	10.8%	12	7.3%
Neighborhood Concern	16	8.0%	7	4.0%	8	4.8%
Transportation Concern	50	24.9%	27	15.3%	22	13.3%
N/A	96	47.8%	101	57.4%	96	58.2%
Total	201	100.0%	176	100.0%	165	100.0%

Options Attitude Summary by Respondents Live-In Middle School Zone

The tables below show the options attitude summaries broken out by the Live-In zones of the survey respondents.

Option Green Attitude Summary by Respondent Live-In Middle School Zone								
Live-In Zone	Approve	Like	Neutral	Dislike	Oppose	Total	Percent Approve	Percent Oppose
Admiral Byrd MS			2	1		3	0.0%	0.0%
Frederick County MS	21	11	27	7	8	74	28.4%	10.8%
James Wood MS	47	9	24	21	57	158	29.7%	36.1%
Not Specified					1	1	0.0%	100.0%
Total	68	20	53	29	66	236	28.8%	28.0%

Option Red Attitude Summary by Respondent Live-In Middle School Zone								
Live-In Zone	Approve	Like	Neutral	Dislike	Oppose	Total	Percent Approve	Percent Oppose
Admiral Byrd MS	2		1			3	66.7%	0.0%
Frederick County MS	19	10	28	11	4	72	26.4%	5.6%
James Wood MS	54	10	46	23	25	158	34.2%	15.8%
Not Specified	1					1	100.0%	0.0%
Total	76	20	75	34	29	234	32.5%	12.4%

Option Blue Attitude Summary by Respondent Live-In Middle School Zone								
Live-In Zone	Approve	Like	Neutral	Dislike	Oppose	Total	Percent Approve	Percent Oppose
Admiral Byrd MS			3			3	0.0%	0.0%
Frederick County MS	20	7	28	13	6	74	27.0%	8.1%
James Wood MS	66	17	43	18	14	158	41.8%	8.9%
Not Specified	3		1	1		5	60.0%	0.0%
Total	89	24	75	32	20	240	37.1%	8.3%

To summarize, the data presented in this summary report will be utilized as a tool to help the committee prioritize the options. However, the results of the Public Input session should not be the only deciding factor when reviewing the options due to the uneven distribution of respondents across the district.