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2019/07/09 7:19:22 PM AST	International School at Gregory	Given the history of Wilmington regarding racial discrimination, it is paramount that parent representation on the committee be representative of the racial and ethnic diversity of NHCS. Specifically, African American and Hispanic parents must be included on the redistricting committee.
2019/07/09 8:04:08 PM AST	Gregory Elementary, Dorothy B. Johnson, Moseley Pre-K, Wrightsboro	I'd love to provide feedback, as I'm sure would many others. Unfortunately this form makes it difficult to provide unbiased feedback as a parent and a professional in this community. I will say publicly that I would appreciate more diversity, equity, and accountability from administrators in our schools, across the board. Thank you.
2019/07/09 9:08:40 PM AST	Bellamy, MG, Ashley	Helms Port/Masonboro Loop Road should be Roland Grise & Hoggard.
2019/07/09 11:06:00 PM AST		
2019/07/10 6:41:42 AM AST	International School at Gregory	Thank you for providing this feedback mechanism. Given our history (and the school district's history) of race relations as well as our county demographics, I would hope that the redistricting committee would have a person of color as part of the committee. It would also be important for this person to be a current parent of a student in NHCS.
2019/07/10 8:30:21 AM AST	The International School at Gregory	While the study has not been released yet, an important part of establishing the validity of any study is ensuring that all major stakeholder groups are represented. If no parents of color are part of the committee, how do you ensure that validity? Great that a black educator was just added, but that does not adequately address the issue. The diversity (race, socioeconomic status, etc.) of our public schools and community should be reflected in this committee.
2019/07/10 9:25:23 AM AST	NHHS	Change can only happen if the old, racist administrators are removed. Holliday leaving was a great push in the right direction. Start anonymously polling teachers about the racist practices that have been in place in NHCS. Equity doesn't mean throw lipstick on a pig. Equity means allowing creative solutions from your teachers and not shooting the ideas down before even trying.
2019/07/10 10:05:04 AM AST	Sunset Park	
2019/07/10 12:12:14 PM AST	All, as a concerned parent, community member & tax payer	This committee and the consultant must understand the deleterious history of redistricting policies and other BOE and NHCS practices in Wilmington and how this impacts the work today. For those who might not be aware, over 10 years ago, the school board enshrined "neighborhood schools" as the primary policy for designating attendance zones - this was a not so veiled effort to re-segregate our schools and it worked. The data clearly show this - and the fact that schools with a majority of children of color are consistently rated "D" or "F". This is in addition to generations of discriminatory policies and practices and lack of representation of people of color in decision making, especially from the African American community. I find this important to point out because the consultant and school board members on the redistricting committee did not initially think that "race was an issue" and failed to prioritize diverse representation when seeking community members. Frankly, I am very surprised by this considering that NHCS is currently undergoing what is being described as an intensive training around equity, inclusion and implicit racial bias. Attempts to be "neutral" and "objective" in this process are flawed. Representation matters. There should be an explicit priority of equity for the children & families who have been under-represented and neglected by the system for too long. Without this, decisions will not be valued or trusted. I fully understand that redistricting efforts are a small piece in this complicated puzzle. However, this is a very public process and this committee and the BOE have an opportunity to make some of the difficult decisions required to right some past wrongs and demonstrate to our community that truly ALL children deserve the best we can offer.
2019/07/10 12:58:37 PM AST	all of the schools - i'm a taxpayer	I think the entire redistricting process should be re-started; the community has lost trust in the system, and the Board now has an opportunity to assert itself as a voice of reason. The segregation that is currently formalized with the 'neighborhood' school scheme is only slightly better by the "close proximity" guiding principle and it doesn't fool anyone. The consultant hired who presented at the school board meeting last night is clearly not designing the process to deliberately structure in the voices for our communities of color who have borne the hardest brunt of the segregation scheme currently in place. i think it should be scrapped and start over with a deliberate plan to include the communities of color who stand the most to gain from the process. Thank you.

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2019/07/10 2:16:56 PM AST	Ogden and Noble	
2019/07/10 2:19:34 PM AST	Alderman	<p>I am 100% opposed to this redistricting of alderman school zone. You are changing a district that has been in force for decades and moving children that can walk/bike to school, to a school 3 miles away. Alderman has finally reached the status of a "neighborhood school" after years of busing in students. The neighborhood parents are the support system to this school. You're trying To fix something that isn't broken. I will fight this tooth and nail, and I will promise you other parents in our neighborhood will too. You will loose our support if this passes, as we will explore private school options. The children that attend these schools are never considered in these plans...only politics. This plan is a disgrace and needs to be reconsidered.</p>
2019/07/10 3:52:30 PM AST	Winter Park, NHHS	<p>Schools should be built where a more diverse group of students can attend and therefore understand and value their differences and similarities and have the great fortune to be recipients of each others' contributions while all learning together. But until you can place those schools in just those exact locations zone those students together in the schools you have already built.</p> <p>There are too many divisive schools in both of the options presented. We can't create diverse neighborhoods but we can certainly create diverse schools that perhaps will down the line diversify communities.</p> <p>Looking at current and Options 1 and 2, there is a continuing pattern of 6 schools that are 80-90% white students. Proximity of building sites for new schools and decisions to renovation schools or not must be deliberate and prioritize expected demographic enrollment. You are not preparing my children to live, and work in a diverse society.</p> <p>Looking at the demographic data, why did the BOE decide to put in millions of dollars in renovations to a school that is projected to be 97% white with 0% black students, said school being Wrightsville Beach Elem.? Non-white students shouldn't have to be bused that far and over a bridge to get to that school to make it more diverse. Wouldn't the money have been better spent adding it to the funds from the sale of this school and property worth millions (I would assume given its proximity to the water), give up the relocation and repair hurricane risk and build a new school that could be more diverse and represent our county's population?</p>
2019/07/10 5:04:24 PM AST		<p>Immediately print Options 1& 2 in Wilmington Journal & Star News. Also have Community viewing of maps at strategic places, I e Spencer Building, Parks, housing authority community site etc.</p> <p>Why not did you search through the applications to Select a Black person? Certainly, you could have receive input with determining Black applicants. Think - they took time to apply!!</p>
2019/07/10 5:28:55 PM AST		Provide a field trip for committee members take a tour of prospective changes.
2019/07/10 5:52:44 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary	<p>Children that live in the Pine Valley Neighborhood should go to Pine Valley Elementary. In the proposed maps the Pine Valley neighborhood will be split. Children that live across the street from each other will go to different schools. These children walk to school together, study together, work on projects together, play together, and attend schools activities together. Most of their conversations are about school. Currently my daughter walks to school with a friend that lives across the street. Under the new plan, my daughter will ride a bus pass Pine Valley Elementary to be sent to another school while her friend will continue to walk to Pine Valley because it is so close! It is very cruel to separate children in a neighborhood. Please do not lose sight that you are trying to help children but splitting a neighborhood is hurting those childhood bonds that are also important to child development. Please do not split a neighborhood.</p>

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2019/07/10 6:08:48 PM AST	College park elementary and soon to be Trask ms	<p>As kids grow from elementary, to middle, to high school; is it possible to keep kids together as they grow? ***In Kings Grant, our neighborhood is divided 3 different ways for the 3 different school stages.*** please I hope the redistricting changes this.</p> <p>It would greatly ease the transitions if the kids had friends when they move on. My rising 6th grader is going to Trask along with only 5 other students from College Park ES. It is a difficult enough time as it is, it shouldn't be more difficult because their friends and neighbors all go to different schools.</p> <p>Thanks for taking the time to hear input from the parents. I know your task is a difficult one and that you're doing your best! God bless!</p>
2019/07/10 7:34:01 PM AST	Pine Valley	<p>We moved specifically into the PV neighborhood for our children to attend Pine Valley Elementary. The fact that you would be removing the opportunity for students living in Pine Valley to attend the school that is in their neighborhood is unheard of. Pine Valley is an incredibly diverse school, while remaining a neighborhood school, which is the type of school we want for our children. I have taught at Pine Valley, I highly respect the Principal and staff at Alderman, and I currently teach at Myrtle Grove. I respect our public schools, but I moved to this area for my children to attend Pine Valley. I should not have to move again to find the right school for my children as students, when I live in the neighborhood of the school we want our children to attend.</p>
2019/07/10 7:50:01 PM AST	Pine Valley, RGMS, Hoggard	<p>I believe the PINE VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD AT LARGE should attend PVES. I believe those students should also be tracked to RGMS and Hoggard.</p>
2019/07/10 8:20:10 PM AST	Elementary, middle, and high schools	<p>Unable to find any of the proposed middle school Redistricting maps. Please make maps more accessible on the website so that parents can find them.</p>
2019/07/10 8:23:43 PM AST	Pine Valley, Roland Grise, Hoggard	<p>I understand growth and having to juggle schools but I believe that the newer neighborhoods that are being added to the county should have to shift and not the neighborhoods who have always gone to these schools. We paid a lot of money for our homes to be in a certain school district.</p>
2019/07/10 8:24:02 PM AST		<p>I understand growth and having to juggle schools but I believe that the newer neighborhoods that are being added to the county should have to shift and not the neighborhoods who have always gone to these schools. We paid a lot of money for our homes to be in a certain school district.</p>
2019/07/10 8:40:14 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary	<p>We live on Stonewall Jackson Dr in Pine Valley, and our children bike to school. I find it comical that my neighbor 5 houses down will remain in the district, but we are being relocated to outside of our neighborhood. I completely disagree with this proposal, and will fight, petition, and lobby to make a better choice for our neighborhood.</p>
2019/07/10 8:43:09 PM AST	Pine valley elementary	<p>I am not in favor of this redistricting. We will literally divide our street in half? How would this benefit our town, our community? I think you will be seeing some adverse reactions from our community. Prepare yourselves for petitions, the numbers will suggest for you to come up with a plan b.</p>
2019/07/10 9:30:00 PM AST	Pine Valley, Roland Grise, Hoggard	<p>I live in Pine Valley and we purchased our home so that our children could attend their districted schools of PVES, RGMS, and Hoggard. I am extremely disappointed to see the proposed map that would send my children across town to Alderman and Williston. We live within walking distance to PVES and right up the street from RGMS. The old tight knit neighborhood of Pine Valley would be split in half between schools. Please reconsider this proposal and keep the neighborhood schools in place.</p>
2019/07/10 10:28:23 PM AST	Holly Tree Elementary	<p>Warlick drive should not be redistricted away from holly tree elementary school. We can safely WALK to school there.</p>
2019/07/10 10:38:29 PM AST	Laney High School	<p>When will the high schools be redistricted? That was supposed to have been done last year and was tabled. We thought it would be done this coming school year.</p>

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2019/07/10 10:46:36 PM AST	Holly Tree Elementary	It appears an error has occurred with the line drawn down Holly Tree Road in both options 1 and 2. One of the goals of the project is stated as keeping children in the school closest to their home, but that goal is not met with these options. Having spent a lot of time committing to staying in the public school system and searching for a home close enough to Holly Tree that I could feel comfortable that our school would not change, it simply makes no sense to exclude Warlick Drive from the Holly Tree district. Warlick Drive literally connects to Holly Tree Road, enabling us to walk to school. When we drive it takes 2-3 minutes, and this was purposefully chosen as a working parent who wants to take her children to school every morning yet still arrive at work at a reasonable time. Neither option is workable or sensible (or fair) for families that live within walking distance of a school.
2019/07/10 10:51:02 PM AST	Holly tree elementary; Roland Grise; Hoggard	We can walk or ride our bikes to holly tree. We should not be moved to winter park where we would have to drive or ride A bus.
2019/07/10 11:00:41 PM AST	Holly Tree, Roland Grise, Hoggard	We can walk or ride a bike to Holly Tree. We should not have to drive and add one more car on the road to go to and from school. And riding the bus isn't the answer because we haven't had good experiences on the buses. Please keep Warlick Estates Neighborhood(Warlick Drive) districted to HT,RG, Hoggard.
2019/07/10 11:17:59 PM AST	Pine valley	I personally am completely aghast at the fact that the school board and redistricting committee has been very sneaky about the start of this making the meetings during times of which people are at work and not making things public as they should. With that being said, I will fight this as will my family my neighbors. We pay taxes to live in this district my child is less than 1 min from pine valley elementary. My child will not be shipped to another part of the county so that schools may lie so they can obtain money for their school because their standardized tests didn't make the cut. I bought in this neighborhood in 2005, for the very reason that my child will be going to school in this district. I also find it pretty ridiculous that you believe you can actually do this. This shady kinda of behavior is saddening. I will contact Bill Saffo and others, to the outrageous situation. You, the board of education of New Hanover County have failed our county and the people. You should all be removed and let's try again. Our scores which it's ridiculous that so much is put on these ridiculous standardized test, are truly depressing, our school teachers are not supported, this is a play of money and greed , not what's best for students. I look forward to the next meeting. It's very simple let's build the schools the whole area is out grown so badly, also let's look at the ratio of doctors who live in laney district and their children somehow are attending the hoggard Rowling grise schools. Talk about Hippocrates. I will also make sure Ashley kosikowski at WECT and other media is made aware of these meetings, so instead of board receiving larges amounts of money let's build some new schools to help with over crowding and old and antiquated buildings.
2019/07/10 11:27:08 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary, Roland-Grise, Hoggard	What kind of sense does it make to split the Pine Valley Neighborhood in half and move half of the kids to Aldermen instead of Pine Valley Elementary? I like less than .5 mile from the school. We walk and bike to school often. Our house is so close to Pine Valley Elementary, that we aren't even offered a school bus. Yet for some reason consultants have seen fit to move my child's across two major roads for Elementary school. Super safe for my upcoming kindergartener don't you think? Also it currently costs the school district \$0 to transport my child to school. How much will it cost to bus him to Alderman? And then Williston instead of Roland Grise? You guys are stirring up a real nasty hornets nest. I am fully aware of the issues in New Hanover county when it comes to the segregation of school districts and I'm fully aware things need to change. But these changes are going to turn lots of allies into adversaries.
2019/07/10 11:31:29 PM AST	Castle Hayne Elementary	Northchase is a neighborhood that should be treated as one entity. Do not split Northchase into two different school districts. Also please consider allowing children to finish out elementary school at their current school if they are in 3rd grade or higher.
2019/07/11 6:19:20 AM AST	Holly Tree	I live in Holly Glen and most of my neighbors and myself moved here specifically so our kids can walk to school at Holly Tree. The proposed maps (both options) mean that kids will have to take transportation to Winter Park. This is not going to go over well in the community.

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2019/07/11 7:00:41 AM AST	Roland Grise	Our family decided last year to uplift our roots of 15 years and move into a neighborhood where our children could attend Roland Grise and Hoggard. I am pleased and RELIEVED that the redistricting options presented do not change this.
2019/07/11 7:36:48 AM AST	Pine Valley/Roland-Grise	Pine Valley subdivision is being split in half. Most of the neighborhood will be moved to Alderman in both proposed maps. Why move a neighborhood out of a school when the school is within the neighborhood? Most people can walk to the school but now, they are going to a school down the road. Pine Valley will have other children bused in who live much further down the road. Honestly, I do get the need to move children around but I find it interesting that neighborhoods like Landfall are not split in half. Do we not pay enough taxes or do you not feel like we do not have a strong enough voice?
2019/07/11 8:27:39 AM AST	Holly Tree, Roland Grise, Hoggard	We can walk or ride a bike to Holly Tree. We should not have to drive and add one more car on the road to go to and from school. And riding the bus isn't the answer because we haven't had good experiences on the buses. Please keep Warlick Estates Neighborhood(Warlick Drive) districted to HT, RG, Hoggard.
2019/07/11 9:48:18 AM AST	WB elem, Noble,	I am THRILLED to see that we haven't been rezoned for now, WB elementary is the reason we chose to move to Landfall a few years ago. I was also worried that our neighborhood might be split up. I am praying that doesn't happen, as this process moves forward and maps are edited. Splitting up a neighborhood, really changes the feeling of community and togetherness, for both the parents and children who are a part of it. There are a lot of Landfall parents who are actively involved in WB elementary and we really love and care about the school, the staff, and all who attend. I know we are all desperately hoping we can stay there. Thank you for your time.
2019/07/11 10:00:22 AM AST	Holly Shelter Middle	I would like the committee to consider the distance students are traveling to their assigned school. It can cause a huge impact for the family's involvement in their child's education and the student's access to positive programs after school. I have worked with many families in the Creekwood and Maides Park communities that have students districted to Holly Shelter Middle School. Many of these families do not have transportation or if they do they have limited funds for fuel (it can cost approximately \$20+ one way by taxi from Creekwood to Holly Shelter Middle). Holly Shelter Middle School does not have a public transportation stop nor do they have bus transportation for after school programs. (we have made requests to WAVE to add a stop however have been told it is not feasible). Many parents are unable to be involved in their child's education. Parents have difficulty attending parent conferences, special programs, or even picking up a child who is sick or has a medical appt. I have met with parents whose child has attendance concerns and many times parents will opt to keep the child home all day for a medical appt because they have no way to get the child to/from school. Also, these students tend to not participate in after school activities such as athletics, music programs, etc because they do not have transportation home. In addition, these students are missing out on many after school activities within their own neighborhoods (Creekwood Community Center, Kids Making It, Dreams, MLK & Maides Park After School programs) because they do not arrive home in the afternoons until 4:45 - 5pm. The very programs that are designed to reduce at risk behavior are unattainable for our most at risk population. I am a huge advocate for diversity within the schools however I ask that you take into consideration the unintended consequences that may result from busing students to schools at a great distance from their homes. Thank you.

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2019/07/11 10:26:12 AM AST	Anderson Elementary	<p>Given the options our preference would be option 2 as I do not want my children to be jumbled into a new school. We live in an area the connects with a walking path to Anderson yet might be changed to Bellamy. Schools are most likely pretty equivalent but my children have become proud to be at Anderson, and yes some of the things that happened this year were questionable at best but the children are accustomed to the atmosphere at Anderson with a sense of belonging to the community. Dividing the subdivision of Arrondale and Kirkwood is a terrible idea, split of Monterey Heights or Lambs Bluff. We intentionally picked this neighborhood for the proximity to the schools with the plan the kids could walk as they got older. I have shown our neighbors the plans and encouraged all of them to reach out as well. Make Riverlights build a school or stop building instead of hurting our students with overcrowding and moving schools. Do you remember how scary it is entering Elementary school for the first time? What if you had to switch schools even though you didn't move, sounds to me like and Adverse Childhood Event (ACE) I will not willingly allow New Hanover County Schools to force and ACE on my child.</p>
2019/07/11 10:42:12 AM AST	Carriage Hills area schools	<p>Why are the children of Carriage Hills always chosen to be bused past the schools in close proximity to the neighborhood? This unfairly punishes them and is driving our neighbors to move, and is hurting our home values, for no reason other than Carriage Hills was designated to schools halfway across town. There are multiple elementary, middle schools, and high schools nearby, yet our children are consistently assigned to schools nowhere near us.</p> <p>Your own rule states: Close Proximity Students should be assigned to the school within the closest proximity to their homes where possible.</p> <p>Please address this situation with Carriage Hills. We shouldn't have to move across the road to get assigned to the schools we can currently see from our yards.</p>
2019/07/11 10:45:42 AM AST	Anderson	<p>We live in aarondale/Kirkwood and my kids bike and walk to school. It would be terrible if they where moved to Bellamy.</p>
2019/07/11 10:46:08 AM AST	Pine Valley Elementary, Roland Grise, Hoggard	<p>I am writing in opposition to the proposed maps. The proposed maps are detrimental to our students, our community, and our property values. First, you are proposing breaking up our neighborhood students who live just streets apart to 3 different elementary schools. This is ridiculous! Our school benefits from having children from Pine Valley neighborhood attend Pine Valley Elementary. It creates a sense of buy-in and investment in our school. Having children attend school out of our neighborhood would deteriorate our sense of community. Further, the proposal to move Pine Valley neighborhood children out of Roland Grise middle school district is preposterous. The map would have me drive 15 minutes to MGMS vs 6 minutes to RGMS, and my neighbor 2 streets over drive downtown. We purposely bought in this neighborhood to have our children attend these schools, which are the closest and most convenient to our home. The idea to split our neighborhood to different schools shows very little logic. This proposal is detrimental to our community and our property values. I know that there is a great deal of public outcry in our neighborhood and across the county and I hope that you will pay attention the the wishes of your constituents. This is not good for the students and it is not good for the schools.</p>

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2019/07/11 10:47:41 AM AST	Parsley Elementary	We have been looking forward and been counting down to having my daughter at Parsley Elementary since she was born as she is now 4. We purposely stayed at this house in Nantucket point to keep her in the district of Parsley Elementary. We also purchased another home in Nantucket Point as a rental property for now, but the future home of my brother wife and his children because of this specific School. Therefore I have two houses in this district for Parsley Elementary. I would absolutely be torn apart and upset and frankly angry if we were pulled away from Parsley Elementary as we are in within walking distance from that school along with making a drastic investment purchase to be in the district. Please review other concerned Nantucket Point neighbors feedback along with mine and have a heart when deciding how many families you would outright be Affecting to redistricting Nantucket Point to Holly Tree instead of Parsley Elementary as it has been for years. Thank you so much and feel free to call me anytime. Georgina Reilly(910)538-6526
2019/07/11 11:01:04 AM AST	Anderson Elementary	I have had 1 child graduate from Anderson and 1 going into 3rd and 1 in kindergarten. The school has become a home to them. To pull them from the school they have come to know and love would be detrimental to them. We purchased our home to specifically go to Anderson. We live right next to the school. It would complicate life in many many ways to move schools
2019/07/11 11:05:35 AM AST	Anderson , Murray, Ashley	We DO NOT want our children moved out of Anderson period. Leave the neighborhood of Kirkwood At Arrondale in Anderson district they connect to the schools the kids walk home two streets over moving them makes no sense at all
2019/07/11 11:30:45 AM AST	Anderson Elementary	We bought our house in the Anderson Elem school district so our kids could safely walk to school from the Kirkwood neighborhood. I understand the need to redistrict schools, but being that Anderson is basically in the Kirkwood neighborhoods backyard, I feel that Kirkwood Neighborhood should stay at Anderson.
2019/07/11 11:54:23 AM AST	Anderson and Murray	We live directly behind Anderson but yet you show us being sent to Bellamy. That makes no sense. We live on Lenoir Dr. Also, we rely on Anderson's after-care program.
2019/07/11 12:34:56 PM AST	Anderson Elem	This is absolutely ridiculous. My daughter rides her bike to school 50 yards away and you're gonna change her school, and we'll have to drive her?? NO. I will move in with my dad in Rivers Oaks before I change her schools.
2019/07/11 1:01:35 PM AST	Parsley ES	Thank you for making this information available to the public. I didn't see any data on the composition of the middle schools as a result of ES drafts 1 and 2. I think this is important information for the committee and public to consider. Thanks.

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2019/07/11 1:20:27 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary	<p>I do not support either of these proposed maps at all, and I strongly urge you to reconsider and find a way that isn't moving so many kids so far from home. I live in Carriage Hills, currently in Pine Valley's district, and this map has us redistricted to Sunset Park Elementary.</p> <p>Pine Valley is within walking distance from us. Sunset Park is not. In fact it's more than TWICE as far away. That means more cars on the road in a city that already has a serious traffic problem. We want community schools close to home. Neither of these proposed maps give us that. I support diversity, but this would put an undue burden on countless families. Please reconsider, and stop moving the people of Carriage Hills around. We've already had to move middle schools and high schools (both of which were steps down according to all school rating sites AND farther away). It isn't fair that we should have to lose our elementary school too.</p> <p>This isn't right, and it will not only affect us unfairly, it will have a negative effect on the city because traffic will become so much worse. It doesn't appear as though you've considered the traffic situation at all, considering there are multiple other neighborhoods that would be moving further away as well. Please reconsider. Stop moving the same people around over and over, and give us schools close to our homes. It's ridiculous that anyone should have their travel time more than doubled, especially in a city that doesn't have the infrastructure for this many people on the roads.</p> <p>I strongly urge you to propose a map that allows Carriage Hills to hold on to at least one of our schools.</p>
2019/07/11 1:28:44 PM AST	Anderson Elementary	<p>Thank you.</p> <p>THIS is absolutely absurd!!! We bought our home in Kirkwood neighborhood do our kids could go to Anderson Elementary. Do you think it's ok to rip these kids out of a school that they have bonded with teachers, friends and build positive relationships with? You better think clearly in this one!! I will homeschool before I send our kids to Bellamy. The kids love to walk and bike to school. THIS is NOT ok or positive! Separating friendships created since kindergarten is positive??? Don't Think So!! Bellamy is completely out of the way! NO GOOD on your part. Go back to the drawing board because THIS is a no GO</p>
2019/07/11 1:31:23 PM AST	Anderson Elementary	<p>One of the redistricting options has split our neighborhood in half. Half of the kids going to Bellamy and half to Anderson. Our neighborhood is right next to Anderson. Our kids walk to school. If this happens we will be forced to have parents take them or using more transportation from buses. It makes no sense to redistrict a neighborhood that is right next to a school. Keep Arrondale/Kirkwood in Anderson district.</p>
2019/07/11 2:08:46 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary	<p>I am opposed to both options. My biggest issue is that we live literally right across from Halyburton Park which is right behind Pine Valley ES. It is so close that a lot of people in our neighborhood walk & bike their kids to school. Pine Valley is our neighborhood school. These 2 options would force my child to have to switch to Sunset Park ES next year for 1st grade forcing a big change for such a young child that just got adjusted to attending PV as a Kindergartener.</p>
2019/07/11 2:31:51 PM AST	Alderman Elementary	<p>Alderman is where our son will start kindergarten next school year and has been the "neighborhood school" we moved to our area to have him attend. We have toured it and spent time with the teachers and principal and know this is where he would be best suited. It would be a shame to shift all but 30+ children from a school that has made such great strides in recent years. The parents have worked diligently with staff to make it the sought after school it has become once again. It seems to me that losing that system of parental support from the surrounding neighborhood would be taking a huge step backwards.</p>

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2019/07/11 2:39:04 PM AST	Pine Valley/Williston/Ashley	If the elementary school redistricting options (either one) passes and nothing changes with the middle school districting, the neighborhood of Carriage Hills will be the ONLY neighborhood to bus the children to all three schools and not have their school near their home. Pine Valley is within walking/biking distance from the neighborhood. Sunset Park, Williston Middle, and Ashley High School would mean many more additional hours on the bus that other neighborhoods do not have to endure. This would also impact the neighborhoods property value as two of the schools are underperforming compared to the school that the neighborhood is close to. The neighborhood is unfairly being singled out and the children pay the price in the long run. It is time that Carriage Hills stops being the scape goat in the name of diversity and unfairly treated.
2019/07/11 2:41:28 PM AST	Pine Valley, Roland Grice Middle	As I am looking at the districting for our neighborhood, it looks as though you are planning to break us up for elementary school and send us to a different middle school with this plan. We live in Pine Valley within walking distance of Hoggard and Roland Grice. My street would literally be split in half, sending my kids either to Myrtle Grove or Williston and either Pine Valley or Alderman. This is not okay! Not only did we purposefully buy because of the close proximity to Roland Grice, Pine Valley, and Hoggard, but this new plan will negatively affect our property value. Please take another look at this proposal. It doesn't make sense for certain areas!
2019/07/11 4:12:16 PM AST	Edwin Anderson Elementary	I have no idea why there is any option to send the children in Kirkwood to Bellamy Elementary when they are able to walk to Anderson Elementary. This would be a horrible disadvantage to our children.
2019/07/11 4:28:34 PM AST	Anderson Elementary	Hi there! Thank you for allowing feedback. A neighbor shared 2 options for our neighborhood and either way it is cut in half. Is it possible NOT to do that? Also, my street is the actual line between Anderson and Bellamy. How do I know which side we are on? And finally, when is this decision anticipated to become final?
2019/07/11 4:46:19 PM AST	Anderson, Murray and Ashley	Right now my children can bike/walk to school which is important for them to stay healthy and is an activity at their school. Our neighborhood even has a walking path to their school to make it easier. The new changes would cause them to be bussed to an overcrowded school which is older and has had issues with asbestos in the temporary buildings. Which have been there since we moved here in 2004 so they are now considered permanent.
2019/07/11 5:38:41 PM AST	Anderson Elementary	My children have both gone to Anderson with our youngest who will currently be in 3rd grade. I do not believe that redistricting would be in the best interest of my child. One of the goals is to cause minimal distractions to our children and by moving him to Bellamy would be a big distraction. We are within walking distance of the school. My husband walks in the afternoon to pick him up from school. If he were moved to Bellamy we would not be able to do that.
2019/07/11 5:46:44 PM AST	Anderson and Ashley	My son has built relationships with the staff and the children there and to move him from that would not be in his best interest. We also utilize Anderson's after school program which has helped tremendously with after school care. As my child's advocate and his voice, redistricting would not be in the best interest of my child. We are not in favor of this option.
2019/07/11 6:11:48 PM AST	I am a parent with a 1 year old and 3 year old	With the new developments that are being built how is that effecting redistricting. Hi. I saw the maps for the proposed elementary school redistricting and don't agree with the proposals. I live in the Carriage Hills subdivision off of the 17th st extension and will have a child in elementary school in 2 years and another in elementary school in 4 years. Both of the maps redistrict our elementary school from Pine Valley to Sunset Park. This is ridiculous considering Pine Valley is right across 17th street from our neighborhood. I googled mapped our house to both of these schools and from here to Pine Valley, it is 1.1 miles and from here to Sunset Elementary, it is 4.1 miles. I understand that there are other factors besides distance to consider when redistricting but I feel it is very unfair and inconvenient to district us to a school 4 miles away when the current school we're districted to is right here by our neighborhood. I also feel as though for some reason, our neighborhood is always given the short end of the stick. Besides Pine Valley, none of the schools we're currently districted to are anywhere near our neighborhood and I have a problem with that. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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2019/07/11 6:16:50 PM AST	Anderson Elementary	My son and I live in Kirkwood. My son has been at Anderson since Kindergarten and now a rising 5th grader. He is in an IEP program -ADD/math learning disability with a team of excellent teachers and staff. Im scared to think that if he is sent to another school that would be devastating for him and his education. Please reconsider!
2019/07/11 6:55:42 PM AST	Holly tree elementary	We on Tyler Place bought our homes for the Holly Tree ES districting. We love FEET from HOLLY TREE Rd, and kids bike or walk to our elementary school on a daily basis. We can literally walk to Holly Tree elementary every day. We should not be a redistrict for Winter Park ES and be forced to use daily transportation.
2019/07/11 7:25:39 PM AST	Anderson and Murray	My child currently walks to school with his older sister. My husband and I both work full time and have to be at work prior to school starting, so it is imperative that he be able to walk with his sister. He also has sensory processing disorder and ADHD and moving to a new school would be very difficult for him, especially since we are already in discussion with the school in regards to ensuring his needs are met and accommodations are made when needed.
2019/07/11 7:39:39 PM AST	Bradley Creek	First of all, thank you for your hard work with this charged issue. I looked at both of options for initial maps and I believe that they are a great start. No one likes having to switch schools but these maps seem to be logical and well balanced. I like that these are data driven and not just making adjustments to existing zones which in the last decade have seemed more and more like gerrymandered districts. Again, thank you for your time and energy on this project.
2019/07/11 7:49:24 PM AST	Parsley Elementary	Can you please add the proposed middle school option(s) to the interactive map? In reviewing the ppt, I noticed that both elementary redistricting options show my current house (Parsley district) changing middle schools to Myrtle Grove MS. I can no longer find the proposed middle school maps on line (or the high school maps that come into affect in 2019-2020). Also can you clarify if the "current HS zone" on the interactive map is for the new boundaries that take effect in the 2019-2020 school year? It would be helpful if I could use this interactive map to see where I currently am in elementary/middle/high vs what is proposed. I can't find a way to determine that at this point. Thank you for all of your hard work and your transparency!
2019/07/11 7:57:36 PM AST	Parsley Elementary	You comment on how each option reduces the split of elementary to middle schools. Can you also indicate how that would impact the split of middle to high schools? For example, we currently are assigned to Roland Grise which I believes goes exclusively to Hoggard. In both redistricting options, we would be assigned to Myrtle Grove middle and I believe the middle school would continue to split to multiple high schools. Would be helpful to see that data, since one of the goals is to keep students together especially from middle to high. Thanks!
2019/07/11 8:35:20 PM AST	Anderson Elementary	We live on Lenoir Drive. My child has attended Anderson for 4 years and has two years left. It does not make sense for her to be redistributed to Bellamy when we can walk to Anderson.
2019/07/11 8:35:26 PM AST	DC Virgo, IS@Gregory, Bradley Creek	Why were no persons of color invited to be on the panel?
2019/07/11 8:48:51 PM AST	Parsley	I disagree with the plan to move The Commons neighborhood from Parsley to Holly Tree. The time and distance from our neighborhood to Holly Tree is twice as long and far. This will cause more traffic congestion routing our neighborhood farther and this will cause our neighborhood students to be on the bus longer. Please move Commons Way back to Parsley school district.

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2019/07/11 9:33:07 PM AST	Parsley Elementary	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>My family resides in the Andrews Reach neighborhood. Our house is within .4 miles of Parsley elementary school, which my child currently attends. Option 1 for redistricting has our small neighborhood (appx 35 houses) going to a school that is much farther away. Our children would have to go through a 3 way intersection to get to this school, which makes walking no longer a reasonable option.</p> <p>Furthermore, the county has already approved construction plans to build a sidewalk directly from our neighborhood to Parsley elementary. This would be an extreme waste of taxpayer money if our neighborhood is no longer zoned to Parsley. I hope you will consider these points and allow Andrews Reach to remain in our current school zone.</p> <p>Thank you, Somya Navejar, DO, FACOG</p>
2019/07/11 9:43:42 PM AST	Parsley elementary	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>My family resides in the Andrews Reach neighborhood. Our house is within .4 miles of Parsley elementary school, which my child currently attends. Option 1 for redistricting has our small neighborhood (appx 35 houses) going to a school that is much farther away. Our children would have to go through a 3 way intersection to get to this school, which makes walking no longer a reasonable option.</p> <p>Furthermore, the county has already approved construction plans to build a sidewalk directly from our neighborhood to Parsley elementary. This would be an extreme waste of taxpayer money if our neighborhood is no longer zoned to Parsley. I hope you will consider these points and allow Andrews Reach to remain in our current school zone.</p> <p>Thank you, Somya Navejar, DO, FACOG</p>
2019/07/11 9:55:20 PM AST	Parsley	<p>We currently live in our home purchased 3 years ago to intentionally be in Parsley Elem School. With the redistricting, we would move to Holly Tree in 2020. We are closer and have a simpler drive to and from school as well as we have a convenient bus stop in our front yard and we ride bikes to school. In fact there's a new bike path coming to Masonboro Loop road that would allow my children a great opportunity to get to school safer than when they bike now. My parents are our back up and volunteer at Parsley. My husband and I have volunteered at Parsley. We want a neighborhood school and Holly Tree is farther away, not our neighborhood. I am very disappointed of this proposed change which would place our children in the most undiverse school of the district. Please consider keeping my children in the closest school. We are broken.</p>
2019/07/11 10:00:57 PM AST	Parsley	<p>We currently live in our home purchased 3 years ago to intentionally be in Parsley Elem School. With the redistricting, we would move to Holly Tree in 2020. We are closer and have a simpler drive to and from school as well as we have a convenient bus stop in our front yard and we ride bikes to school. In fact there's a new bike path coming to Masonboro Loop road that would allow my children a great opportunity to get to school safer than when they bike now. My parents are our back up and volunteer at Parsley. My husband and I have volunteered at Parsley. We want a neighborhood school and Holly Tree is farther away, not our neighborhood. I am very disappointed of this proposed change which would place our children in the most undiverse school of the district. Please consider keeping my children in the closest school. We are broken.</p>
2019/07/11 10:10:48 PM AST	Parsley	<p>We reside in Andrews Reach which is 0.3 miles away from Parsley on Masonboro Loop Rd. Option 1 has Andrews Reach moving to Holly Tree which is significantly further away. Right now many families walk their kids to school from our neighborhood which would be impossible if moved to Holly Tree. Furthermore, the public voted to build sidewalks from our neighborhood to Parsley which is suppose to go under construction in the near future. This would be a waste of taxpayers money to build a sidewalk for a school we could not attend. Lastly, Andrews Reach is a small neighborhood with only 35 houses hence we currently provide an immaterial number of kids at Parsley. Thank you for for taking this into account and hopefully rethinking the redistricting of Andrews Reach.</p>

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 REDISTRICTING STUDY: GENERAL FEEDBACK COMMENTS AS OF 08/12/2019



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2019/07/11 10:54:44 PM AST	Parsley elementary	I moved to this neighborhood specifically so my kids would go to school at Parsley.
2019/07/11 11:36:23 PM AST	Holly Tree Elementary	We live on Saint Francis Dr, so with both of these options we would be redistricted to Pine Valley Elementary. One of the things we love most is being able to ride bikes or walk to school every morning. This would not be possible if we go to Pine Valley as we would need to cross College Rd. I think that the neighborhood feel of schools is very important for students. They feel such a sense of community walking home with their classmates.
2019/07/12 7:09:46 AM AST	Parsley	We literally live a 2 min WALK from Parsley but you want to make my kids take a bus??? Please do not choose option 1 on the latest redistrict map. Keep it the same or keep option 2
2019/07/12 7:45:27 AM AST	Parsley ES	Option 1 changes our district and we bought our house to be in the Parsley school district(Andrews Reach Loop)
2019/07/12 9:17:15 AM AST		Both proposed redistricting maps change my son's current ES. We adore his current school but are pleased with the proposals as they are geographically much closer and more convenient for us.
2019/07/12 9:32:32 AM AST		
2019/07/12 10:06:26 AM AST	Walter Parsley Elementary	I live in Andrews Reach and our neighborhood is 0.4 miles from Parsley. With such a close distance, I would like to request to remain zoned in Walter Parsley School district.
2019/07/12 10:18:33 AM AST	Parsley Elementary	We moved into our home in Andrews Reach specifically so we would be within the Parsley school district. Alternative 2 would modify the district such that our home with no longer be in this district. We do NOT support Alternative 2! Thank you...
2019/07/12 10:23:05 AM AST	Parsley	<p>Please don't redistrict us to a school that is much farther away from our home than the school we already attend!! Parsley is about a mile away from our home and on one of the potential maps you have us changing to Pine Valley! That means no more bike rides to school, getting up earlier and arriving home much later on the bus, and not being in the same school district as our neighbors.</p> <p>Also, the same option (option 2) that has us moving to Pine Valley has children all the way down Myrtle Grove road traveling all the way to Parsley! That is just insanity!! I'm sure they would much rather stay in their neighborhood school as well.</p> <p>I don't want my young kids on a bus for hours each day. I don't want to be forced to wake them up even earlier than I already have to.</p> <p>Please keep us in our neighborhood school. Option 1 has us staying at our neighborhood school (Parsley). Option 2 has us moving all the way to Pine Valley. We are at 205 Sierra Drive.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Misti Smith</p>
2019/07/12 10:26:07 AM AST	Walter Parsley Elementary, Myrtle Grove Middle, Hoggard	We bought our house years ago specifically for the schools. We should not be forced to move to different schools, especially when the elementary school is 3 minutes from our house. The older neighborhoods should not be punished for the city and counties reckless building with no consideration of where the kids will be going to school. The schools are already crowded.
2019/07/12 10:30:29 AM AST	Pine Valley Elementary	It is my feeling that if a school is within 1.5 miles of a student home, they should be able to attend that school. Pulling the students that live in the Pine Valley Neighborhood on and around Robert E. Lee away from Pine Valley is not okay for those students. I also feel that Carriage Hills community students should have access to Pine Valley Elementary.

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2019/07/12 10:31:45 AM AST	Anderson Elementary	<p>Please just stop redistricting!!! Developers need to be required to contribute to schools when they are allowed to build communities that bring 200+ kids (per community) to existing schools. The business like Harris Teeter at Sanders Rd were required to pay for road upgrades which would ultimately help their business; why on earth don't residential developers have to pay for school, road, utility and hospital upgrades? Stop redistricting, stop spending money on studies and surveys, start spending the money to expand and upgrade current schools.</p>
2019/07/12 10:40:09 AM AST	Holly Tree	<p>After reviewing Option 1, I am not seeing a neighborhood or diversity focus on these redistricting maps. Our family is 5 minutes walk from holly tree on Tyler place in Holly Downs.</p> <p>The map has us moving to school that is un-walkable and probably a 30 minute bus ride at least.</p> <p>Our search for a house when we moved was why we bought where we did. A great school district, walkable distance. We walk to school every day cutting down the carbon footprint along with spending time with our children, the reason why we bought our house was to have that opportunity.</p> <p>We have worked hard to get that opportunity, both of us coming from the inner city of Boston. Where we both lived in the busing situation which made the schools worse, until it moved back to neighborhood schools and stronger charter schools in much needed communities.</p> <p>Reviewing the option 1 to me was the easy way out of pulling neighborhoods and boundaries that does Diversity and cohesive mix of people.</p> <p>As a mixed race family of Caucasian and Hispanic. I am not seeing how pulling a the most diverse section of the option map PB 250 - 51. Makes a more diverse school for Holly Tree. Removing the percentage of Hispanic from 6% current to 2%.</p> <p>To me you are moving the outliers neighborhoods to one school by busing from Holly tree to Winter Park.</p> <p>All schools being under 1 to 2 mile radius 6 minute walk should be attending that school. Studies in high function school states have shown over and over again, this is key to success. Our children would be devastated with this change.</p>
2019/07/12 10:56:47 AM AST	Pine Valley Elementary, Roland-Grise Middle, Hoggard High	<p>Any child who lives within walking distance, or biking distance to a school, (or within approximately 5-7 miles) should not be transported to a school farther away----for MANY reasons: time; expense; availability of parental involvement; availability of social interaction with other schoolmates---- to name only a few of many!</p>
2019/07/12 11:07:33 AM AST	Parsley	<p>We do NOT support the redistricting options. We want to remain in Parsley district.</p>

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2019/07/12 11:07:43 AM AST	Parsley Elementary School	<p>I reside in the Andrews Reach neighborhood on Masonboro Loop Road, 0.3 miles from Parsley Elementary.</p> <p>Option 1 in the proposed redistricting plan would have my 2 children move from Parsley to Holy Tree while Option 2 allows them to remain at Parsley.</p> <p>While I understand the need to review the school districts, if a change must occur my vote would be for Option 2.</p> <p>I understand that Parsley is one of, if not the most over-utilized schools based on the statistics run for the report. Option 2 provides significant relief to this over-utilization, dropping it from the current 152% to 109% vs 104% under Option 1.</p> <p>It seems unreasonable to me to push for a couple 100 basis points and moving kids are 0.3 miles and literally walk to school everyday to another school. The incremental gain is immaterial and it logistically does not justify the change.</p> <p>Finally, our neighborhood as well as other communities exercised our right a couple years ago and voted to willingly increase our taxes and approve the 2014 Transportation Bond which "Provides safe option for nearby residents to get to Parsley Elementary School, avoiding vehicular congestion in the area before and after school as children are being dropped off and picked up" (as quoted on the City of Wilmington website). Option 1 completely nullifies our vote for an immaterial incremental % pickup.</p> <p>In conclusion, I understand the need to review the districts. If something must be done, then Option 2 is my preferred path forward.</p>
2019/07/12 11:20:03 AM AST	Pine Valley, Roland Grise, Hoggard	<p>As a long time resident of Pine Valley neighborhood, I am extremely disappointed to see the proposed redistricting of my area. Pine Valley is an older close knit neighborhood and to split it down the middle between schools makes zero sense. We live less than a half mile away from PVES and my children have always biked to school. We live so close in fact, that there is not a bus provided. The city has just spent millions of dollars on the cross city trail, which will allow Pine Valley neighborhood children to safely walk to RGMS or Hoggard. To bus them all the way downtown to Williston is ridiculous. Why are we investing all this money into additional transportation costs to bus neighborhood children across town when that is money that could be invested in their actual education? As a working parent, the time it would take for me to get to a school downtown vs in my neighborhood would greatly impact my ability to be involved in volunteering, attending my child's activities and sports events, and overall participation in their education. I have always been an active volunteer in the classroom and PTA, but the extra time and traffic to get across town would significantly impact that. Please reconsider this plan that would so negatively impact the residents of Pine Valley and dramatically increase transportation costs!</p>
2019/07/12 11:23:37 AM AST		<p>This new proposal is not fair nor does it make sense. Homes in the Carriage Hills neighborhood are within a mile of 2 elementary schools; Pine Valley and Codington. Every time there is new redistricting our neighborhood gets impacted. Families want to move to our neighborhood and feel confident their children won't have to move schools every few years. The instability has impacted property value.</p>

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2019/07/12 12:04:53 PM AST	I live in Carriage Hills subdivision	I am against children in this neighborhood (or any neighborhood for that matter) being bused to a school far from their home. Children in this neighborhood keep getting their schools changed, while neighboring (and typically wealthier neighborhoods, like Georgetown) don't seem to get changed as often. When I was a child, my town sent children to the school closest to them. I don't understand why Wilmington does not do the same thing. Constantly changing the schools is difficult for the children and it affects the homeowners as well (in the case of Carriage Hills, the changes always negatively affect our property values). Please send the children in this neighborhood to a closer school, such as Pine Valley (which is literally across the street) or Codington (right next door) as opposed to shipping them all the way to Sunset. Thank you!
2019/07/12 12:40:11 PM AST	Parsley	Masonboro Forest is a community that is extremely close to Parsley and is known as a Parsley family friendly neighborhood. Redistricting our community would hurt our kids and the overall appeal to the neighborhood. Please keep our community a Parsley Community. We would truly be devastated if things were to change. We love Parsley and will do everything in our power to keep Masonboro Forest in that district.
2019/07/12 1:08:08 PM AST	Pine Valley	We bought our home in PV based on the school district and the fact that my children could go to school with their cousins. Now with these maps (both options you have presented) our neighborhood has been split in half. And with the maps of the middle school (yes someone made a mistake and left those up yesterday) you will again have them split and attending two different school, neither of which will be the school closest to our neighborhood, one being in a pretty bad part of town). Myself along with many of my neighbors have purchased homes here at a premium solely based on the school district, now not only will our children have to be bused to schools further away but also our home values will go down considerably due to the new zoning. Will the county be paying me that difference in my home value? How will you provide my refund? I understand wanting to spread kids around, but why not bus kids in from the "bad" neighborhoods into the schools in the better neighborhoods instead of making our kids go to school in the bad neighborhoods, yes i am talking about the middle school and yes i am talking about Williston. My nephew went there for 2 years and having cops outside the school and drug sniffing dogs is why his family bought a new house in this neighborhood to get him away from that and now you want to put him back. My husband and I work hard to try and provide the best possible life for our children, we don't have a ton of money but we tried to make the best decision we could when buying our home that our kids would be able to go to some of the better schools in the area. My child will start at PV in the fall and if any of this passes then he has already been failed by the school system here. From here on out I plan to attend meetings and voice my opinion and concerns, as we planned to stay here in this community for 10-15 years, however this may have shorted that to more like 5, which is sad. Also not that this has much bearing but i am registered dem voter, I read an article today that stated historically dems are in favor of redistricting such as this. I can tell you that I am not, and if this passes I will keep this in mind when it comes time for elections. In short please leave our neighborhood alone, our current school zones are just fine, our property values are high-ish, please don't ruin this neighborhood.
2019/07/12 1:48:01 PM AST	Holly Tree Elementary, Roland Grise Middle, Hoggard High School	The elementary school options 1 & 2 take the Holly Glen townhomes, Holly Glen Cottages and Warlick Drive out of the Holly Tree Elementary School district. This does not make sense because these neighborhood kids walk to school. These neighborhoods are on Holly Tree Road literally right across the street from Holly Tree Elementary School. It doesn't make sense to move these neighborhoods (Whitner Dr, Wallington Rd, Warlick Dr, Gorham Ave, Montford Dr) to another school district which would make parents have to bus/ drive their kids to school who currently just walk across the street to Holly Tree Elementary. This would also be an unnecessary use of buses. Please re-evaluate these lines and put these neighborhoods back into the Holly Tree School District.

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2019/07/12 1:57:08 PM AST	Anderson and Murray	<p>I think the redistributing is absurd and a form of gerrymandering. Based on the income levels in the proposed redistricts, how is it establishing equal opportunities in education? Especially interesting, the redistribution starts at Monterey Heights, a lower income neighborhood.</p> <p>There's hardly affordable housing in Wilmington. I currently live in a 2 bedroom apartment with three kids just so they have the opportunity to attend a high performing public school. With this new proposal, moving to a 3 bedroom and staying in the district is virtually impossible.</p>
2019/07/12 2:28:14 PM AST	Parsley	<p>It would be a terrible decision to take Andrew's Reach out of Parsley. We are so very close to Parsley that it seems absurd to send our children to Pine Valley. After years of waiting on the city to build a sidewalk long Masonboro Loop that will allow our children to walk to Parsley that project is now scheduled to begin this year.</p>
2019/07/12 2:38:49 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary	<p>We purchased our home in this specific location to be able to keep my children at Pine Valley Elementary. My oldest has been there since Kindergarten and will be entering 4th grade this coming school year. My youngest who has additional difficulties has been there for two years and will be entering 2nd grade this coming school year. Do not change the current districting for elementary. Consistency in education is key and the students in each of their current schools have developed a comfort and community there. To disrupt that consistency could be detrimental to the progress and education of a large majority of students.</p>
2019/07/12 2:53:21 PM AST	Holly Tree	<p>My family lives in Windsor Estates, within walking distance to Holly Tree Elementary. We specifically elected to move to this neighborhood so that our child could walk to school. Given the close proximity to the school, it would be counterproductive and extremely disruptive to exclude Windsor Estates from the Holly Tree district. When we drive it takes 2-3 minutes, and this was purposefully chosen as a family with two working parents, both attorneys, who want to take their children to school every morning yet still arrive at work at a reasonable time. Neither option is workable or sensible (or fair) for families that live within walking distance of a school. Please reconsider your options and allow Windsor Estates to stay at Holly Tree.</p>
2019/07/12 3:20:10 PM AST	Anderson elementary	<p>Kirkwood at arrondale kids can walk to Anderson and Murray we shouldn't have redistricting change them to bellemy period, we need to build more schools as well as the county keeps growing extremely fast and headcount is causing crowding and redistricting. Time to place focus back on the kids and families no new juristictions.</p>
2019/07/12 3:31:13 PM AST	Alderman Elementary	<p>I don't mind changing schools. We are happy to support any changes necessary. However, my daughter starts Kindergarten in the fall. We'd prefer (for her sake) to go ahead and start at Winter Park Elementary. Both redistricting options have our address moving to Winter Park. It may be more problematic for her to change schools after one year. Is it possible that she can go ahead and attend Winter Park this fall?</p>
2019/07/12 4:14:30 PM AST	Parsley elementary	<p>Thank you so much for addressing the overcrowding at Parsely! There will be upset from many of the families who are being switched to other schools, but there is no way to address the crowding without removing some children to other equally excellent schools.</p>
2019/07/12 4:25:26 PM AST	Anderson	<p>My children are transferring from Parsley to Anderson this year. We recently bought in the Tides subdivision on Ebb Drive. One of the proposed maps would be to have our children go to Bellamy. Please do not do this. I would hate for my children to have to go to 3 different elementary schools. As an educator, I know this can have an impact. Anderson is also much closer to my house. Please continue to have this neighborhood go to Anderson. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>

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2019/07/12 4:45:26 PM AST	Anderson and Murry	I live at Hillside drive in Kirkwood I can't tell if I'm including in the re- districting but I'm very concerned I recently had a heart transplant and have my kids be able to walk / bike to school has been very nice if they were to go to Bellamy I would have to drive them I don't trust your bus system and would never let my kids ride the bus. This would definitely effect me Jamie Harrell
2019/07/12 5:03:20 PM AST	Porters Neck/castle hayne	According to the proposed map, when my child becomes school aged in a couple of years, as a 5 yr old, she will be bussed down a highway to get to castle hayne ES vs. down the street to Porters Neck ES. This makes no sense for small children whose days are already long at school nor is it SAFE. I adamantly oppose.
2019/07/12 5:07:15 PM AST	Anderson Elementary	Hi, I know it is early on but I wanted to provide some feedback on Option 2, in regards to redistricting Williams Rd. from Anderson to Bellamy. The amount of children on that stretch should not affect going to Anderson, I know on our road my children are the only ones on our road and part of the reason we moved here was for Anderson elementary school. Also seems a bit ridiculous to split Tidalwalk right down the middle to two different schools. This is a small neighborhood that should all attend the same elementary school. New construction should be considered somehow with established homes and the schools they attend, like we should be able to remain at our neighborhood school Anderson over all of these new homes being put in on the west side of myrtle grove road, this is completely unfair to the kids that have already been here and established themselves at this elementary school. Please ax option 2, ask the residents on the east side of myrtle grove road, we have a small number of kids that live in this area and have grown up together and this option splits them right in the middle sending my children to a different school then their friends.
2019/07/12 7:20:01 PM AST	Sunset Park Elementary School	I am not in favor of the proposed elementary redistricting plans. There are THREE elementary schools that are closer in proximity to our home than the one we could potentially be assigned to. This will put undue stress on our working family by making us travel 30 minutes out of our way when there is an elementary school just down the street. I urge you to reconsider.
2019/07/12 7:21:35 PM AST	Parsley Elementary School	My family lives .3 miles from Parsley Elementary school in the Andrews Reach neighborhood and sometimes walks to school. We do not approve of Option 1 which has us attending Holly Tree instead of Parsley. Our kids would have to cross a very dangerous and busy intersection to get to Holly Tree and would no longer be able to walk to school. The county has already approved the construction of sidewalks directly from our neighborhood to Parsley. Since we are such a small neighborhood and so close to Parsley Andrews Reach could be added to the Parsley district with minimal impact.
2019/07/12 7:36:34 PM AST	NHHS	I would like the committee to consider changing Codington into a traditional school so that the neighborhoods closer to Codington can start using that school. Based on the proposed map, it seems like the midtown area of Wilmington has become population dense, and the proposals have some neighborhoods like mine, Carriage Hills, districted for a school that is very far away. Since Codington iis a lottery school and students attend from many areas in the south of Wilmington, couldnt it be feasible to change its location?

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2019/07/13 8:28:43 PM AST	Holy Tree Elementary	Part of the reason why people buy in the Holy Tree Neighborhood is so parents can walk their children to school. I don't have children and for years I have watched parents walk their children to school. Why would you inconvenience these small children and parents by busing them to another school District when the school is literally across the street? I do not agree with the redistricting of Holy Tree Elementary. Please reconsider this proposal. In addition, It's a great neighborhood and we already lost value in our homes when market crashed. This is a selling point for our homes and this will devalue our homes yet again.
2019/07/14 4:22:44 AM AST	Anderson Elementary	As a parent of a child with severe ADHD and anxiety it will difficult to transition and even more so with so little notice. We have worked hard to establish a safe and secure learning environment only to have it torn apart in the middle of a crucial development stage. The proposed changes to the Anderson school district would be detrimental to my child and I urge the board to reconsider the proposed changes to Anderson Elementary's district.
2019/07/14 8:25:53 AM AST	Holly Tree Elementary	Our address is 4821 Whitner Dr.....it appears on the map that both redistributing options remove our neighborhood from Holly Tree elementary school. The children in our neighborhood are directly across the street from the school making it possible for the child to walk to school everyday. This is healthy and wholesome for our children. Any redistricting that would prevent a healthy environment would not be in the best interest of our children. As we place our children in schools far from home, we are taking away a very wholesome part of life. Why should we be forced to live in an area we do not choose to live so our children can attend the school of our choice? This is only going to force families to find private schools for their children which will alternatively hurt the public school system as it has been doing for years. In addition, families search out properties in better school zones so if the property is redistricted away from a good school zone, all of our property values will decrease. This will hurt everyone and will have a negative effect on the city of Wilmington. This issue is important to everyone! Carol Lee
2019/07/14 11:28:11 AM AST	Pine Valley Elementary	We bought our house in the Carriage Hills subdivision after hearing wonderful reviews about Pine Valley Elementary School. This is where we are planning to send our daughter for kindergarten. It is right up the street from our house and has great rating on greatschools.org. We want to send our daughter to a safe, neighborhood school with a sense on community and high academic standards. This is the main reason we paid over asking price for our house, because we knew she would be at a good school minutes from our home. I am not happy and do not agree with the proposed redistricting to Sunset Park Elementary. It is farther from our house and not in a neighborhood that I consider to be safe. It is also an underperforming school. I have always been a proponent of public schools and went to public schools myself but don't want to risk my daughter's own safety and education by sending her to sunset park elementary. Also, New Hanover County High Schools were just redistricted and Carriage Hills subdivision was moved from New Hanover High School to Ashley High School. It does not make sense to now move us to an elementary school even farther away from Ashley High School. We would like to stay at Pine Valley Elementary School but if we had to be redistricted it should at least be to a elementary school in closer proximity to Ashley High School. Thank you for your time and I hope you consider my opinion in your redistricting decision.
2019/07/14 11:32:46 AM AST	Codington, Forest Hills Global, Roland Grise	The maps for redistricting only show the 2 elementary options and the CURRENT middle and high school districts. Will middle schools and high schools be redistricted as well? If so, can those maps be made available as well? When will these changes take place? Thank you!
2019/07/14 12:19:18 PM AST	Pine valley	We do not understand why you redistrict our neighborhood which is a mile from pine valley to a school that's several miles away. This very well could depreciate the value of our home as redistricted school is a lower ranking. Why do I have to explain to my child(ren) they have to leave their friends and classmates to go to a new school. Please reconsider. This makes me sick to my stomach.

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2019/07/14 1:01:22 PM AST	Holly Tree Elementary	<p>I just want to keep our kids in their neighborhood schools. I don't want bussing. I also find it horrible that people in the neighborhoods across Holly Tree Road (people that are walking distance to that school and do walk there) are proposed to move to Winter Park. All those people would have to cross oleander road at a small but already busy intersection (pine grove/oleander) to get to school. Myself, we live on Brightwood road all on our own and are also redistricted to winter park. My child is the only child on the road in elementary school. If he is redistricted he won't have neighborhood friends to move schools with. Plus again the crossing of Oleander road means that he will effectively never be able to bike to school (which he hopes to do when he's a bit older).</p> <p>Please consider traffic patterns as well as neighborhood proximity. And please keep us in our beloved Holly Tree. It's terrible to uproot kids.</p>
2019/07/14 1:30:18 PM AST	Holly Tree	<p>I do not agree that elementary students need to be crossing a highway or get picked up on a highway. There are too many cars that fly by buses and our children should be our priority. People who live on the line and have children who have attended a certain school for several years should be able to complete their education there until they are required to change to a higher level of education.</p> <p>I know of several people who do not even live in New Hanover County and have their children go to our schools b/c they use others addresses. If this is the way we want to portray our community then maybe we need to develop more schools or pay our teachers what they are truly worth.</p>
2019/07/14 3:48:11 PM AST	Parsley Elementary	<p>Good afternoon,</p> <p>I live in the Upper Reach neighborhood off of Beasley Road. I have two children that attend and we have spent three years at a wonderful school that is so close we could walk to. Parsley has become like our family home and it is with great concern that I write you this. Please do not bus our children all the way to Winter Park. Uprooting my children from a neighborhood school that they are excelling in is very upsetting. Please allow Upper Reach to be allowed within the school radius of Parsley and continue my children in a school with all the faculty that we have grown so close to. It would be such a disservice to my children to uproot them from what they have excelled in for the past three years. Thank you.</p>
2019/07/14 5:12:08 PM AST	Holly Tree Elementary School	<p>My wife and I purchased our house in the Cottages at Holly Glen subdivision after a great deal of research specifically so that our daughter could attend Holly Tree Elementary School. The school is right across the street (Holly Tree Road) from our neighborhood. Many of our neighbors also purchased their homes so that their children can attend Holly Tree. We would be EXTREMELY DISMAYED if our neighborhood were taken out of Holly Tree's district and our daughter was forced to attend Winter Park Elementary. Either of the two redistricting plans under consideration would also sharply reduce the value of the homes in our neighborhood, which rest in large part on their proximity to Holly Tree Elementary.</p> <p>Rest assured, my wife and I will work diligently to make sure that neither of the redistricting options that excludes our neighborhood from the Holly Tree district succeeds. We will pay especially close attention to the names of any school board members who intend to vote for such a change and will work to ensure they are not returned to office. Sincerely, Dr. W. Taylor Fain and Dr. Gao Bei</p>
2019/07/14 5:44:54 PM AST	Holly Tree	<p>Please consider an option where the Holly Glen neighborhood stays with Holly Tree Elementary. It will be crazy making to deal with Holly Tree traffic, passing the nearby school, only to go to another school further away. We moved here last year for the walking distance to Holly Tree school and for the property resale value. My older son is in EC program and he is at Murray Middle, and he is medically fragile. The last thing we want is to have the kids spread even further apart. Why can't this neighborhood stay as it is instead of hurting property value and adding stress to residents? We have 2 boys in Holly Tree, the youngest just completed kindergarten.</p>
2019/07/14 10:50:27 PM AST	none	<p>It would be ridiculous to take kids that can walk or ride their bikes to Holly Tree elementary and place them either in school busses or in parents vehicles to get to school. This adds more traffic on our already busy roads.</p>

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2019/07/15 2:15:10 AM AST	Holly Tree Elementary	Our children can walk to school since we live across the street. No to redistributing. This is our neighborhood school! It also negatively impacts our home values & would create more traffic on College Road.
2019/07/15 7:02:40 AM AST	Parsley, Roland Grise and Hoggard	<p>I am in the Upper Reach neighborhood which is currently on the docket to redistrict to either Holly Tree or Winter Park. My family (two kids in preschool) moved into this neighborhood two years ago. We searched for the "right" home for over a year, wanting to make the best decision for our family. Not only did we want and need more space, a large yard, and a safe neighborhood, schools were of the utmost importance in the decision. See, like many, we've been paying for full time childcare for almost 5 years. Once our children reach elementary age, we plan to send them to public school. Not only so that we don't have to pay for private school, but because we believe in a good public education. My husband and I are both Wilmington natives and received a public education in NHC. We picked Upper Reach, large in part because it is in the top school district in the county. Parsley is a neighborhood school, allowing me the opportunity to be more involved (b/c of convenience) as a full time working mom. My kids will have the opportunity to learn from some of the best teachers in the county and go to school with children of a similar background. We have worked very hard to make sure they receive the best education. If redistricting is done, and Winter Park is the decision, my drive would change from 3 minutes one way, to 8. I would have to just about pass another elementary school (Holly Tree) to get there. It just doesn't make sense. The value of my home and upscale neighborhood would decrease as a result. Please, please keep our children in the same district... or at a minimum, consider Holly Tree as the only other option. It is most comparable with demographics and test scores and would be the next best option.</p>
2019/07/15 8:17:58 AM AST	Murrayville	<p>We are very upset about the proposed redistricting options for our address. We have joined a loving, inclusive and supporting community within Murrayville. My family loves the fact that our children attend the same school as our neighbors blocks away. It creates a sense of safe and familiarity with the neighborhood children. They make friends in school and are able to foster that relationship in our neighborhood community.</p> <p>The proposed zone change would pull us to Blair, strip my daughter of her sense of belonging and hinder her social growth while placing stress of a new school environment as she enters 2nd grade.</p> <p>Also, my husband Tom Biddulph is a Watch DOG (Dads of Great Students) at Murrayville. Not every elementary school offers this program. He prides himself on being a school volunteer within this program, and plans to become the chapter leader as the current leader's son will be graduating 5th in a year or two. We absolutely would be heart broken to leave Murrayville, it is an amazing school.</p> <p>I could write a 20 page thesis on why this district change hinders a child's learning potential and social connection to her neighborhood. Please contact me for any information or questions. I plan to attend all meetings and hope there is an ability to keep the Murrayville district line the way it is so all Mariner kids get to experience their first school years together.</p>

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2019/07/15 8:41:50 AM AST	Pine Valley, Roland Grise, Hoggard	As a long time resident of Pine Valley neighborhood, I am extremely disappointed to see the proposed redistricting of my area. Pine Valley is an older close knit neighborhood and to split it down the middle between schools makes zero sense. We live less than a half mile away from PVES and my children have always biked to school. We live so close in fact, that there is not a bus provided. The city has just spent millions of dollars on the cross city trail, which will allow Pine Valley neighborhood children to safely walk to RGMS or Hoggard. To bus them all the way downtown to Williston is ridiculous. Why are we investing all this money into additional transportation costs to bus neighborhood children across town when that is money that could be invested in their actual education? As a working parent, the time it would take for me to get to a school downtown vs in my neighborhood would greatly impact my ability to be involved in volunteering, attending my child's activities and sports events, and overall participation in their education. I have always been an active volunteer in the classroom and PTA, but the extra time and traffic to get across town would significantly impact that. Please reconsider this plan that would so negatively impact the residents of Pine Valley and dramatically increase transportation costs!
2019/07/15 8:49:24 AM AST	Parsley	We specifically purchased our home last year because of the school district for Parsley. If we are switched to Pine Valley that would be a 15 minute drive to and from school vs the current 5 minute round trip we have now. This would also affect my ability to volunteer with the school, which I believe is very important and helpful to the teachers, children, and all involved. Please don't go with option 2. Sincerely - Concerned Parents.
2019/07/15 8:55:25 AM AST	Bellamy	Option 1 seems much more fair and moves less students as far as a map view. This is my preference.
2019/07/15 9:15:46 AM AST	Murrayville	We bought our home less than 2 miles from Murrayville elementary 3 years ago for the sole purpose for our 2 children to go to Murrayville elementary. We live on eastbourne Drive. My oldest will start there this year and my youngest next year. We will petition in all ways possible to stay in the Murrayville school district instead of having to drive all the way to Castle Hayne! That is ridiculous to make our neighborhood drive that far when Murrayville is a 3 minute drive from our home and is a part of our community.
2019/07/15 9:16:26 AM AST	Holly Tree ES	The Holly Glen subdivision is directly across the street from Holly Tree ES. A major reason we purchased a house in that subdivision last year (as did a lot of families there) is so that we could WALK our kids to school in 5 minutes for the next several years. Now they will be on a bus, for at least 20-30 mins each way given Wilmington morning traffic, instead of getting exercise. This is ridiculous and doing every family in that subdivision a major disservice. Common sense also tells me that an ES positioned on the edge of its district zone will drive up transportation costs for the district/taxpayers. Any house that is within a 10 minute walk of an ES should automatically be drawn into that ES zone to minimize addition transportation overhead for taxpayers. The Holly Glen subdivision should be redrawn back into Holly Tree ES!
2019/07/15 9:38:00 AM AST	Holly Tree Elementary	I moved into this neighborhood because of children being able to walk to the school next door to us. That is a huge drawing point for families and for selling homes! These children should not have to be bussed when they can walk.
2019/07/15 10:29:55 AM AST	Pine Valley	MY wife and I purchased a home in Pine Valley because of the school and the ability to walk her to class. This new plan puts us in one of the worst schools in the county and also effects our home value. New new map line makes zero sense based on geographical location. If I live in Pine Valley shouldn't my child go to Pine Valley?
2019/07/15 12:13:45 PM AST	Holly tree elementary	I think it would be a grave mistake to redistrict the holly glen townhomes and holly glen homes which are right across the street from holly tree elementary to a different school. Many parents in this neighborhood chose to buy there homes because they could walk there small children to school. Since it is right across the street it would be absurd to put us into a different district, which would cause a major headache to many families who moved to this neighborhood for this purpose. This is an emotional time for kids as they are scared and parents are nervous with there kids going to school for the first time. You are going to only add to these fears and stress if you force the neighborhood to a completely different school that is no where near the neighborhood, when logically you can walk across the street. Plus between the name Holly Tree and Holly Glen, they are attached in name alone.

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2019/07/15 12:16:17 PM AST	Holly Tree Elementary School	We currently live in the Holly Tree Cottages community (2613 Coulter Place, Wilmington, NC, 28409) with Holly Tree Elementary as our designated Elementary School, within close walking distance from our community. One of the reasons we originally bought a property in this neighborhood is due to the good public schools and the proximity to the Holly Tree Elementary School. We've recently become aware that both of the 2 new proposed maps take our neighborhood out of the Holly Tree Elementary School district and put us in the Winter Park Elementary School District. Many families purchase homes in our neighborhood based on the fact that kids can walk to school at Holly Tree every day. This change could negatively affect our home values for resale purposes in the future and we would like you to please reconsider this redistricting.
2019/07/15 12:31:41 PM AST	NA	Where are the proposed middle school option maps? Why were they removed?
2019/07/15 1:28:48 PM AST	Bellamy	We bought our house purposely to be in the Bellamy district for Bellamy's high score and the amount of friends my children know that go there. Now they want to send us to Mary C that has a 4/10 score?! Not only will that make my son switch school 3 times (crecc for kindergarten-> 2018/19Bellamy 1st grade 2019/20 -> Mary C for 2nd grade in 2020/21, it will affect his learning and affect our neighborhood house values. I'm am not happy about this change and will be coming to the meetings.
2019/07/15 1:41:55 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary School	Unhappy that one of the maps cuts the neighborhood that I live in, Pine Valley Estates, in half and that half of the kids would go to PVES, where my children attended, and the other half have to cross Shipyard and attend Alderman. Understand that the district needs to come up with solutions due to over-crowding. But as a resident, would prefer if we can at least keep the kids who are within a couple of miles of the school (an entire circular radius) at the school. If at all possible. While I am not a proponent of neighborhood schools and do understand the need for solutions now, I also understand the value of not cutting people off from where they currently can walk or bike to school.
2019/07/15 1:43:23 PM AST	Bellamy	We are currently districted to attend Bellamy elementary, one of the top schools in new Hanover county, the new districting (in both case scenarios) would have us districted to attend Mary c Williams - the lowest rated school in the area. We recently moved to the wilmington area April of 2018 and with two young children, school districting was of THE UPMOST IMPORTANT criteria on our home. The new districting essentially robs us of what we had intended for our daughters, what we valued, worked hard to provide, and why we chose to purchase the home we did. I think I can speak for the majority of our Laurenbridge community (a brand new beloved community with over 40 homes filled with young family's and similar ambitions as ours) in which our one street alone houses over 30 children with the majority elementary aged children. This change will essentially force these family's to sadly seek out education elsewhere or move entirely. This will also drastically decrease the value of our home. Please consider these young families and what we have all worked so hard to ensure for our growing families in this area. We will certainly be in attendance at the next public meeting. Thank you.
2019/07/15 3:01:37 PM AST	Holly Tree	How ridiculous to send children that can walk to Holly Tree to another when they would have to ride a bus. Many children live in the Cottages at Holly Glen, across the street from Holly Tree elementary. Plan better!!!!
2019/07/15 3:28:31 PM AST	holloy tree elementary	the Holly Glen community is so close to Holly Tree Elementary, one of the most important reason that people live there is they can walk their kids to the school. removing Holly Glen is definitely not an option for school redistricting.
2019/07/15 3:43:42 PM AST	Holly Glen Elementary	This is a neighborhood school. It is convenient for children to walk to school. To do Redistricting impacts a lot of families & increases traffic to busy College Road. No to Redistricting!!!
2019/07/15 3:47:38 PM AST	Holly Tree Elementary	No to Redistricting. My Grandchildren go there. They walk to my house in the neighborhood after school. I do not drive.

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2019/07/15 4:00:27 PM AST	Parsley	We just purchased our home in Upper Reach in March 2019 in anticipation of our son beginning Kindergarten in August 2019 at Parsley. We wanted to be settled prior to the beginning of his academic career to avoid unnecessary and traumatic transitions. If the lines are redrawn and he attends Parsley for kindergarten in 2019-2020, but is forced to change schools for first grade in 2020-2021, I fear the transition will negatively impact his love for learning. It is such a vulnerable age, and early school experiences can either make or break the foundation for becoming a life long learner. Please reconsider excluding Upper Reach from the Parsley district or consider a grandfather clause of some kind for the students already enrolled.
2019/07/15 6:04:28 PM AST	Holly Tree Elem., Roland Grise Middle, and Hoggard HS	My home is an easy walk (less than a 1/4 mile) to Holly Tree Elem. It is unbelievable that any redistricting plan would move a student from walking distance to an elementary school to another school that is not possible to walk to as you would have to travel several miles and cross the busiest intersection in Wilmington (College Rd. and Oleander Dr.). I have looked at the two proposals and have noticed that both proposals include moving my neighborhood into a situation that calls for bussing students past an elementary school they can currently walk to. I find both proposed redistricting plans unacceptable.
2019/07/15 7:27:12 PM AST	Holly Tree Elementary School	The redistricting puts me and other homeowners in Holly Glen Estates in Winter Park which is stupid! We bought a home in this neighborhood because kids could walk to Holly Tree. I vote there. I live at 5028 Gorham Avenue in Holly Glen Estates. This change would impact the value of my home should I decide to sell. You need to rethink this. I strongly object to my taxpayer dollars being used to redistrict my neighborhood from a school that is literally across street from our subdivision to a school that would mandate bussing or driving kids to school.
2019/07/15 8:34:24 PM AST	Bellamy	We purchased our house 3 years ago with one major reason being in this school district, is would directly affect all 3 of my children negatively (soon to be 4). We plan on coming to this meeting to explain our point of view along with the rest of our neighborhood.
2019/07/15 9:41:45 PM AST	Roland Grise	
2019/07/15 9:45:52 PM AST	Pine Valley, Bellamy, Myrtle Grove.	VERY happy to see more than just the Carriage Hills going to Williston for Middle School. It allows for more Pine Valley families/kids to go together so that they are not only neighborhood.
2019/07/15 9:47:07 PM AST	Pine valley Roland Grise and hoggard	We feel it should remain Roland Grise and hoggard. They are so close and we purchased our home here for the schools. Please don't change it. The newer developments need to be redistributed not the neighborhoods who have been here the longest. Thank you for listening.
2019/07/15 9:54:12 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary	I feel that kids should be able to go to school with their neighborhood friend. I do not think it is a good ideas to split neighborhoods between two schools. We moved into the Pine Valley neighborhoods for the school district. Busing kids to other schools is not beneficial to the students and costly for parents. Please consider keeping our neighborhood kids together.
2019/07/15 9:55:19 PM AST	Codington, Murray, Myrtle Grove, Hoggard	The study does not have information about Middle School proposals. HS lines have just been completed and should be a consideration when drawing middle school lines. Maps and all information needs to be more accessible on the website.
2019/07/15 10:03:52 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary School Hoggard High School	I live within a 10 minute walk to the elementary school. With the new redistricting plan my child would be bussed to Alderman. That makes no sense and is a waste of county resources.
2019/07/15 10:15:08 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary	We moved to our home two years ago and selected our house considering particularly our school district. We feel changing our district from a school around the corner to a school downtown doesn't make sense logistically and hurts our neighborhood.

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2019/07/16 7:16:46 AM AST	Pine Valley, Roland Grise, Hoggard	<p>Totally sickened by the new proposal for elementary and middle schools. Why in the world would we not want to allow our kids to be able to walk or ride their bikes to school. (Speaking of PVES, since we are in the neighborhood) I no longer have children elementary school but our youngest will be a six grader at Roland Grise this year. I cannot imagine having to drive him every day to Williston when Roland Grise is literally 2/3 miles from our house. Makes no sense.</p> <p>I have lived in the Pine valley neighborhood since I was in kindergarten. (I'm now 43 years old). I went to Pine Valley, Roland Grise and Hoggard. One of the major reasons we moved back to the neighborhood when our kids were just babies.</p> <p>Please leave our neighborhood alone!!! This has worked for many years. No need to change a good thing.</p>
2019/07/16 9:13:04 AM AST	Pine Valley Elementary, Roland Grise, Hoggard High School	<p>Hi, I live in Pine Valley on Semmes Dr. I am in favor of redistricting to make the schools less crowded and more diverse. However, I wanted to express that the current proposal which changes our middle school to Myrtle Grove Middle would make things difficult for my family. I have three children, one in each school (Pine Valley, Roland Grise, Hoggard). For the next five years, I will have at children in middle and high school at the same time. Because the middle and high schools both begin at 8:30 am, it would be very difficult to have one child at Hoggard while another is a Myrtle Grove. It is already challenging to drop all three children off at school when it is raining or they miss the bus. The only reason it is currently possible is that Hoggard and Roland Grise are close together. If you move our district to Myrtle Grove, it will feel very hard for me to take all of my children to school when needed.</p> <p>Thank you for you work for the district. I hope you will take my thoughts into consideration.</p>
2019/07/16 9:51:30 AM AST	Pine Valley	<p>I am very upset with both of the redistricting plans. My neighborhood, Carriage Hills, is slated to go to Sunset Park Elem. We have not even been given 2 options as both maps have our children going to Sunset Park. We at least deserve two "options" to choose from. Pine Valley is less than a mile from our house. Sunset Park is a lot farther taking our children downtown. This is unfair and absolutely needs be reconsidered.</p>
2019/07/16 10:17:02 AM AST	Holly Tree Elementary School	<p>No to redistricting our school. I have children who go to the school. This is neighbor school, and we have families who walk to the school with their children.</p>
2019/07/16 11:15:52 AM AST	Pine Valley, Rolland Grise, Hoggard	<p>Our neighborhood is being split directly down the middle so the kids directly across the street from us on Robert E Lee drive will go to a different school, we bought our house for the school districts and feel that it will negatively effect the neighborhood.</p>
2019/07/16 11:17:58 AM AST	Holly Tree (and Hoggard)	<p>Please DO NOT remove Holly Tree Road Elementary Homes (HOLLY GLEN TOWNHOMES & COTTAGES) out of Holly Tree Elementary School District. Our kids CURRENTLY WALK to school at Holly Tree Elementary and Hoggard. It is beyond ridiculous to bus children across town when they currently walk to school just across the street. Please adjust the line to exclude our neighborhood which is close enough to walk to these schools.</p>

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2019/07/16 11:57:06 AM AST	Bellamy Elementary	<p>There are several factors that are not being met for my proposed area. Many families are extremely upset and angered by the preliminary boundaries set for by redistricting. We have ALREADY formed a group of several dozen families in 28409 zip that are appalled by this potential change. It will not only effect our children, the synergy of this area and also our real estate market; in which we have all invested specifically for the school assignments. Our block is listed as: PB310A.</p> <p>The committee is NOT considered for the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students should be assigned to the school within the closest proximity to their homes- our zip code, 28409, is singled out amongst the other blocks being zoned. The committee is NOT Minimizing impact on students (most of these students have already endured a transition from K to 1 and had to change schools for a feeder school). We can WALK to the CRECC school we're currently zoned for. It is less than a mile. In addition, there are 2 elementary schools closer in proximity. 2. The committee is NOT Attempting to minimize the amount of students impacted when making boundary adjustments. Our small area, is singled out of the surrounding neighborhoods. Is it not a good flow to allow a sense of community for Wilmington. 3. The committee is NOT Considering economic diversity. Our housing market is specific for our surrounding area. Because the lines currently drawn, the effect of our homes would suffer greatly in regards to the homes only one street over- 4. Ensure schools are inclusionary and not adversely affected by realignment decisions. This is completely false. The committee needs to review their lines. Before submitting another review. <p>I strongly recommend these matters to be taken in high regard. There is a strong petition for PB310 A for rezoning to Mary C Williams.</p> <p>Regards, Laurenbridge Community</p>
2019/07/16 12:30:32 PM AST	We are in Carriage Hills we are assigned Williston and set to switch from Pine Valley to Sunset Park	Williston is just a ridiculous haul for us to bus our kids the entire way across town when we have other middle schools near by. Also to switch us from Pine Valley to Sunset park is also ridiculous because of location and the fact we purchased our home because we wanted our children to attend Pine Valley since it is so close to our home. I hope you reconsider changing us from Pine Valley at least. Our neighborhood tends to get the bad end of the school districting.
2019/07/16 12:52:56 PM AST	Wrightsboro Elementary School, Ashley High School	I am concerned that the elementary schools are remaining greatly unbalanced when it comes to socioeconomic status of the students. Also some of the current enrollments seem to be well below projected for the coming year.

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2019/07/16 1:01:39 PM AST	Parsley Elementary	Hi, my family lives off of Masonboro Loop in the Andrews Reach neighborhood. We love it here and are loving our time at Parsley as well. Our home is very close to the school and we are supposed to be getting a sidewalk so that we could even walk to school easily. If we are redistricted to Holly Tree walking will not be an option. We will also have to make a left turn out of our neighborhood in the morning which will be challenging at that time of day. . Next year I will have a kindergartner, 3rd grader and 5th grader at Parsley. I would hate for my youngest to go for one year only to be switched. Transitioning from preschool to kindergarten is tough and I wouldn't want to put him through another transition the following year. I'm happy to give more feedback if needed, I'm really hoping we can stay at our neighborhood school of Parsley since it is so close to where we live. Thank you!
2019/07/16 2:44:30 PM AST	Parsley elementary, Hoggard High school	We moved to this neighborhood for the long run specifically to get into the three schools for elementary, middle and high school for our girls. We asked multiple times before the move if there was thought of reconstructing but I kept hearing if there is it won't be for a long time coming. This now worried me about my location and the fact we may have to move to get our children the education we are looking for.
2019/07/16 3:00:41 PM AST	holly tree	did you receive my comment yesterday?
2019/07/16 3:20:29 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary, Roland Griese, Hoggard	The redistricting plans would put a severe financial hardship on our family. We purchased our home specifically for the school districts and the redistricting as planned is pulling the rug out from under us. Pine Valley needs to be in Pine Valley Elementary. Period, Full Stop. Let that sink in. Would you consider for even a second to take Wrightsville beach out of Wrightsville Elem?
2019/07/16 3:31:23 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary and Roland Grise middle	Hello, first of all thank you for taking the time to read everyone's input on this issue as I know there is alot buzz and opinions around the topic of redistricting. Secondly, Id like to kindly ask that you please reconsider the redistricting in the Pine Valley area. There are many things with the current proposal that dont make since. Transporting students farther away from there homes is going to cause a slew of problems such as increased cars on the road, stress on the bus drivers whom are already shorthanded and the money tax payers are going to have to spend on this increased busing as well as the children are going to have to be out at the bus stop earlier then they already are. Studies have also shown a decrease in parental involvement when the schools are farther away. This upcoming year will be our first year at PVES, and we are considered "walkers" as we live on John D Berry drive. I had heard from word of mouth all walkers will be bused else where? I sure hope that isnt true. It is entirely unexceptionable to bus children else where when there is a school night down our street. Next is the school we will be getting resigned to, I think just our middle will be changing, is a lesser school in terms of ratings and is farther away from my home. We have worked extremely hard to buy in this neighborhood to have our children attend near by schools that are suppose to be highly rated. Not only will moving the middle school cause inconvenience with distance it will also decrease my home value that I just purchased this year. Pine Valley is made up of older homes built in the late 70's, and although they are beautiful and charming they are holding there value so well because of the schools surrounding. There are so many other factors to consider and the list could go on, I just please ask that you keep our entire neighborhood which is a tight knit community going to Pine Valley Elementary and Roland Grise middle. Thank you for reading.

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2019/07/16 3:33:29 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary	<p>In 2015, when my then pregnant wife and I were looking for our first family home we chose the Pine Valley neighborhood. One of the biggest selling points was its proximity to Pine Valley Elementary School. The thought of our (now 2) boys, being able to ride their bikes to school, grow up in a neighborhood with their schoolmates to play with, and to get a strong public education was very important to us. Fast forward to 2019, as my oldest is 1 year out from attending the elementary school in the neighborhood we purposely purchased in for that reason, and redistricting is being discussed. As I look at both of the current proposals, I see that Breckenridge Drive, where my family resides, is 1 street too far out of the PVES zone. Now, if things go through without change, my children are slated to attend Alderman Elementary which is 1.6 miles from my house. There will be no riding their bikes to school, their neighborhood friends may not be schoolmates, and the level of education currently at Alderman is much lower than that of Pine Valley. When we were looking for homes, we found a few we liked in the Alderman district but chose not to purchase due to the low quality of performance at Alderman.</p> <p>I won't even begin to opine on the negative effect that this will have on our property value, because frankly the quality of life and education of my sons is far more important to me. Additionally, I see that the plan is for my sons to attend Williston Middle School (4.7 miles from my door) instead of Roland-Grise (2.2 miles away). I'm not sure how that change could be a net positive for my sons or any of the other children in the same circumstance, based on bus travel time alone. However, that is so far off in my family's future that I know some change will be inevitable.</p> <p>I remain focused on the current plan to redistrict Pine Valley Elementary. I strongly encourage you all to keep the Pine Valley Neighborhood assigned to Pine Valley Elementary as it is currently. Breaking apart our neighborhood into 3 separate elementary school districts will have a negative effect on the 200+ children currently attending their neighborhood school. I know you have a tall task ahead of you, but I ask that you not rely strictly on the computers and analysis of a company that doesn't reside in our community and take your residents' concerns to heart. While their data can be helpful, it should not be more powerful than the lives of the students it will effect.</p> <p>Respectfully, Zach Adams</p>
2019/07/16 3:36:53 PM AST	Bellamy	<p>We live on Laurenbridge Lane in area PB310A on the Redistricting maps. We are not happy about the prospect of getting switched out of Bellamy to Mary C. Williams. Our oldest son just finished 5th grade there and I don't think our other kids should have to go to a school that is rated way worse than their current school- which went into the decision making process when we bought our house. Not only that but it will negatively impact the value of our homes which has steadily been increasing since we moved in.</p>

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2019/07/16 3:47:09 PM AST	Alderman Williston	<p>Alderman Elementary is a school that is very diverse and the new proposed plan shrinks the diversity. Alderman is a Title 1 School which encompasses the wealthiest students (PB 202, 219 & 220 on the map) as well as the poorest students (PB 216). Over the past 3 years, Alderman has increased its 202/219 student base attendance and with that, the parents to help the school excel. With the addition of a new principal, Alderman has thrived compared to the previous years. By stripping PB 202 and PB 219 students and sending them to Forest Hills, you will eliminate the wealthy neighborhood students from the public school system, thus throwing off white student estimates at Forest Hills School. This also possibly eliminates Title 1 status for Alderman further hurting the students.</p> <p>By removing the above neighborhoods from Alderman, you are violating the following guiding principles. #2: Account for future growth. PB 202, PB 219 and PB 220 is an older Wilmington area where younger successful couples are moving into. The older generation is dying off and selling the homes to younger couples with children. The neighborhood families have just begun to send their kids back to public school because of Alderman's increasing popularity. #3 Close Proximity. These neighborhoods are within a short walk or biking distance from Alderman. Several homes within 200 yards will be eliminated from attending. #4 Clear Feeding Patterns. Currently Alderman has clear feeding patterns and disseminating the children to 3 other schools only interrupts the patterns. #5 Minimizing impact on children. Only 34 children would remain at Alderman. 223 would be displaced to another school. #6 Economic and culture. Alderman is currently well diverse in culture and economics. The new proposals shrink the number of black students by nearly 25% and increases Forest Hills to over 78% minority (I say over because the neighborhoods 202/219/220 will place their children in private schools before they will send to Forest Hills). This is not a diversity problem Wilmington can overcome. I appreciate your time in reading this and I, along with many neighborhood parents, will look forward to seeing more proposals in the coming months.</p> <p>Scott</p>
2019/07/16 3:58:27 PM AST	Pine Valley, RG, JTH	<p>Why in the world would you move my child out of our neighborhood school(Pine Valley Elementary). We are currently in Pine Valley, Roland Grise, and Hoggard and expect the school board to do the right thing and leave us in this districts. We are closer to those schools (especially Roland Grise and Hoggard) than we are to any other schools. Leave our districting alone!</p>

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2019/07/16 4:02:46 PM AST	Codington, Roland Grise and Forest Hills	<p>I have some concerns about the redistricting plans for NHCS. Under the current options listed my children would be redistricted from Roland Grise to Williston. My oldest would have to switch middle schools in her 8th grade year. I hope if you do decide to make these changes that you will consider allowing rising 8th graders to stay at the schools they have been attending for 6th and 7th grade for the 2020-2021 school year. Making them switch for one year would definitely not be in their best interests. I am also concerned for the safety of my children. The most current released data for Roland Grise showed that they had 61 short term suspensions, 27 ISS, and 13 bullying/harassment incidents. Williston had 575 short term suspensions, 681 ISS, and 101 bullying/harassment incidents. My children's safety is THE most important thing to me and those statistics, coupled with the location of Williston, make me extremely concerned. How can the board address these safety concerns? How can we be assured that our children will be getting the same quality education they have been receiving at their current schools if they are moved to a school where the teachers spend so much time dealing with behavioral issues? The distance factor also has me very worried. My husband and I currently transport both of our children to and from school. This is something we are able to do, despite our busy work and extra curricular schedules, because our children go to schools very close to home. I don't want my children to have to get up extremely early every morning in order to catch a bus to a school that is 3 times farther away from our home as their current school. I also don't want them on a bus for an excessive amount of time every afternoon. Like most working families, we have a very limited amount of time for extracurricular activities and family time at the end of the day. Going to a school all the way across town, as opposed to one right across the street, will significantly cut into that precious time. The buses already have a hard time getting all of the county's students to and from school in a timely manner and we have a shortage of bus drivers. It seems like these changes will exacerbate these busing issues. How will these problems be addressed so that we can be assured that the students who are being shipped across town will get to school on time each day and will not be missing instructional time? I understand that redistricting is a very complex issue, but I sincerely hope the board is able to take family's concerns into consideration when making their final decisions. Thank you for your time!</p>
2019/07/16 4:10:43 PM AST	PVCC/RGMS	<p>I strongly oppose the new redistricting maps. I purchased my home for the schools and being bussed to Alderman and Williston is not logical. Pine Valley neighborhood is being split and it should remain intact. I am all for desegregation of schools but that does not seem to be the case with many of the proposed changes, many schools become more segregated. I realize porters neck elementary needs to be populated but does that justify moving 4,000 students from their current schools, not to mention the cost associated with that? Has the board taken into account the future expanding of Mary C Williams, PVES, and the new school at Riverlights before shuffling so many families in this area? If you want to desegregate schools why not bus kids from the Freeman and Snipes areas to WBEC, Parsley, MGMS, and RGMS. Far less people would be impacted and I'm sure those families would love to receive the education that children at those schools get. Far more planning and logic needs to be used before so many people who work so hard to live in the neighborhood they do are impacted negatively.</p> <p>Thank you, Becky Farris 305 Breckenridge Drive</p>

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2019/07/16 4:14:22 PM AST	Bellamy/Mary Williams. Neighborhood code: PB310A	<p>My wife and I bought our new construction home in Laurenbridge (neighborhood code: PB310A) in April 2018. Laurenbridge is a small neighborhood of roughly 40 homes that is a new development located in the Monkey Junction/Myrtle Grove area with an average home value of approx \$350k. We specifically purchased this first home of ours because of the elementary school district it was in that our two young daughters would attend - Heyward Bellamy. After much research, it was clear this was a top elementary school in NHC. Working hard to afford a home in a good school district to provide for a top education for our daughters has been a life long goal. Unfortunately, the initial two options drafted by the redistricting committee have clearly highlighted our neighborhood to be redistricted to Mary Williams Elementary. Mary Williams is one if not the, lowest ranked elementary school in NHC. Any school ranking list clearly confirms the stark difference between the two. I strongly urge the committee to revisit the immediate NE area of Monkey Junction, in between College/Masonboro Loop and Piner/Mohican. This 1.4 square mile area referenced is currently all districted to Heyward Bellamy. Draft option 1 has it being split into FOUR different districts: Pine Valley, Mary Williams, Heyward Bellamy, and Parsley. Draft option 2 reduces this to 3 districts, however, it still clearly focused on our immediate area to be included to also Mary Williams. While I understand the guiding principles of the redistricting, common sense logic must also play a vital role. Neither of these options are currently acceptable, especially 40 some new construction homeowners that built/purchased here specifically for the Bellamy school district for their children in the last 1-2 years. I am leading the efforts from our neighborhood to contest these options, and am happy to speak to anyone on the committee. I have spoken to over a dozen homeowners since these maps were released and we are all in agreement. It was also in agreement that if we are districted to Mary Williams, alternative education to magnet or private schools will be sought out. We are not asking specifically for Bellamy, we are only asking that we specifically not be included in the Mary Williams district. Your consideration to this matter is GREATLY appreciated and we look forward to the next public meeting on 9/17 to voice our concerns.</p>
2019/07/16 4:15:10 PM AST	Pine Valley, Roland Grise, Hoggard	<p>My wife and I purchased our home in Pine Valley over 15 years ago. Although at the time we did not have children, we wanted to invest in a home with great neighborhood schools. We have 2 boys and have been active in their education and extracurricular activities with PVES and RGMS. It is extremely upsetting to see the proposed redistricting plan that would split our neighborhood in half and move our children to Alderman and across town to Williston. We have been fortunate to be so close to Pine Valley (less than half a mile) that our children could bike or walk to school. We are so close to the school, in fact, that bus transportation is not provided. So it makes no sense that the children who are so close to a school that they are not using any county funded transportation, would now be bussed to another school. We need to be investing in our children and their education, not racking up unnecessary transportation costs. The county has just spent how many millions of dollars on the cross city trail which unites Pine Valley to several areas, including providing a safe walking path for neighborhood children to walk to Roland Grise Middle School. Instead of utilizing this new resource, those children would be bussed downtown?! How will all these extra expenses be funded? What educational resources will be taken from our children to cover these costs? We carpool to middle school with neighborhood friends who would be torn apart to different schools. Both my wife and I work, but because of the close proximity of the schools, we are able to volunteer and attend events. If we were traveling downtown to Williston, we would not be able to participate in the same way. Splitting our close knit neighborhood in half and moving our children away from our neighborhood schools will surely lower our property values as well. What may look good to a committee or outside company will only hurt the families and children. Our neighborhood as whole is very disappointed and upset by this proposed map and will plan to attend the next meeting. Please reconsider this plan that would have such a negative impact on the families in Pine Valley. Thank you.</p>

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2019/07/16 4:32:34 PM AST	Pine Valley, Roland Grise, Hoggard	I have been a resident of Pine Valley for over 20 years. My daughter and her family live across the street and my grandchildren attend Pine Valley and Roland Grise. I am greatly concerned about this proposed redistricting plan. Not only would my grandsons be bussed across town to Williston, but this change will negatively effect taxes and property values. How will all the extra transportation costs be funded? Our city has just spent millions of dollars on the cross city trail and rather than allow the Pine Valley neighborhood children to use it to go to Roland Grise, we are going to bus them downtown to Williston??? This proposition will surely raise our taxes to cover all these extra bus expenses while doing nothing to improve our educational system. And what about the property values for a neighborhood who is split in half between 2 districted schools, neither of which are in our neighborhood?? Roland Grise is less than 1 1/2 miles away. The children riding the bus early in the morning and returning home late in the evening will be the ones paying the biggest price though. Surely once the board takes a closer look at the proposal, they will realize how ridiculous it is. Thank you for your consideration.
2019/07/16 4:47:52 PM AST	Parsley Elementary	I have a rising 2nd grader and rising 5th grader at Parsley for 2019/20. I live in Masonboro Forest. On both current draft options, my 2nd grader would move to Holly Tree for 3rd grade and above. She has been at Parsley since kindergarten, and knows her teachers, administrators, office staff and specials teachers. She would be familiar with prospective 3rd, 4th and 5th grade teachers due to having an older sibling at Parsley (we moved to Wilmington when he was a rising 3rd grader and selected our home based on public schools). In order to get my daughter to Holly Tree, I would either drive by Parsley or be forced to travel on busy College Rd. This is not consistent with a neighborhood school. I do not understand why neighborhoods currently assigned to other elementary schools are being assigned to Parsley given its overcrowding, while we are moved due to overcrowding. I would expect consistency to be an important factor in elementary school assignment. I am even more concerned about my 5th grader, who would be assigned to Roland Grise in either of the new draft options (current assignment is Myrtle Grove). The majority of the children he attended elementary school with at Parsley would remain in the area assigned to Parsley and thus would attend Myrtle Grove based on new middle school feeder patterns. In addition, other students reassigned from Parsley would also be at elementary schools that feed Myrtle Grove. He would have very few familiar faces when making the middle school transition.
2019/07/16 6:44:46 PM AST	Hoggard	
2019/07/16 8:55:26 PM AST	PB310A	We purchased our residence to be affiliated with Bellamy Elementary not Mary C Williams one of the worst performing academic in New Hanover County's. Our neighborhood (Laurenbridge code:PB310A) was built only 3 years ago and one of the reasons they were able to ask for the prices of the homes was because of the schools that were allocated/zoned for this neighborhood. And now to pay the price and now tell us we are getting our children to be put in a poor performing school not only diminishes our children's academics but now also lowers our home values which is not acceptable!!! Thank you and I hope our grievances do not go unheard or considered!!!
2019/07/16 8:59:11 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary	Please reconsider the redistricting in the Pine Valley neighborhood. We recently moved into the neighborhood for the quality of the local school - Pine Valley. Now, looking at the proposed changes we would be moved to Alderman because we are across the street from the Pine Valley cut off on Early Drive. It is difficult enough for a child to begin in a brand new school only to have to switch again in another year. We are also very concerned about our property values once this change occurs as Alderman has a much lower rating. Thank you for taking our concerns into consideration.

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2019/07/16 9:38:25 PM AST	Heyward C. Bellamy	When people buy houses they look specifically in areas that are best for them, their family, and property value. We bought our house where we did because the schools were good and so far that has been true. Your plan would take my kids and my neighbors kids out of not only a top ranked school in the area, but in the entire state and dump them in one of the worst in the area and the state. There's no doubt my children will raise the average test scores of Mary C. Williams, but that isn't saying much based on what I see their scores are. On top of dumping kids from one highly functional school to a severely dysfunctional school my property value will take a serious hit. I know you've heard this argument before and probably scoff at the mention of it but that's real money that can be used to help advance my family when I decide to use it. I ask that you reconsider moving kids, any kids, into a dysfunctional learning environment for the sake of diversity or even class size.
2019/07/16 10:13:29 PM AST	Bellamy	Please do not change our elementary school zone. It makes no sense to change our neighborhood of Laurenbridge when Bellamy is so close to us. It will out our children into a worse school and that is not fair. We bought our home knowing it was in a good school zone. Please do not change ours.
2019/07/17 12:19:39 AM AST	Currently my area is assigned to go to Pine Valley Elementary but with the new possible redistricting plans for 20-21, we will be assigned to go to Sunset Park.	I feel it is unfair to our children to be redistricted from a school we can walk to, to a school that they would need to be bused to. Our neighborhood, Carriage Hills, always is part of redistricting plans while other areas never change. We moved to Wilmington 2 years ago and purchased a home that was assigned a good elementary school. With the new possible plans of that changing, we will have to consider moving. I am very frustrated by this and am not OK with it.
2019/07/17 8:50:03 AM AST	Pine Valley Elementary	Over the years Carriage Hills seems to be consistently targeted by the board for moving students all around to wherever the board sees fit. First with the high school redistricting where an inexplicably small slice of our neighborhood was moved to Ashley. Now with our elementary school, Pine Valley, which our kids can literally walk to. Our kids are now going to be asked to get on a bus and head all the way across town to Sunset Park. Please remember that these children are 5 YEARS OLD when they start school. You're asking these kids to leave their familiar surroundings and attend a school in a completely unfamiliar part of town. I'm not against increasing diversity and decreasing socio/economic gaps between schools. But when it comes to elementary schools in particular, I do think with the children being so young it is better to keep them closer to home and in a familiar area. I would also like to point out that the board continuously ignores wealthier neighborhoods during redistricting. If the ultimate goal is to actually achieve equality in our schools, then why are the wealthiest neighborhoods seemingly always left untouched? The board appears to prefer to "pick on" smaller, less wealthy neighborhoods to achieve their goals...which to me are very much unclear. If these current maps hold up, none of my children will be attending New Hanover County Schools.
2019/07/17 9:05:40 AM AST	Holly Tree	Both options being considered would severely negatively impact my neighborhood, our quality of life, our home values, our children's quality of education. We (along with many of my neighbors) purposely bought our home as Holly Tree Elementary is across the street from us on Warlick Drive, it is walking distance" a quick 10 minute walk. The two redistricting options would send us to Winter Park. Winter Park is no longer walking distance, and would re-zone us from an A to a C school. I sincerely hope we are not re-zoned and that you consider the above, as this is ridiculous.

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2019/07/17 9:33:32 AM AST	Holly Tree, Rolland Grise, Hoggard	<p>I hope all is well. My bride, Pamela Vest, and children, Ryan, Abigail, and Joshua 15, 13 and 8 respectively, moved to Wilmington in August of 2016, and into a rental home on Kirby Smith for the sole reason of the school. districts. We fell in love with the neighborhood, with Holly Tree, Roland Grise, and Hoggard as the children transitioned into grade school, middle school and high school. We purchased a home on Joe Wheeler Drive with the knowledge that the children will continue to have a stable schooling with education and be able to grow with the children and teachers, mentors, and routines we so value. We have been informed by a neighbor that there is restructuring and that will affect our youngest which needs to be addressed. Holly Tree is .9 miles from our home and is accessed from Kirby Smith Drive without leaving the neighborhood. Pine Valley is 1.0 miles and is across College and through an entirely different neighborhood. It is with deep encouragement and recommend to take a minute to look at the location of Joe Wheeler Drive and adjust the line for our child to go to the school in the neighborhood he is also being raised in.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Dr. Pamela Vest and James Vest prvest@yahoo.com jim.r.vest@gmail.com</p>
2019/07/17 9:45:26 AM AST	Holly Tree Elementary	<p>Hello, I have recently become aware of the redistricting plans that affect my two little girls that attend Holly Tree Elementary. We live on Warlick Drive which is a one street neighborhood.</p> <p>I am a Wilmington native and went through the NHC school system (Alderman, Roland Grise, & Hoggard). My wife and two little girls (1st & 3rd grades) had an opportunity to relocate back to Wilmington after twenty years in Raleigh. My oldest daughter attended kindergarten in Raleigh so she has already switched schools once due to the move. In choosing which neighborhood to buy, the school district was the #1 factor. My Mom (their grandmother) lives in the Holly Tree district also within walking distance. Our neighborhood (Warlick) allows us to ride our bike to school and we utilize the cross walk guard at Holly Glen to cross Holly Tree Rd.</p> <p>I'm asking that you include Warlick into the Holly Tree map once again. This would confuse my children to say the least and they would lose the majority of their friends by switching to Winter Park. They also look forward to the teacher assignments every year as they see them around school etc.</p> <p>My wife and I are both hardworking tax paying citizens. Please do not change around our lives and make things extremely difficult.</p>
2019/07/17 9:49:08 AM AST	Holly Tree	<p>Hello, my name is Glori Olsen. I live on Warlick Drive. We bought a home in the Holly Tree school boundary last year. The neighborhood school was the number one determination in our home purchase. We walk to school everyday and the school is what my children's and my life revolve around. It was difficult for my kids to move last year and our main goal was to give them stability and a chance to make longterm friends. They had a terrific school year and love the teachers at Holly Tree. They are looking forward to seeing their beloved teachers next year as well. We live within walking distance of the school and I cannot believe that we would lose the chance to go to our school. Please do not redistrict our street. Please contact me at 602-332-2622</p>

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2019/07/17 9:55:15 AM AST	Pine Valley, Roland Grise	As many others in our Pine Valley neighborhood, we purchased our "forever" home based on the desirable location, sense of community and most importantly, Pine Valley Elementary, Roland Grise and Hoggard school district. Hearing the news of re-districting makes my husband and I nauseous. We live on Pemberton and Robert E Lee, biking distance to Pine Valley Elem (which my husband, Matt, plans to do - bike our daughter to school). It's also less than a 2 min car ride. We feel as though ALL children who reside in Pine Valley should go to their neighborhood school. Common sense. If Pine Valley needs additional students, then pull from outside the community. Further more, our property values will decrease due to this re-districting which after we were evacuated from our home for over 7 months due to Hurricane Florence, we finally have been able to re-build and will now suffer again should we be forced to sell because of the school district change. We've lived in our home only since late 2017. There are many parents who reside in Pine Valley that are highly distraught re: this change. We are asking for reconsideration - ALL children in Pine Valley to be able to go to their neighborhood school and keep Roland Grise as their middle school. No change is needed. Thank you.
2019/07/17 12:50:07 PM AST	Currently Bellamy	We purchased our home with the knowledge that our kids would go to Bellamy. The current change puts them in a school with much lower scores, in fact, the lowest in the area. This is an unfair change to the families with young children.
2019/07/17 12:54:36 PM AST	Parent at Winter Park Elementary and Roland Grise middle	I like the look of these new maps. I live at 4941 Pine Street. I do want to point out that the "block" including Pine Street, currently divides on Wallace Ave. However, Pine Street and Park Avenue do not continue across to 52nd Street, and I feel strongly that the "Winter Park Community" that consists of the 4900 & 5000 blocks of Pine St & Park Ave should be considered a "block". A pedestrian only bike path connect those streets to the 5200 block of Park Ave. I would suggest drawing line from Rose Ave & Wrightsville Avenue to 51st St & Oleander (to include houses on both sides of Pine St.). Wrightsville Avenue is all businesses along that section, so separating between addresses would not make a difference. The neighborhood children play together, and separating them is unfortunate.
2019/07/17 3:33:55 PM AST	Murray and Ashley High School	When these changes go into effect, my oldest will be starting High School at Ashley and my youngest will be starting middle school at Murray. These proposed changes would cause a hardship for my family as I travel a lot for work and it would be impossible to get the children to and from two totally different locations next year. Please consider how many households will be in a similar situation with a child at the high school and one at the middle school. We have been very pleased with Murray and I do not want my youngest to have to move over to Myrtle Grove.
2019/07/17 3:46:00 PM AST	Parsley Elementary	We have just moved our family to get into the Parsley school district. The proposed changes of option 1 would have our younger daughter changing schools in second grade, which we feel is an unnecessary disruption. We are in the Masonboro Reserve neighborhood, and we are the only family with elementary-aged children in the neighborhood. Please kindly consider keeping our neighborhood in the Parsley district, as we have invested a lot into our school and into building relationships with staff and families.
2019/07/17 3:47:37 PM AST	Parsely	We are not happy about Redistricting. We moved to this area last year to be in Parsley Elementary school district. That means my daughter will have moved three different elementary schools before the third grade. This is not good for our family or her growth and relationships.
2019/07/17 3:54:55 PM AST	Parsley Elementary	We bought our house October 2018 specifically to be at Parsley. The proposed maps show that we will be at Holly Tree for the 20-21 school year. This is very upsetting. We will have to drive by Parsley Elementary to get to Holly Tree Elementary. This will be very upsetting for my children to have to change schools again in such a short amount of time. I would like any information regarding meetings or other avenues where I can have my voice heard.

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2019/07/17 3:56:37 PM AST	Parsley Elementary School	We live in the current Parsley district at 213 Navaho Trail. After receiving and reviewing the proposed changes for elementary redistricting I am quite concerned at how Option 2 would severely impact our children and family. My oldest son is about to enter into the 2019-2020 school year as a 3rd grader with my middle son following in 2020-2021 (when proposed changes would take effect) into kindergarten. We will have spent 4 years at that point building a relationship and participating in a community of our Parsley family. We also have a younger daughter that would eventually be entering into elementary as well. We are looking forward to working with the teachers that originally had our oldest child teaching our younger children as well. How can we voice these concerns and advocate for our children to remain in the Parsley district, as Option 1 for redistricting would allow them to stay? As parents of 3 children this is a huge upset for our family after having spent so much time building relationships and receiving education in our community.
2019/07/17 4:43:55 PM AST	Bellamy, Murray, Ashley	We bought our current house to stay within our school district.

<p>2019/07/17 4:56:16 PM AST</p>	<p>Alderman Elementary</p>	<p>I understand that every school will likely be impacted by redistricting, including Alderman. As it stands right now, Alderman, with the pairing of the Glen Meade/South Oleander population with the Houston Moore Population is a shining example of an inclusive school that is in relatively close proximity to its students. Alderman has a great deal of momentum as a school, please don't allow the reopening of another school in the district to set Alderman back. Please do not separate planning blocks 202, 219, 220, and please keep them, along with planning blocks 200 and 201 in the Alderman school district.</p> <p>The school board has established 6 guiding principals for redistricting. Balance school facility utilization "" Account for future growth Establish clear feeder patterns and continuity Minimize the impact on students Consider economic, cultural, and ethnic diversity Close proximity</p> <p>Given the economic and geographic makeup of New Hanover county, it is difficult to balance schools for economic, cultural and ethnic diversity while also keeping kids in close proximity to their homes. Yet, one school is currently a shining example of balancing those interests - Alderman. Yet, it is also the school most impacted by redistricting with only 34 current students slated to remain in its district.</p> <p>Alderman currently pairs kids from Houston Moore (in planning blocks 200 and 201) with more wealthy students from the Glen Meade/South Oleander community (planning blocks 202, 219, and 220), and middle class students from the other surrounding areas to create a highly diverse and inclusionary educational environment. That diversity and inclusivity is why we moved into this neighborhood and chose to send our child to Alderman (we have a rising 2nd grader and a rising kindergartener). It should not be torn apart, it should be pointed to as an example of what elementary schools in New Hanover County should look like.</p> <p>Moreover, this pairing has led to unique and valuable partnership that could lose steam or be severed completely if the proposed maps stand. First Baptist Church, for example, has a large facility across the street from Alderman. They have invested significant resources into building bonds with the students and families from the Houston Moore neighborhood, volunteering weekly to read with students at Alderman, and frequently going into Houston Moore to spend time with these families. By shifting this population to Forest Hills you risk severing this connection for students that need stability in their lives. That is not how you "minimize impact on students." □</p> <p>The community surrounding Alderman has been developed for decades. While it is not poised for explosive growth, it is going through a unique demographic cycle. Many of the older homes that surround the school are being repopulated by young families with children. Those families have embraced Alderman (though many have the means to opt for private school and some will undoubtedly do so if these maps are not changed). This change has created an influx of involved parents with the time and resources necessary to support the school. When combined with the addition of a strong principal in Kate Tayloe, this has created momentum. Alderman is expecting a large influx of Kindergarteners this year.</p> <p>By drawing an arbitrary line down a small neighborhood street to separate planning blocks 202 and 219 from 220, you are breaking up what has been a cohesive school grouping for generations. Canterbury doesn't even have lines on the street, yet it was chosen over Oleander (one of Wilmington's busiest streets) as the dividing line between districts. This division will unnecessarily drive a wedge between what is currently a motivated and enthusiastic group of Alderman supporters.</p>
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		<p>In closing, I understand that every school will likely be impacted by redistricting, including Alderman. I simply urge you to adjust the draconian changes currently proposed for this wonderful school. As it stands right now, Alderman, with the pairing of the Glen Meade/South Oleander population with the Houston Moore Population is a shining example of an inclusive school that is in close proximity to its students. Alderman has a great deal of momentum as a school, please don't allow the reopening of another school in the district to set Alderman back. Please do not separate planning blocks 202, 219, 220, and please keep them, along with planning blocks 200 and 201 in the Alderman school district.</p>
2019/07/17 6:21:01 PM AST	Bellamy	<p>It just doesn't make any sense. I feel like this is very detrimental to the wellbeing of the children especially for the Bellamy kids who had changed schools from K-1st already...since K is off campus. It seems like a lot of change and not for the better of the children. Schools are supposed to be neighborhood schools with kids you grow up with and from your general area not from across town. I disagree with the proposal and feel that it is not inclusive of the actual school location. Did the person who did this redistricting have the school location in mind at all?</p>
2019/07/17 6:45:59 PM AST	Bellamy, Myrtle Grove, Ashley	<p>Bottom line is unneeded redistricting disrupts the students and to some students, this is can be very severe. I understand the need to fill new schools.. this can be done over time. Redistricting will not get rid of the issues the county is trying to solve but instead create other problems that will need to be solved as well. Many people bought their homes based on school attendance zones. I do believe there will be an increase of parents pulling their children out of NHPS to home school and or send to private school. This ultimately doesn't help the school system. Please hear the parents, please take what the parents say into consideration. The parents and schools have to work together to be successful!</p>
2019/07/17 7:22:59 PM AST	Holly Tree	<p>Please allow children along holly tree road to walk to school.</p>
2019/07/17 7:28:24 PM AST	Parsley ES	<p>To whom it may concern: We live at 5460 Efird Rd. and specifically moved to the neighborhood for the Parsley. Previously, we lived downtown and had our girls at St. Mary School, and saw the Parsley difference first-hand through a friend's child. The students at St. Mary were working at levels that were inconsistent with both Parsley ES and the level of sacrifice we were making to send our two children there.</p> <p>Additionally, we are the only family with elementary-age school children in our neighborhood, and don't feel there would be much, if any benefit in redistricting us to Holly Tree.</p> <p>Please take this in consideration and allow my girls to remain where they are now comfortable and thriving.</p> <p>Sincerely, Mike Gavrillen 910-685-1318</p>
2019/07/17 8:22:24 PM AST	Pine valley	
2019/07/17 8:28:09 PM AST	Parsley, myrtle Grove, hoggard	<p>We bought our house just for the schools alone. Holly tree facility will decrease the value of our home. Plus the education that children receive there in not up to par. Please keep our school district as parsley, myrtle Grove and Hoggard. We purchased are home and paid top dollar to have our kids in a school district that doesn't depreciate their education and our cost of living home value</p>

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2019/07/17 8:57:21 PM AST	Holly Tree elementary, Roland Grise middle school, Hoggard High School	I am Stephen Olsen. I live on Warlick Dr and my children attend Holly Tree Elementary. I am very unhappy and distraught about both current redistricting proposals. My family and I just moved to Wilmington 1 year ago. The primary reason we bought our home was to be within the Holly Tree Elementary boundary. We purchased a home very close to the school in order to walk to and from it each day. Both current proposals take us out of the boundary, even though we are in easy walking distance. We have 4 small children, two of whom attended this year and they have loved it and formed lasting friendships. We feel that we have become a part of the school community. A transfer to a new school away from their neighborhood and school friends would very much negatively affect them. We hope to be able to continue to attend and be part of the Holly Tree elementary community.
2019/07/17 9:17:55 PM AST	Walter L. Parsley Elementary	I live in the Upper Reach neighborhood currently assigned to Parsley Elementary. One of the new redistricting options has us going to Winter Park Elementary, while the other has Upper Reach going to Holly Tree. We recently bought our house where we did specifically to be in the Parsley School district as our daughters were preparing to start kindergarten. We would absolutely prefer to remain in the Parsley district, but understand the redistricting need. That being said it makes no sense for our neighborhood to be assigned to Winter Park Elementary. This school is 2.2 miles from our neighborhood, while Holly Tree is 0.8 miles, and Parsley is 1.4 miles. Winter Park is more than twice the distance than Holly Tree is from the Upper Reach Neighborhood and this fact should be of great consideration when redrawing district maps. Thank you.
2019/07/17 9:34:11 PM AST	Holly Tree Elementary School	Disagree to remove some houses which is really near the school. Students who can walk to school has to use on heavy traffic road to new school every morning.
2019/07/17 9:36:37 PM AST	Holly Tree Elementary	No redistrict near the school. It does not make sense remove walking distance communities to the school.
2019/07/17 9:40:02 PM AST	Holly Tree Elementary	My kids walk to school across holly tree road. We cannot believe using college road or masonboro road in the morning which have terrible traffic instead of going to very close school. Please reconsider to make school district.
2019/07/17 10:04:45 PM AST	Murray Middle	I don't really have any feedback but I don't think this study was thought through. Are you kidding me by moving only 4 kids & now just 3 because one got approved to go back to Murray just recently the board approved. Little shocked at the awards banquet at how many kids from Murray going to Hoggard next year. Really?
2019/07/18 7:12:48 AM AST	All schools	I appreciate the opportunity to be heard. Why are we breaking up neighborhoods when what we really need to focus on is the rigid socioeconomic divide in our county. Houston Moore being sent to Alderman- why not go a mile further and send them to Holly Tree? Break up these huge divides!
2019/07/18 9:07:15 AM AST	Parsley	Please reconsider redistricting Chowning Place out of Parsley School District. We moved at the start of the 18-19 school year to that area because it was assigned to Parsley. I have three boys who will all be at Parsley for the 19-20 school year. If we are moved to Holly Tree, that will disrupt their lives again. They love Parsley and have made friends after a difficult move from a different part of the state. We will be going twice the distance to get to Holly Tree, even passing Parsley to get there if we are assigned to Holly Tree. I appreciate your attention to this matter and know it is difficult to make these changes. Thank you.
2019/07/18 10:49:11 AM AST	Holly Tree Elementary, Roland Grise Middle School	We are currently in Holly Tree district and are able to ride our bikes there by using the back entrance to the school. In both of the new options we are redistricted to Pine Valley. This would mean we would need to cross College Rd to get to school, so we could no longer ride bikes to school. Our children (we have 4) can also ride their bikes or walk to their classmates' homes. This would not be an option for most of their classmates at Pine Valley because they would be across College as well.
2019/07/18 11:23:00 AM AST	Parsley, Roland Grise and Hoggard	Hello! On the first option map we are taken from the school we can walk to (Parsley) to a school we need to bus or drive to. I heard this redistricting is to help kids attend the school closest to them, but this makes no sense to us, or the other moms I have talked to.

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2019/07/18 12:17:17 PM AST	Parsley Elementary	<p>My neighborhood elementary school has been changed multiple times since I have been in my home. It was first Winter Park then Holly Tree then Parsley. Winter Park was supposed to be closed with the move to Holly Tree, this didn't happen and Holly Tree was too small before the school was built! The board needs to think long term with the influx of new families and stop bouncing children around like ping pong balls. Think about how your children would feel. The changing social scene for these children is hard enough. Please leave Upper Reach in the school where they have been for many years, most where they started their school career.</p> <p>Sincerely, David and Terry Knuebel</p>
2019/07/18 12:28:37 PM AST	Porter's Neck Elementary and Ogden Elementary	<p>I am a resident of the Overlook community which is a newer development off of Middle Sound Loop. I have 4 year old twins who will be attending elementary school in 2020. Based on your current proposal, it seems that my children are now districted for Porters Neck Elementary. However, I want to note that my house is just a little over 1 mile from Ogden while Porter's neck is 4x that distance. If my children are districted for Porter's Neck, they will attend school with classmates that do not live in their immediate neighborhood. In addition, this will cause significant hardship to my family. My husband and I both work full time so we rely on my mother who is 76 years old to provide transportation and care to my children. She is unable to drive very far and is not able to drive on a busy road like Market Street. While I understand that bussing will likely be an option, there will be times where personal transportation will be necessary (i.e. sickness, lateness, etc). Therefore, I request that the BOE reconsider their current proposal and allow the children of the Overlook community to be districted for Ogden Elementary.</p> <p>Thanks, Connie Mudge</p>
2019/07/18 12:47:32 PM AST	Currently zoned for Alderman, Williston, NHHS	<p>If I'm interpreting the maps correctly, most of the subdivision of South Oleander is proposed to go to Alderman, Roland Grise, Hoggard. That makes so much sense to #1 keep the neighborhood together throughout K-12, and #2 send students to the schools closest to home. You will get more students attending public schools throughout their K-12 career and the consistency and close proximity will allow parents to more easily stay involved. In other words, a sense of true community will evolve! Thank you for your hard work! I'm so glad to see that politics is being taken out of the equation by using an outside agency!</p>
2019/07/18 1:36:19 PM AST	Codington & Eaton	<p>What are the plans to diversify Codington and Eaton? If you are trying to create socio-economic diversity you should start with those schools. Codington and Eaton should be required to accept a certain number (maybe 50%) of students from low income and low performing schools. If you do not agree or think it's "fair" that children in neighborhoods go to school together than how is it "fair" that students "win" by a "lottery" to go to Codington or Eaton? Students from low income homes cannot get into Codington or Eaton because a very large percentage of those seats are given to students that are not low income.</p> <p>Codington and Eaton should be required to accept 50% of students on free lunch if you really want diversity in all schools.</p>
2019/07/18 3:16:01 PM AST	Anderson, Murray, Ashley	<p>I have spoke to my kids about this and my 16-year-old and 13-year-old have shared concerns about their friends that are African American and the fact that there seems to be a great deal of segregation within their schools. It appears to be making schools less diverse.</p>

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2019/07/18 3:42:50 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary, Roland Grise Middle School, and Hoggard High Scholastic's	<p>I am extremely disappointed to see the proposed elementary and middle school redistricting maps. I am devastated to see that the idea would even be entertained to cleave our community apart. I am a resident of Pine Valley Estates Neighborhood. This is our community. My children are able to walk and/or ride bikes to the neighborhood school, Pine Valley Elementary, which is 1.01 miles from our home. The middle school, Roland Grise, which is 0.9 miles from our home. The high school, Hoggard, that is 0.4 miles from our home. This older neighborhood is a community due to the close proximity we are to each other, the great walking path around the neighborhood circle, and our elementary school, that is the heart of this 65 year plus community. Our children and the residents are close to each other across the neighborhood and interact with each other as we should to build a community for our families. I hate to see that the children my own interact with throughout are neighborhood would even have the possibility of not continuing to grow up together. That the kids they walk to play with down the street are not the ones they will see at their school. The ones they ride with to a school activity, play sports with, and even trick or treat with.</p> <p>Your redistricting website states goals that you would like to meet. I would like to know how you are meeting these by dividing up our neighborhood.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Make every effort to divide a large enough level with familiar faces." <input type="checkbox"/> - This would be our neighborhood, not chunks of it. 2. "Students should be assigned to the school within the closest proximity to their homes where possible." <input type="checkbox"/> - This would clearly not be happening for a chunk of our neighborhood. The proposed elementary would be almost 1.5 miles away and across several busy streets (especially for young school age children) from our home/community and the middle school would be about 3.5 miles away instead of the one that is less than 1 mile from our home. <p>When my children do not walk or ride their bike, they ride the bus which is a less than 5 minute ride for them. Clear lines to the school since they are extremely close and/or directly in the neighborhood.</p> <p>Clearly, the proposed redistricting options are not meeting two very important objectives that you have stated you wanted to meet. I understand the need to redistrict due to the high growth in the area. It has to happen, but it can be done in a more sensitive way as to not harm the continuity of our neighborhoods. I ask that you make changes to not cut neighborhoods apart and that you send students to their closest proximity school, especially when it is built in their neighborhood and is named after the community/neighborhood it resides in. I feel that you can still accomplish your goals by realigning your proposed lines more around the neighborhoods themselves. To not divide and break apart communities. I employ you to please NOT break apart our neighborhood. I know it is possible to figure out a more conducive way to meet all the objectives you have stated you want with out tearing apart our communities. Also, I ask that you look at your data for students that will be in elementary the 20-21 year for each section. Looking at the numbers that you have given for my area, states a population of students in the 40's, which seems extremely inflated. Many will be moving to middle school and high school between this coming school year and by the 20-21 school year. Thank you for your time and I look forward to seeing how you can address this issue to keep our communities, our neighborhoods together.</p>
2019/07/18 7:16:30 PM AST	Anderson Elementary	<p>Hello. I had submitted a form earlier, but I need to follow up regarding the school district where my daughter is located. She is currently in the Anderson Elementary district but new plans show moving her to Bellamy. My daughter has been very active with her school and participated in many, many events. This will crush her to move to a new school!!! It is NOT okay. The new proposed plans split up our neighborhood and send her to a school district a little further up the road. One thing that I would ask to anyone revising this is DO NOT SPLIT UP NEIGHBORHOODS!!!!!! You are taking kids away from their friends that they play with!!! My daughter also will be walking and riding her bike to school. She would not be able to do this moving to a further school. Please reconsider the school district plan in this regards. Thank you for your time.</p>

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2019/07/19 9:42:39 AM AST	Pine valley elementary	I think it is crazy to take the Robert E Lee loop out of PVES. Kids in this neighborhood have been walking to school there for 50 years. I know people that went to school there in 80's that now walk their own kids there. No reason to bus kids when they can safely walk to school. Hoping for the neighborhood school experience for my kids! They won't get that riding a bus to alderman. Thanks for consideration.
2019/07/19 1:59:12 PM AST	Murray	When will we know what the redistricted area looks like?
2019/07/19 2:00:43 PM AST	Holly Tree Elementary School	Please, reconsider this area. Some houses located right across holly tree should become out of this school districts. There are many holly tree students and they walk to school. This proposal is not make sense.
2019/07/19 2:03:47 PM AST	Holly Tree Elementary School	My friends' kids attend on this school. They live near the school. Many students walk to school, but they should take longer time to go to school if this proposal is passed. Please reconsider redistrict.
2019/07/19 2:06:00 PM AST	Holly Tree Elementary School	No redistrict. Kids who can walk to school have to ride on a car and to use college road which is heavy traffic. Not acceptable this proposal.
2019/07/19 2:09:50 PM AST	Parsley Elementary, Myrtle Grove Middle and Hoggard High School	<p>My utmost priority when I moved here was finding a house within the school districts: Parsley Elementary, Myrtle Grove Middle and Hoggard High school as I have children whom attend all three schools. It was a difficult decision and process finding such a house. Nonetheless, I purchased a home above my financial comfort level so that my children would attend these schools. I strongly disagree with either of your options (E1 & E2) because my children would not be able to attend the schools where they have attended since we relocated. It simply is not right to relocate children whom have established friendships and rappsorts with fellow students, teachers and administrators especially remedial and special needs students. It is not right to relocate any child to a new school for the sake of established routines and disruptive learning not to mention, psychological and social repercussions. I ask you to leave our neighborhood at its current schools. Furthermore, I bought my house because of the schools in which it is located. Redistricting our neighborhood would be detrimental not only to our established children but also to the resale of our properties. We all bought our homes with the intention of current school districts in mind and no one purchased with the hopes of redistricting. Respectfully, I suggest allowing the established children and their family to have the choice of changing schools. Give us the choice to choose as anything less wouldn't be based on our country's principles of democracy. Put the future of our children first.</p> <p>Humbly, Patrick Colbert cell# 814-243-3711 5031 Nicholas Creek Circle Wilmington, NC 28409</p>
2019/07/19 8:13:34 PM AST	Holly tree	Good evening, I am trying to figure out if the school redistring proposals are going into effect for 2020-2021 school year. Also I would like to know if you have a 5th and 3rd header would they be expected to move? Obviously no one is pleased with the prospect of being redistricted from a school they have attended for several years, especially for families that have already had significant changes in their lives. I am hopeful the children are the priority, and minimizing impact would be at the forefront.
2019/07/19 8:42:24 PM AST	Parsley	We purposely spend more money on a house to buy into the Parsley school district. We are on Lansdowne and are potentially being redistricted to Pine Valley. So now in order to stay in this district, we would need to move, and that creates another financial burden. There needs to be a process to take exception to the new district and stay in your current district understanding you won't have buses, etc.
2019/07/20 8:41:17 AM AST	Parsley	The Sawgrass community has many children and parents who moved in the area specifically for Parsley and who have many siblings who currently go there. It's where many families have gotten used to the school and staff. I personally have one child at Parsley now but 3 more who I look forward to going there in the next year and years to come. I have a son who receives speech help at Parsley who will be going to kindergarten 20-21 and it would be completely unfair to make him change schools. I do not think redistricting is a good idea. I also moved here in the last year and one of the biggest reasons we picked this house was for Parsley. Please consider all the affected families by this decision. Thanks you

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2019/07/20 8:49:18 AM AST	Parsley	<p>Please do not remove the Sawgrass subdivision from the parsley district. My daughters would be devastated as my oldest is in fourth and my youngest is starting kindergarten this year. My oldest daughter has told my youngest how amazing the school is and how excited she is that she will get to experience it. My youngest daughter already knows what teachers she is going to have and has formed relationships with them due to the policy of siblings having the same teachers. Secondly, we moved to this home specifically for the reason of attending parsley. I understand redistricting may be necessary in other areas but removing one subdivision from parsley and reassigning it to Holly tree will not accomplish anything other than angering and disenfranchising families from the New Hanover County school system even more than they already are. We literally live a 10th of a mile from parsley. I consider it asinine to drive in the opposite direction and farther to go to a lesser desired school.</p>
2019/07/20 8:56:19 AM AST	Parsley Elementary	<p>As a parent of a rising 1st grader at Parsley Elementary, and a 3 year old son who will begin kindergarten Fall of 2021, I was very disappointed to learn of the proposed redistricting plan that could change my children's school to Holly Tree Elementary.</p> <p>When my husband and I bought our home in 2009, schools were high on our list of priorities and Parsley was one of the main reasons we decided to move into our current neighborhood. I am sure Holly Tree is a fine school, but it isn't ranked 12th in the state and it isn't the school we signed up for when we made the decision to purchase a home in the Sawgrass neighborhood. Additionally, Parsley is located 1.1 miles from our home while Holly Tree is substantially farther away.</p> <p>We had a wonderful experience at Parsley last year and my daughter is very proud to be a Parsley Patriot often wearing her Parsley Elementary School t-shirt around town. During my daughter's first year of school we were fortunate enough to form friendships with children and parents from other neighborhoods within the Parsley district. It saddens me to think that those relationships could be cut short by my daughter being forced to switch schools in the middle of her elementary school career.</p> <p>When considering the proposed redistricting plans, I ask that you please consider implementing "ES Option 2" to allow our neighborhood of Sawgrass to remain in the Parsley Elementary school district. We value the leadership, education, and community we have found at Parsley and hope our children are able to continue their education as Parsley Patriots.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration, Whitney Distefano</p>
2019/07/20 9:34:31 AM AST	Parsley Elementary School	<p>The proposed re-districting changes seem to move MANY children who are in walking distance to their nearby elementary schools and place them at a school where they have to either drive or be bused to a school that is further from their home. This effects not only families with school aged children but all Wilmington commuters as well. Why would you propose a districting system that adds to our traffic problems and bus driver shortage problem? I am especially concerned about the Pine Grove Road/Oleander intersection if my neighborhood and many others in our area are re-zoned to Winterpark Elementary. These proposed changes only add to the morning traffic problems for commuters who are traveling north on Masonboro Loop/Pine Grove Dr.</p>

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2019/07/20 9:35:10 AM AST	Holly Tree Elementary	<p>Both Cropper options have numerous Holly Tree students transferring to Winter Park Elementary even though they live right across the street from Holly Tree Elementary in the Holly Glen Estates and town homes and are able to walk to school. The NHC School Board Redistricting Committee must intervene and bring some common sense and clarity to the redistricting process as it pertains to Holly Tree elementary school students.</p> <p>Ron Lafond 5218 Old Garden Rd Wilmington, NC 28403 910-399-1626</p>
2019/07/20 10:16:31 AM AST	Pine Valley Elementary	<p>Any child who lives fewer than 3-5 miles of a school and can safely walk or bike there should attend that school. I live in Pine Valley neighborhood and have biked both of my children to and from Pine Valley elementary school for 4 years on sidewalks inside the neighborhood, never on any major roads. This should continue to be the case - it is good and right. Common sense dictates that a child who lives in Pine Valley neighborhood attends Pine Valley school. This also applies to other neighborhoods and their respective schools. Additionally, Pine Valley children should attend Roland-Grise and Hoggard, both schools are nearby; residents have attended those schools for generations as is good and right. It appears that whoever designed the potential new redistricting map has never physically been in the Pine Valley neighborhood. There is a 2.5 mile loop of all connected sidewalk that leads every resident directly to the elementary school. I invite you to park your car at Pine Valley Elementary School, and then spend a mere 30 minutes of your time to pleasantly walk the Robert E Lee loop.</p>
2019/07/20 10:57:40 AM AST	Parsley	<p>We moved into Sawgrass when our little girl was born 4 years ago specifically because of Parsley. Please please please consider us when considering re-districting. We are 1 year away from sending Josephine to Parsley and the news of this possible Re-districting was a total gut-punch.</p> <p>Best regards, Matt Barbour</p>
2019/07/20 12:14:47 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary	<p>We are a three minute car ride, 10 minute bicycle ride and one and a half mile distance from Pine Valley Elementary. We live on Pettigrew Drive and redistributing would be a very poor outcome for our family considering we reside in Pine Valley.</p>
2019/07/20 2:07:41 PM AST	Parsley elementary	<p>We currently live in the upper reach Dr neighborhood. We just purchased a home here specifically to allow our children to attend Parsley elementary school. Our daughter starts kindergarten this year (2019). It would be unfair to start her there only to have to transition to a new school the following year. please keep the districts the way they Are. thank you</p>
2019/07/20 4:02:46 PM AST	Pine valley	<p>Keep neighborhood kids in their neighborhood schools- foster safer communities where neighbors know each other and look out for each other's kids.</p>

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2019/07/20 4:10:39 PM AST	Holly Tree Elementary	<p>I am writing to express my shock and disappointment that Holly Glen Townhomes and Holly Glen Cottages have been removed from Holly Tree Elementary district in the two proposed redistricting maps.</p> <p>We are 700 feet (0.13 miles) from Holly Tree Elementary School, as shown in this Google Map below. We have a school crosswalk and a crossing guard (Mr. Joe) where the neighborhood kids walk to and from school every day. The school is visible from our homes, so it is preposterous that they would have to take a 30 minute bus ride to attend a different school. I am taking into account bus stops and the gridlock traffic that exists during the school commute at 2 busy intersections: Holly Tree/Pine Grove, and Pine Grove/Oleander.</p> <p>I understand that the maps are just a "starting point" but it is alarming that both maps assign our Holly Tree neighborhood to Winter Park. Many people moved to this neighborhood so that their children could simply walk to school.</p> <p>I number of my neighbors plan to attend the August 20th meeting.</p>
2019/07/20 4:56:59 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary School	Please do not move our grandchildren away from a school they can walk to and that was built for that neighborhood.
2019/07/20 5:02:54 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary School	Please don't prevent the children at Pine Valley from being able to walk and ride their bikes to their neighborhood school! Changing commutes to school in terms of travel time and distance from home can be a great source of anxiety for an entire family.
2019/07/21 10:42:34 AM AST	Hoggard HS, Roland-Grise MS, Pine Valley ES	<p>Tradition is established over time. The children living in the neighborhood of Pine Valley have traditionally attended Pine Valley Elementary School, Roland Grise Middle School and Hoggard High School.</p> <p>Your plan to re-district is not fair to the families who have moved into the area based upon the expectation that their children will be attending these fine schools. I understand that your response may be that all schools in our county are fine schools. However, if you truly believe that this is correct, then you will agree that the plan you offer is unfair not only to the families of Pine Valley, but to ALL of the families living in New Hanover County. Therefore, you should re-district the whole of the county and provide new school assignments to everyone. If you think this is ludicrous, then re-examine the current offerings and then table the matter by scratching the proposed re-districting you offer.</p> <p>All or Nothing, MSM</p>

Dear School Board and Redistricting Committee,

I have walked my children to elementary school for years. We walk every day, no matter the temperature. (As long as it's not raining too hard!) Walking is not only very good exercise, but it allows my children (especially my middle child, who just finished Kindergarten) to expend some energy before the school day starts and I truly believe it helps my children increase their focus in the classroom. It's also a good time for conversation. It takes us about 24 minutes to walk the 1.1 miles from our home on Robert E Lee Drive to Pine Valley Elementary school. It's uninterrupted time to talk about things going on in their lives and to connect as a family.

As I reviewed the redistricting plans, which would send my half of Pine Valley neighborhood to Alderman Elementary and on to Williston Middle school, I have to say that I was upset for a variety of reasons. One was the fact that Alderman, which at 2.1 miles away is not much farther away on paper, is a world of difference for my family getting to school. Leisurely walks and talks on the sidewalk in our neighborhood would be a thing of the past. Our path to Alderman crosses busy Shipyard Blvd. and would have us traveling down Independence Blvd- not conducive to walking at all. And the extra distance makes a difference when walking- it would no longer be feasible. I think, with our society in the midst of a Childhood Obesity Crisis, children who can walk to their schools should be allowed to do so.

I made a point of reviewing the New Hanover County School Board powerpoint presentation from July 10, 2019. One important stated goal when considering school assignment was close proximity: "Students should be assigned to the school within the closest proximity to their home where possible." While it may be arguable that Alderman at 2.1 miles is not much further from my home than PVES at 1.1 miles (when you don't take into account walkability), when it comes to middle school, the difference is much greater. Our currently assigned middle school, Roland Grise, is 1.4 miles from our home. Our proposed middle school, Williston, is 5.5 miles. I noted that another stated goal is to promote clear feeder patterns- which I believe is how we ended up being proposed to the Williston district- all of Alderman Elementary is proposed to attend there. However, this goal seems to be at direct odds of the goal of close proximity- please remember that close proximity is an extremely important goal for many families- for my family it is far and away more important than my child going to the same middle school as all students from her elementary school. Also, while there are no plans that I am aware of to redistrict High School at this time, I am leery of feeder pattern "logic" that would, in the future, send my children on to New Hanover High School (5.7 miles away)- because they were already at Williston- versus Hoggard High School (1.3 miles away from our home, and very walkable with sidewalks and crosswalks.)

I understand that New Hanover County has schools, particularly elementary schools, that are underutilized and we have a new elementary school opening in the northern part of our county- students have to be moved to fill empty space and relieve overcrowding. But I ask you to consider the integrity of the Pine Valley neighborhood when making redistricting plans. It's a large neighborhood, but a cohesive one. I am deeply saddened by the idea of our neighborhood being split apart for elementary and middle school. We should be assigned as a unit. Please consider making the Pine Valley neighborhood (Robert E Lee Drive and it's surrounding streets, bordered by Shipyard, 17th, and College) into one planning block. Also, please take into account future plans to provide more school space on the south side of the county- please don't move students northward just to move them back south in a few years. Our school, PVES, is in fact the 3rd most overutilized in the county- but it is also a top performing school with a high level of diversity- it's racial balance closely matches our county as a whole. We have a jewel in Pine Valley Elementary School, and I am asking that my children be allowed to continue to walk to it each day.

Our county also, sadly, has a bus driver shortage, which has been ongoing for years. At the middle school level, I am extremely nervous about a proposal that will take my children to a school four times the distance as their currently assigned school. Already at our NHCS middle schools at dismissal time, students are being left at the school by bus

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Roland Grise Middle School

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		<p>drivers as the drivers drop off other students and come back for another route, due to the shortage of bus drivers. This is, frankly, unacceptable at present. Poor bus service is one of the reasons we currently walk to school. I am not confident that NHCS possesses the resources to quadruple the length of bus routes under this new plan for our middle schools. Where will we get the bus drivers?</p> <p>The goal of this redistricting is to relieve overcrowding and better utilize school space. That is certainly a goal that needs attention. I would feel much better about this plan (that sends my children farther from home to accomplish that goal) if it also addressed the fact that in NHCS, poverty is concentrated at a few schools, making them very poor performing and undesirable schools. Reviewing statistics of racial/economic diversity in schools, it's clear that this plan does NOT attempt to alleviate that problem- there will still be poor performing schools if this new proposal is implemented. I would be more agreeable to my children going farther away to Williston Middle School (which has an important heritage in our community) if I thought this plan would provide economic diversity there and boost its performance. As it stands, Williston will still be a high-poverty (and lower performing school) and this is not where I would choose to send my children (or any children). All children deserve better performing schools. This redistricting plan, which moves children around to make space, is short sighted in the longer-term.</p> <p>Thank you very much for reading and considering each of these points. Thank you, also, for your service to our community on the school board and redistricting committee.</p> <p>Sincerely, Amy Harley</p>

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2019/07/21 10:49:20 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary School	<p>I would like to take this opportunity to address the Redistricting Study I was made aware of on July 10, 2019. I am strongly opposed to Pine Valley Neighborhood being divided in any way and implore you to keep the Pine Valley Neighborhood districted to Pine Valley Elementary, Roland Grise Middle School, and Hoggard High School. Please consider looking outside of the neighborhood/a sensible mileage range when trying to fill other schools. I would invite each of you to come walk the neighborhood with me, as the sidewalks of Robert E. Lee Drive lead all streets directly to Pine Valley elementary school--Common sense would dictate all children in Pine Valley Neighborhood the opportunity to attend Pine Valley Elementary School.</p> <p>I am a mother of a 4 year old and a rising 3rd Grader residing in Pine Valley Neighborhood. I grew up in this neighborhood and myself attended these schools. I could and did walk and bike to all three schools growing up and my children are now able to do the same. We can and do walk, bike, and scooter regularly to and from Pine Valley Elementary School, on sidewalks the entire way in 5-10 minutes and appreciate the community of families nearby who do the same. The connectivity in this neighborhood allows for safe, community-building, cost-effective, healthy, and energy efficient transportation- all instilled in me growing up I am now able to instill in my children. Many people move to this neighborhood for the schools, us included. My 4 year old and I bike to school to eat lunch with my rising 3rd grader and her classmates, and I have been involved and volunteering at the school these past 3 years""I believe that neighborhood schools promote parent involvement""I experience that myself, see the reality of it in other neighborhood parents, and remember this to be true growing up here as well. Neighborhood schools also promote involvement in after school activities- I too experienced that in being able to participate in sports teams and academic clubs at Roland Grise and Hoggard due to proximity to my house.</p> <p>In the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, we are all aware of the expense required to get our schools up and running again. Additionally, there are many items I see are on the works necessary to keep our schools running safely and effectively""lighting, electrical, and HVAC upgrades, painting, ceiling tile replacements, and various renovations to name a few. I believe it is our responsibility as a school board, as parents, as a community, to be wise stewards of the money available for NHC schools. The cost, financially and environmentally, involved in bussing Pine Valley Neighborhood students alone great distances beyond the closest 3 schools would be high and ludicrous.</p> <p>I love the sense of community in this neighborhood. My daughter is able to bike and walk to school with friends and develop valuable relationships inside and outside of school. There are several other families of 4 year olds in the neighborhood eager to start the 2020-2021 school year together at Pine Valley Elementary School and to strip that away from us would be a travesty.</p> <p>To promote efficient transportation, parent and community involvement, extracurricular activities, wise money management, and neighborhood relationships please keep all of Pine Valley Elementary Neighborhood districted to Pine Valley Elementary, Roland Grise Middle School, and Hoggard High School.</p> <p>I am happy for you to contact me with any questions or support in this matter.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and attention to this matter, Tori Cockman</p>

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2019/07/22 10:55:26 AM AST	Holly Tree Elementary	<p>As a resident of New Hanover County I have a few concerns regarding the redistricting of Holly Tree students. I am currently living in South of Woodberry Forest area. The options that are proposed are for my children to go to Pine Valley Elementary. This would cause my elementary student along with others in my neighborhood to cross a major street and then a highway to get there. I live on the corner of Archer and Saint Francis and want my children to be safe going to school and with the morning traffic on Waltmoor and S. College Rd. it is very unsafe. We are able to walk to school or ride our bikes with the new sidewalks that were just put in. I believe the line for redistricting line should be Waltmoor & St. Francis to Joe Wheeler, everything north of that towards Holly Tree should be allowed to stay. Or go from Brookshire to Devonshire and then Lansdowne to Dover section. Or even half of Masonboro Forest goes to Parsley while the other half goes to Pine Valley. That way children will not be crossing highways or major roads to get to school, plus Masonboro Forest currently is going to Parsley Elementary School so you would only have to divide them equally between both schools.</p>
2019/07/22 12:17:29 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary and Roland Grise Middle School	<p>I am very unhappy with the proposed rezoning of the school districts. The Pine Valley subdivision should not be split into multiple school districts. All children in the Pine Valley subdivision need to go to the Pine Valley Elementary School and the Roland Grise Middle School. (These are the closest schools!)</p> <p>We are currently purchasing a home in the Pine Valley subdivision about 2 blocks away from Pine Valley Elementary School. We are doing this to help our daughter and grandchildren whom also live in the Pine Valley subdivision. Our plans were to be able to walk to the school in the afternoon to get the grandchildren while our daughter works. Now the board wants to divide the Pine Valley neighborhood and send our grandchildren farther away to school.</p> <p>My daughter now walks the kids between home and school. There are sidewalks and no busy streets to cross on their route. What great exercise! If the rezoning goes into effect, the only exercise will be getting on and off the bus! Will there be enough buses with all the other children going to school further from their home? We will be adding three more children to the bus route where as now we do not have to use the bus service at all!</p>
2019/07/22 2:11:30 PM AST	Holly Tree	<p>Wrong idea splitting up a Neighborhood causing one side of the street to go to Pine Valley and the other side of the street to Holly Tree makes no sense at all . Crossing over College Rd ? Why? Your getting middle class, mainly Caucasian kids so what's the purpose? Use main thoroughfares as dividing lines, please!</p>
2019/07/22 2:20:09 PM AST	pine valley , roland-grise	<p>Why is my choice of home under attack by other people? That is what it feels like when I hear people in the public, school board members, and NHCS county staff say that neighborhood schools are unfair and segregating. I grew up with very little, worked hard, rebuilt my house piece by piece so I could move to my current neighborhood. Now children will be bused farther away to create ethnic equity? This has zero to do with capacity and everyone knows it. Capacity requires increasing and shrinking school zones, not extending in specific directions. Will the students being bused into the school in my neighborhood also be playing in my yard or coming into my house to eat? If they are not living here they are not part of this community and by consequence not truly benefitting from what this "school neighborhood" has to offer. Your job is to make school functional, efficient, and safe. It feels like you are taking a shortcut to address statistics rather than actually look at realistic causes and solutions. It makes no difference who is on the school board or in county admin, the working class family is going to have to pay for you political and personal agendas. Spend more time developing ways to assist students in low performing areas instead of swapping them from one school to the next like some terrible shell game.</p>
2019/07/22 2:28:57 PM AST	Holly Tree Roland Grise	

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2019/07/22 2:39:00 PM AST	Holly Tree ES	Both of the ES Options take the Holly Glen Subdivision out of the Holly Tree Elementary School district and put it in the Winter Park Elementary School District. This makes no sense in regards to the proximity of Holly Tree Elementary School and the Holly Glen Subdivision and that many families purchased homes in the Holly Glen subdivision based on the fact that the kids can walk to school at Holly Tree Elementary. This change would also negatively affect our home values for resale purposes in the future.
2019/07/22 2:40:27 PM AST	Currently zoned for Pine Valley, being redistricted to Sunset Park possibly	I am highly concerned at our neighborhood being assigned to a school so far away when the one close to us would allow for walking or biking to school. Helping both the environment and family health. Significant concerns in the school ratings comparisons.
2019/07/22 2:45:42 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary	We have three children and bought our house in walking distance to the school because having a close knit neighborhood school and community was very important. We are currently very disappointed to see the prospect of being redistricted away from our school to Sunset Park where our kids would have to bus or be driven and would not be in school with neighborhood friends they know and love.
2019/07/22 2:45:52 PM AST	Holly Tree	Please consider the children that you previously moved in your small scale redistricting while doing the middle school maps. These few children already had to leave their school and everyone they knew in elementary school. It would be very hard and unfair for this same group to be forced to yet again leave all of their friends and support system in the middle of their middle school years. I know you have a tough job to do but keep this small group in mind. It's not fair to be moved not only every time you redistrict but in between when special redistricting is done of a tiny group
2019/07/22 3:00:45 PM AST	Pine Valley	We love our school, plus it's less than a mile away.
2019/07/22 5:37:39 PM AST	Hoggard	I don't feel it's necessary to redistrict the schools in New Hanover County. This is a waste of time, money and valuable resources. It will lessen parents involvement in school activities and exhaust our children. It may negatively impact home values which isn't fair to home owners who have made substantial investments in the Pine Valley area. Our area has enjoyed substantial growth as a result of the higher taxes that we pay, as such we deserve access to better schools. Our children don't have access to grants and free services that many low income children do.
2019/07/22 5:47:10 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary - Roland Grise - Hoggard	I believe the districts for these schools should stay as is. Many of us purchased our homes specifically for these districts, as we felt they offer better opportunities than other schools in the Wilmington area. We forge relationships with teachers and other faculty over the years and, more importantly, so do our children.
2019/07/22 5:53:17 PM AST	Pine Valley	Please address the traffic and road conditions at Pine Valley before adding any more students. It is utter chaos and no one and I mean no one will listen. I have addressed it with NHCS, NH Sherriffs Office, City of Wilmington along with admin at PVES. It is a matter of time before someone is injured or Killed. I know this isn't the platform but please listen up.
2019/07/22 6:39:54 PM AST	Pine valley Elementary	The proposed options put us 1 street outside of the PV district. We purchased our home with thoughts of accompanying our children, now 4 and 1, to school on bikes or on foot, with their friends from the streets that surround us. Our home's proximity to PV Elementary was a top priority for us as we fully intend to also be active volunteers at our kids' school. Convenience is essential for this in our ever so busy and non-stop lives. Not attending a school that is located on a connecting sidewalk to our front door, less than a mile away, is both absurd and unacceptable. The proposed changes will have a lasting negative impact to these children, robbing many of them of the opportunities to start their days active as they cycle to their neighborhood school with friends from that very same neighborhood. The proposed options will force my family and many others who also chose to start families in the Pine Valley neighborhood to uproot our families and find new homes in neighborhoods that provide to opportunities for our children that we, as parents, have committed to providing for them.

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2019/07/22 7:05:30 PM AST	Pine valley	We live in pine valley with the thoughts and plans that we can walk to Pine Valley school. It's sad to think this may change and on top that my neighbors kids could go to another school. Very disappointing. Please reconsider how this changes really effect a subdivision. Thank you Nilesh
2019/07/22 7:20:45 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary	The Redistricting is horrible. It makes no sense. Please do not make my daughter travel by bus across town to a horrible school when PVES is a mile down the road. My daughter has already completed kindergarten at Pine Valley and will be going there in the fall for first grade. Do not rip her from her comfort zone!
2019/07/22 7:39:19 PM AST	Roland grise & Hoggard	Do not split pine valley.
2019/07/22 8:07:58 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary	I'd like to say that neighborhood school are the way to go with the best interest of the students and parent involvement. Keep school close by so our children can walk and ride bikes to school. Not only for the fitness aspect and keeping obesity at bay. For the bonding that parents and grandparents can have with the student on their way to and from school. In addition to the independence that can come to the older kids whom are able to begin walking and riding to school with their siblings and friends. Friendship and bonding is SO important for a healthy upbringing. When school is close by it's that much easier to get parent involvement at school and the PTA and our students and teachers need as much support as possible!!
2019/07/23 12:12:44 AM AST	Pine Valley, Codington	The purposed zoning for my neighborhood does not meet ANY of the objectives that are trying to be achieved with this plan. In fact, in any way you look at it, we are getting the hardest hit across all facets of the listed objectives. This is a disgrace in so many ways. I can't even begin to summarize each issue I have but will be writing and attending all public meetings to voice my concerns. Sincerely, A Very Concerned Carriage Hills Community member.
2019/07/23 6:53:23 AM AST	Holly Tree Elementary	Both Cropper options have numerous Holly Tree students transferring to Winter Park even though they live right across the street (Holly Tree) in the Holly Glen Estates and town homes and are able to walk to school. This is a gross oversight and reflects poor decision making by the contractor. The NHC School Board must intervene and bring some common sense and clarity to the redistricting process as it pertains to Holly Tree elementary school students.
2019/07/23 7:11:02 AM AST	Parsley	My neighborhood is literally behind parsley! I can bike ride my kids to school from my house in under 10 minutes! Please don't make my daughter change school after her first year!! I am two minutes from parsley so I am so confused why we would even be considered to change our school!!!!
2019/07/23 9:44:31 AM AST	Carolina Beach Elementary, Murray Middle School	I like ES Option 1. I am a Realtor. I believe in community schools. I do not like seeing that kids on one side of a street will go to one school when the kids on the other side of the street go to another school.
2019/07/23 11:55:26 AM AST	Parsley Elementary	In reviewing the maps, the Parsley district changes effectively removed many of the most affordable housing areas from its district and included one of the most expensive and elite housing communities in the area, Helms Port. Utterly ridiculous!
2019/07/23 12:42:13 PM AST	Walter Parsley Elementary	My family moved across town, further from our jobs and our kids' current preschool to give them the chance to attend Parsley Elementary. We currently reside on the portion of Antler Drive that is getting cut out. Parsley is our neighborhood school, as it is only 1.7 miles from our home, a bike ride away. This will put our child starting out his kindergarten year in one school, an already big transition, only to move again in first grade to a school that is almost 3 miles away. These initial lines appear to have been drawn to exclude houses closes to the school and exchanging them for more expensive neighborhoods located more than 3 miles away from the school.

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2019/07/23 1:03:22 PM AST	Parsley Elementary School	<p>Hi, I live in the Upper Reach neighborhood (Mackenzie Drive), currently districted for Parsley Elementary School. I respectfully oppose the current redistricting study proposals because they would remove Upper Reach from Parsley's district.</p> <p>I first learned of the redistricting proposals the same week I received letters from Parsley welcoming my child to kindergarten and informing us of plans for play dates with future classmates. My excitement in getting ready for my child's kindergarten year is now bittersweet, knowing that he may have to start over again. My older children both attended Parsley and were happy there. I recommend that Upper Reach families remain in Parsley's district.</p> <p>Having looked at both redistricting proposals I will concede that Option 2, which redistricts us for Holly Tree Elementary School, at least makes some reasonable sense for Upper Reach because Holly Tree is nearby and about the same distance as Parsley.</p> <p>Most of my opposition is for Option 1, which would redistrict our neighborhood to a school nearly twice as far away. The proposed redistricting lines appear to scoop out the Upper Reach subdivision in an odd way to be in Winter Park Elementary School's district. It makes no sense, as Upper Reach is smack dab in between Holly Tree and Parsley. Close proximity to school is important. From a logistics standpoint of transporting my child to and from school daily for 180 days each year, adding extra distance and time will affect our family and work. (Also, traffic on Pine Grove toward Oleander is already backed up in the mornings. Redistricting Upper Reach to Winter Park could further clog that route and present new traffic challenges.)</p> <p>Please let me know what else I can do to voice my opinion on this matter.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Michelle Saxton</p>
2019/07/23 1:26:52 PM AST	Holly Tree Elementary	<p>I am writing to express my shock and disappointment that Holly Glen Townhomes and Holly Glen Cottages have been removed from Holly Tree Elementary district in the two proposed redistricting maps.</p> <p>We are 700 feet (0.13 miles) from Holly Tree Elementary School, as shown in this Google Map below. We have a school crosswalk and a crossing guard (Mr. Joe) where the neighborhood kids walk to and from school every day. The school is visible from our homes, so it is preposterous that they would have to take a 30 minute bus ride to attend a different school. I am taking into account bus stops and the gridlock traffic that exists during the school commute at 2 busy intersections: Holly Tree/Pine Grove, and Pine Grove/Oleander.</p> <p>I understand that the maps are just a "starting point" but it is alarming that both maps assign our Holly Tree neighborhood to Winter Park. Many people moved to this neighborhood so that their children could simply walk to school.</p>

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2019/07/23 2:31:56 PM AST	Alderman Elementary, Willison Middle, New Hanover High	<p>About 4 years ago, a group of South Oleander parents who were about to have Kindergarteners said "We're not going to keep up this pattern of most of the kids in the neighborhood going to private school. We are going to Alderman and we are going to make it better." You now have a number of students at Alderman who would otherwise be at Cape Fear Academy or New Horizons, because parents in the neighborhood have been recruiting our peers - many of whom themselves went to Cape Fear Academy as students because it was "better" - to join us at Alderman rather than run to the comfort of a cushy private school. Additionally, now their younger siblings are starting to enter Kindergarten, increasing the South Oleander presence at the school. We have been working so hard to turn Alderman around, and we have been successful. An Alderman Assistant Principal got teary-eyed and choked-up last year when he and I were talking about folks from the neighborhood getting back to sending their kids to Alderman. He teared-up and said how great it is, how much things are improving because of our involvement and the leadership of Principal Tayloe. I never thought I'd fight for my kids to stay at a school where every student is on free lunch and every student is given a free jacket. But that diversity is awesome, it is great to see my sons exposed to it. You have kids from Houston Moore playing in South Oleander after school with their buddies from class. It is beautiful. And we are all so proud of what we are building at Alderman. If the Board elects to move South Oleander students over to Forest Hills, the Board will see an increased number of parents electing to send their children to private school.</p> <p>The current redistricting proposal appears to do nothing to address the clustering of low-income/high-minority student populations in the mid-town area elementary schools, and will continue to attract more-affluent incoming residents to the districts in the northeast and eastern parts of the county with higher-rated school districts. Wash, rinse, and repeat.</p>
2019/07/23 3:09:23 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary	I specifically purchased my home in the Pine Valley neighborhood with the school district in mind. It doesn't make logical sense to send my children to a school that requires travel across two busy roads when there is a school within walking distance inside my neighborhood. I would have strong concerns about my children attending Williston Middle, so our family would likely move prior to our oldest entering middle school, which would mean a school change for my youngest. My neighbors without children are concerned about their property value.
2019/07/23 3:40:05 PM AST	Pine Valley, Roland-Grise and Hoggard	Anyone who lives within walking, biking, or close driving distance (within approximately 8 miles) should NOT be transferred to a school farther away. Close proximity allows for safe, community-building, cost-effective, healthy, and energy efficient transportation, and also promotes involvement in school and after school activities. One of the 2016-2020 New Hanover Co. Schools goals is to "Strengthen family, community and business partnerships through mutual collaboration and communication." <input type="checkbox"/> This goal can be best met by allowing children to attend the schools that are close to their homes.
2019/07/23 10:02:19 PM AST	Holly Tree	I do not think you should divide neighborhoods on a block by block basis nor make children in kindergarten and elementary school cross a four lane divided highway just to reach their bus stop. Moving large percentages of students in one year is especially damaging to any cohesiveness a school can build. These types of large changes cannot be done in one year.
2019/07/24 11:02:31 AM AST	Parsley	I feel that the redistricting is not needed and will end up causing problems for many families. I happened to have just purchased a lot within the current Parsley Elementary boundaries with the intent to build a new home on it and be able to keep my child in the same school that she currently attends. But now both of the redistricting options would have my child attending a different school.
2019/07/24 11:15:40 AM AST	Pine valley elementary	The redistricting should encompass "neighborhood" <input type="checkbox"/> schools
2019/07/24 11:14:28 PM AST	Pine valley	There is no way we here at carriage hills will let our children go to a school that is not up to academic levels. We have \$35000. Homes here and no way are our children go to a neighborhood of homes < \$10,000. Trash . If you need to bring that school up increase it's budget , but no way this will drop the value of our homes.

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2019/07/25 6:38:30 AM AST	Bradley Creek Elementary	Please do not redistrict along Eastwood through Wrightsville avenue to College Park Elementary, keep these students at Bradley Creek Elementary.

Dear Board,

Below are some thoughts expressed by husband. I chosing to adopt them as my own, because while Im certainly capable of expressing my own opinion, I couldn't have said it better myself! We are of a like mind when it comes to the current redistricting map and how it would affect Alderman Elementary ...

When my family and I moved to New Hanover County two years ago, we were warned repeatedly about the challenge of public schooling here. We were told, in essence, that we would be forced to make a difficult choice between the quality of our own children's education, on the one hand, and our commitment to racial and cultural diversity, as well equal opportunity for all God's children, on the other. You shouldn't live in certain parts of the city, they said, unless you can afford private school. We can't. And we don't want that for our children anyway.

I want to tell you how pleased I am to have found that, at least in my experience, those first voices we heard were wrong! I have a rising 5th grader at Alderman Elementary now and a kindergartener who will join her in the fall. At Alderman we have found a wonderful combination of quality education and real diversity, powered by great teachers and a wonderful principal, and supported" crucially!" by committed parents. I am so proud of Alderman and the great strides we've made. We're getting everything a great public elementary school should have.

I am concerned, however, that the proposed redistricting plan" if I understand it correctly" runs the risk of hurting this careful balance and positive momentum that has characterized Alderman through the past few years. Sending a large group of my children's friends across Oleander Drive (which certainly seems a natural sort of boundary line) to Forest Hills holds the potential to undermine much of the success Alderman has had of late, cutting out a large swath of committed parents who are willing volunteers and Alderman's greatest cheerleaders. Let's not undercut a great example of the very thing we're all trying to achieve: great public education and opportunity for all God's children.

I appreciate the difficulty of your task (which is really our task, everyone's, as citizens). I know the work of change" even necessary change" is difficult. Inevitably, some will be upset. Still, I want to ask you to consider the goals and guidelines of the redistricting process and decide whether there might be a less disruptive (and ultimately more successful) approach to the task, one that let's Alderman continue on the successful road it's been on, bringing different people together for the common good of our children.

Thanks for your time,

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Alderman Elementary

Rev. Daniel F. Lewis, D.Min.

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		Pastor, First Presbyterian Church 125 S. 3rd St. Wilmington, NC 28401

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I want to tell you how pleased I am to have found that, at least in my experience, those first voices we heard were wrong! I have a rising 5th grader at Alderman Elementary now and a kindergartener who will join her in the fall. At Alderman we have found a wonderful combination of quality education and real diversity, powered by great teachers and a wonderful principal, and supported" crucially!" by committed parents. I am so proud of Alderman and the great strides we've made. We're getting everything a great public elementary school should have.

I am concerned, however, that the proposed redistricting plan" if I understand it correctly" runs the risk of hurting this careful balance and positive momentum that has characterized Alderman through the past few years. Sending a large group of my children's friends across Oleander Drive (which certainly seems a natural sort of boundary line) to Forest Hills holds the potential to undermine much of the success Alderman has had of late, cutting out a large swath of committed parents who are willing volunteers and Alderman's greatest cheerleaders. Let's not undercut a great example of the very thing we're all trying to achieve: great public education and opportunity for all God's children.

I appreciate the difficulty of your task (which is really our task, everyone's, as citizens). I know the work of change" even necessary change" is difficult. Inevitably, some will be upset. Still, I want to ask you to consider the goals and guidelines of the redistricting process and decide whether there might be a less disruptive (and ultimately more successful) approach to the task, one that let's Alderman continue on the successful road it's been on, bringing different people together for the common good of our children.

Thanks for your time,

Rev. Daniel F. Lewis, D.Min.

Pastor, First Presbyterian Church

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2019/07/26 1:07:51 PM AST	Bradley Creek	<p>There are many families effected by the redistricting that will negatively impact Bradley Creek Elementary. Specifically Hooker Road and Cavalier Woods. Please reconsider those lines to allow those families to stay at Bradley Creek.</p>
2019/07/26 5:21:47 PM AST	Alderman Elementary	<p>Alderman Elementary is a shining example of excellence in the NHCS system. It is rich in diversity, rooted by its relationships with the surrounding community churches and businesses and is a stable and loving learning environment for every student that it serves. To see children from different socioeconomic backgrounds learning daily from each other, growing together is truly a rarity and should be used as a model for other schools in our system. Please reconsider the proposed redistricting plans and keep our school thriving.</p>
2019/07/26 7:07:28 PM AST	Anderson Elementary	<p>We utilize the aftercare program offered at Anderson because it is extremely affordable for my family. If you make my child go to Bellamy, which doesn't offer an aftercare program, then the NHC school board will be putting a financial strain on my family. Please think about all of the families you will be affecting if this change takes place. We love Anderson. Thank you!</p>
2019/07/26 11:29:31 PM AST	Pine valley	
2019/07/26 11:45:57 PM AST	Pine valley	<p>I have worked hard for my house here in carriage hills by redistricting to sun set park which is a very different life style and class would be a shock to our kids and Our neighborhood is \$250000.-4000000. Homes we take care Of with professional people and higher class this is not going to fly. Push sunset park boundaries north where there is same income as sunset park.we have lost so many neighbors with kids because of new hanover high school boundaries where there is a relatively great high school not far away . This has to stop!!!! busing our kids all new hanover just to satisfy some people in office forget it.thes kids need to stay and go to neighborhood schools. What's happened to common sense?</p>
2019/07/27 7:43:59 AM AST	I do not work at a school.	<p>I live in Carriage Hills. Both proposals includes bussing kids to Sunset Park. I moved to this neighborhood so kids could ride their bikes to school. There are two elementary schools within a short distance, Pine Valley and Covington, but the proposal is to haul the kids off to another school, farther away. I find this to be unacceptable. This does not live up to the "close proximity"□ guiding principle listed on your website.</p> <p>Currently our students are bussed across town to Williston and Ashley, even though there are closer options. Now, you want to bus them all over town for elementary school as well. How does this live up to "close proximity?"□. I also would have to believe that bussing would be expensive and not in line with efforts to reduce economic impact.</p> <p>I sure hope consideration is given regarding the collective impact of districting. One neighborhood should not have to be bused all over for elementary, middle, and high school. This is what appears to be proposed for our neighborhood and is unacceptable.</p>

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2019/07/27 9:39:06 AM AST	Pine Valley	Supposedly, our kids would be redistricted to sunset park elementary while we live literally around the corner from pine valley elementary and their aftercare is right around the corner as well. If this redistrict happens, my kids won't have transportation from school to aftercare. This gives very little time for parents to decide what to do with their living situation and aftercare for their kids.
2019/07/27 12:13:02 PM AST	Bellamy, Anderson, Myrtle Grove, and ashi	I don't think students should be bused out of their home school. However, the issue greater than that; make affordable housing throughout the county, not just in specific areas, which will then allow for natural diversity.
2019/07/27 4:50:15 PM AST	Pine valley	My child rides his bike to school and we want to continue that through middle school and high school. Pine valley should not be redistricted to a school he can't safely ride his bike too. Why would you move this neighborhood to a school that's not in our neighborhood? I don't understand the thinking behind this! Makes no sense!!!
2019/07/27 4:55:32 PM AST		I grew up in wilmington born in 83-i grew up on Wrightsville Avenue very near cape fear hospital and attended college Park elementary school, Virgo middle school and new Hanover high school. I was bussed clearly across town to illogical locales for middle and high school, spending an unreasonable amount of time on busses every day. With growing expectations of homework for even the youngest grades and a national childhood obesity epidemic, this excess time and money spent bussing is costing children much needed time at home. There are better ways to increase diversity in schools than bussing students out of the immediate radius around a school. In addition, we are a young family with 2 children and have purchased our home in pine valley where the district lines have placed our section of the neighborhood in the district for our current schools for years which is WHY we decided to live there. We are able to bike with our children to all 3 locations, and hope that logic will guide redistricting at this time allowing us to attend schools in a 3 mile radius from our home. Marie Gephart, 314 Pettigrew Dr.
2019/07/27 11:55:44 PM AST	Pb	What are you thinking ? Taken children from an extreme. Upper class Neighborhood to a low class
2019/07/28 10:07:32 AM AST	Pine valley, Roland gross, Hoggard	It is imperative that our children remain in the currently zoned pine valley community schools.
2019/07/28 10:24:09 AM AST	pine valley	Pine valley homes south of college rd should stay together with no major road to pass walking or biking or even by car.
2019/07/28 9:42:53 PM AST	Parsley	As a parent and homeowner resident of the Andrews Reach neighborhood, I'm strongly in support of the status quo. My children plan to walk to school given our close proximity to it and we highly value the educational opportunities Parsley offers. Our home value depends on this school district as well" which is why just one year ago we specifically moved to this school zone when we relocated to Wilmington. We highly value education and spent nearly a year to find a home in this school zone. Please sod not remove Andrews Reach from the Parsley school zone.
2019/07/29 9:54:16 AM AST	Pine Valley Elementary School	Any child who lives within 3-4 miles of a school he or she can safely walk or bike to, should in fact be able to attend that school.
2019/07/29 11:43:10 AM AST	Holly Tree	<p>It would be wonderful if you could consider keeping all of the subdivisions that run off Holly Tree road, within the Holly Tree ES district. (Holly Downs, Holly Glen, etc)</p> <p>This would be map 'ES Option 2' with a small modification to include the Holly Glen and Warlick Estate subdivisions. There are a number of factors that may not be evident from viewing the maps alone, that may be worth consideration.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Many of the children from these communities are currently walked\biked to school, as evidenced by the existing crossing guard on the Holly Tree crossing. In fact, to leave these subdivisions, you need to pass Holly Tree ES. 2) The YWCA, located a block away (cnr Sth College and Holly Tree Road) from Holly Tree school serves as the local child care and after school program for many children who feed into, or attend Holly Tree. This YWCA provides transportation from Holly Tree, but not Winter Park. Many children from these subdivisions are enrolled in the YWCA for this reason. <p>Thanks you for your time.</p>

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2019/07/29 12:18:48 PM AST	Holly Tree Elementary	<p>Please, please follow your guiding principles in this Study which seek to Minimize impact to students and assure Close Proximity where possible. What a wonderful situation we currently enjoy where Holly Tree Elementary is directly across Holly Tree Road from Holly Glen Townhomes and Holly Glen Cottages. School days are just great with students, parents and guardians, crossing guards, and deputy sheriffs assuring the safe short walk to their elementary school. Please do not take this away.</p> <p>Turner Wortham 4915 Whitner Drive Holly Glen Townhomes</p>
2019/07/29 2:42:46 PM AST	Wiliston middle school	
2019/07/29 3:50:14 PM AST	Pinve valley Elem; Roland Grise and Hoggard	<p>From the information I have read, redistricting would not solve the overcrowding in our Wilmington schools. The resourcing of our schools, across the board, is the bigger and more impactful issue. It looks like you are planning for growth by sacrificing the school paths of our current students and residents (property owners). The only change I see and hear, is that supportive and active parents are considering private school options. With such a trend, we are reducing the supplemental supportive help and resource going to our public schools.</p>
2019/07/29 4:21:05 PM AST	Parsley	<p>It's going to be hard to consider the implications of the redistricting for the middle schools with an updated map and information about the demographics.</p>
2019/07/29 5:08:20 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary School	<p>When looking to purchase a home in this community, we consider the school district as a top priority. We found a home on Robert E. Lee Dr. within the Pine Valley area which would plan to send our children to PVES 1.6 miles away, then Rolland Grice 1.7 miles away, then Hoggard 1.0 miles away. When it came time to send my child to Kindergarten, many pre-k parents questioned me "Did you apply for X, Y, or Z school?" Even though I knew I wanted my child to attend the elementary school in our neighborhood, I reached out to parents whom I respected and ultimately decided that we did in fact, want our child to attend a school within our community. A community where I know the teachers, where neighbors look out for children, and know them by name. Safety is very important to my family and we felt that keeping my child within a neighborhood, where it does take a village, would be in his best interest. I looked forward to him continuing his education with these same neighbors throughout middle and high school. Either of your proposed redistricting plans, would send my child to a new school (Alderman) during his 3rd grade year. Although still close, this school is further away (1.8 miles), and more importantly may feed him into different middle or high schools, much further than our currently districted schools. We appreciated your community-based plan, and hope you will take into account that by moving the small number of kids that live on Robert E. Lee Drive and within this section of Pine Valley, you are breaking up this community. Not only would moving to Alderman impact my child changing schools, it may have great impacts on after school care as well. I believe in public education and I support redistricting however, I believe this plan could be better accomplished by taking a harder look at new neighborhoods, new apartment buildings, and what true communities already exist. We love our pine valley school, it is one that we currently bike to, ride our golf cart to, and walk to. These things would change significantly for our family, as there isn't a safe sidewalk from Pine Valley Drive to Independence Blvd. Thank you for your time, I know how much work are put into these proposals. Lisa Edgerton</p>

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2019/07/30 1:39:58 PM AST	Parsley	<p>Please take into consideration Andrews Reach neighborhood be included in Parsley Elementary school district when redistricting. Our neighborhood is WALKING distance from Parsley. We have been told that after the City Walk is complete there will be a sidewalk directly from Andrews Reach Loop Rd and Parsley Elementary. We have enjoyed biking/walking to school since our move to this neighborhood. Also, due to the growth of our area, it makes it exceptionally difficult to take a left out of Andrews Reach neighborhood during school hours, which would be a necessity if redistricted to Holly Tree. Our community neighborhood is small and should have little affect on overcrowding from a redistricting perspective. Please consider these findings when plans move forward. Thank you. Sarah Williamson</p>
2019/07/30 3:12:22 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary, Roland Grise, Hoggard	<p>I grew up in a different state, that has a very good educational system. That system uses neighborhood schools that are located in the geographic region that the students live in. This makes logistical sense because it allows for students to commute to school by walking or riding a bike instead of relying on cars. I am concerned that my daughters will need to commute across town in what appears to be a random drawing for what neighborhoods attend what schools. With Wilmington projected to grow very rapidly, keeping students in neighborhood schools would cut down on the commute times and also improve the commutes for the rest of the city. Wilmington should be looking towards building new schools to prepare for the growing community rather than shuffling the schools each neighborhood would attend. The students should be the priority and making them move to a new school that is far from their homes is just not fair to the them. Do the right thing and return to neighborhood schools.</p>

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2019/07/31 10:12:36 AM AST	Parsley	<p>We live 1.2 miles away from Parsley Elementary, and in both options we are redistricted to Holly Tree. This makes no sense to me. We would have to drive PAST Parsley to get to Holly Tree. I am a teacher within the county and know firsthand the importance of an elementary school setting for young children. We purchased our home in our current neighborhood (1.2 miles away from Parsley) because we wanted our children to go to the neighborhood school. Elementary school encompasses many formative years in a child's life and to remove students who have successfully attended their current school will create upheaval on many levels. New friends, new bus routes, new teachers, new routine. I am completely against both options for redistricting and believe anyone within 1.5-2 miles of an elementary should be able to stay at their current elementary school.</p>
2019/07/31 1:48:59 PM AST	Alderman Elementary	<p>Alderman Elementary already has a diverse population, involvement from parents and the local community (First Baptist Church), proximity to students' homes, a dedicated PTA, and a wonderful principal who has instituted so many improvements such as access to technology. We have been pointed to as a shining example of diversity and involvement, please Keep Alderman Together during the redistricting process.</p>
2019/07/31 4:12:49 PM AST	Pine valley	<p>This is really insane. We have families in the pine valley neighborhood that could literally walk their kids to school that wouldn't be going to that school!?! Come on school board, you can do better than that!</p>
2019/07/31 4:53:49 PM AST 2019/07/31 4:55:24 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary	<p>We intentionally purchased a home in the Pine Valley neighborhood based on the current school districts. The Pine Valley community and school has always been a well diverse neighborhood organically. My daughter has attended three years of school at PVES in which we saw no signs of over crowding. She has never had more than 19 students in her class.</p> <p>Physical proximity: Our home is located 0.4 miles away from PVES. We can walk to school and completely avoid relying on school transportation (Pine Valley currently uses 2 buses). Neighborhood schools with good reputations actually drive home prices up! This has been seen in the surrounding areas for the last year and proven more recently in 2019, with 30 homes sales in Pine Valley neighborhood from May 1st, 2019 -July 31, 2019.</p> <p>Sending your children to a neighborhood school has large and lasting effects on their lives. Neighborhood schools quickly foster friendships that exceed beyond the classroom, allowing communities to come together.</p>

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2019/07/31 7:31:19 PM AST	Holly tree	One of the stated "guiding priorities" for this redistricting is stated to be "proximity to school." By taking Holly Tree elementary out of the Holly Glenn / cottages at Holly Tree school district you are taking that away from our tight community. We let our children walk to school, say hello and wave to the crossing guard on the way into our drive ways. To take that away from our community would be devastating. Please keep Holly Tree Elementary in the Holly Glenn townhomes/ Cottages of Holly tree.
2019/07/31 7:38:46 PM AST	Noble	We need proposed Middle School maps. You've only posted Elementary. If I've missed them I apologize and provide direct link, if they're just not there, please explain.
2019/07/31 8:51:27 PM AST	Bellamy, MGMS, Ashley	I know redistricting has to be done to make schools more balanced and I am 100% for that. My biggest hope/wish/concern is that once decisions are made, exceptions will NOT be made. This will all be for naught if parents can request the opportunity to remain or have siblings grandfathered. Best of luck to all those involved.
2019/08/01 1:11:14 PM AST	Holly Tree EM	Hello, I am a parent of a current HT Elementary student. While my student is not affected by the proposed elem redistricting options due to age, our address falls into the affected area (so I am writing on behalf of my neighborhood and my status as a homeowner.) My front door to HTES front door is exactly .2 miles, and I can literally see the school from my home. (This was an enormous decision in purchasing my home, as a home based worker.) Our address would be redistricted to Winter Park under both proposed new maps, despite being within (literal) shouting distance to Holly Tree. While I do not have any issues with WPES, I do have concerns that moving children to another school when they are within walking distance to their current school is an error. It requires more reliance on cars and buses, in an age when we should be encouraging walking, biking, and positive social interaction whenever possible. (Health and environmental benefits.) I feel strongly that any child that could safely walk to a school (perhaps within a .5 or .75 mile distance) should be districted for that school. The new and proposed maps do a relatively good job of placing elem schools in a moderately central location of their district, with a few exceptions (Holly Tree included.) As a homeowner, I am also concerned that this could negatively impact home values within my little pocket neighborhood, which is currently filled with HTES students (and their families who moved here specifically for this school.) The school is a central part of our community and children's lives, and I would love to see that continue for future generations of our students. Thank you for your time. Elisabeth Baynard
2019/08/01 1:17:38 PM AST	Holly Tree	Apologies for a second email....I wrote earlier to express concerns with my address being redistricted from Holly Tree to Winter Park, but neglected to include the address! I live on Whitner Drive, in the Holly Glen neighborhood directly across HT Rd from HT Elem. The neighborhood streets in question that I feel should still attend HTES are as follows: Whitner Dr, Gorham, Montford, and Warlick. And the part of Wallington that crosses HT Rd and is included in the Holly Glen and Warlick neighborhoods. The vast majority of children on these streets walk or ride bikes to school, alleviating reliance on cars or buses, and promoting positive lifestyle habits of being active and getting some independence to walk home with friends and neighbors. With appreciation, Elisabeth Baynard (again).
2019/08/01 3:48:21 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary	It would be insane to move the children out of Pine Valley to Alderman!! How crazy would it be to be 2 blocks from a wonderful school that you can walk to to one that you would have to be bused to????!!!
2019/08/01 4:06:20 PM AST	Pine Valley, Roland Gruse, Hoggard	PLEASE do not disrupt our neighborhood school. Our children walk to PV. R G is 5 minutes away, busing to Williston will drive the PV children to private schools just like many of the children at Alderman now go to private schools to keep from attending Williston.
2019/08/01 4:40:56 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary, Hoggard	Removing students from their neighborhood to allow for other students to replace them from another neighborhood is not a recipe for improvement in education. Develop programs that allow for exposure to other areas across the county; focus on ensuring that the educational materials provided are consistent in all schools; provide our educators with additional support to continue their own education and keep them passionate for their craft. Moving young people around will not fix the primary problems that our students and their teachers are facing.

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2019/08/01 4:56:29 PM AST	Pine alley	Please reconsider bussing children who live in Pine Valley to other schools. That would be a very poor decision. So many people live here so their kids can walk & ride bikes to PV School. This move would also devalue our homes. Please reconsider!
2019/08/01 11:41:44 PM AST	Parsley	We live in Andrews Reach and we have major concerns over the redistricting study. We would love to stay in the Parsley district for many reasons, with one of the main being NEIGHBORHOOD schools. We live 3/10 mile from the school with a promised sidewalk joining our neighborhood to the school. We also believe that keeping Andrews Reach in the Parsley district would keep our kids safer (traffic/bus routes). We believe in neighborhood schools and think leaving Andrews Reach in the Parsley district would keep up with that desire of many of the school board members as well. We are sad to see that a consulting group can come in and possibly take Andrews Reach out of a school that we have all learned to love and be a huge part of. Please reconsider and we vote to leave Andrews Reach in the Parsley district. We would love to discuss this further and voice our concerns/thoughts with any and all board members. Please give us a chance and keep Andrews Reach in Parsley.
2019/08/01 11:47:26 PM AST	Parsley	Recently it came to my attention that the Andrews Reach neighborhood was potentially going to be redistricted out of the Parsley school district. I'm a big believer, as is the Board, in neighborhood schools and can't see how removing our neighborhood that will be connected by a sidewalk soon is in line with wanting neighborhood schools. Our entrance does not have a traffic light, so turning left across traffic is difficult and dangerous during school mornings. For the safety of our kids and our neighborhood and keeping neighborhood schools a reality, I ask that you leave the Andrews Reach neighborhood in the Parsley school district where it rightfully belongs with all of its neighbors and friends.
2019/08/02 10:03:32 AM AST	Ogden, Noble	We live in a Bayshore Estates and have twin daughters that will be in 3rd grade this year. I completely understand the need to redistrict but the girls have spent four years at Ogden. I'm very involved in the PTA. I suggest that they be grandfathered in or keep Bayshore in Ogden. It is unfair that all this new development should push out the established neighborhoods. Thank you for your time. Sarah Pepper
2019/08/02 4:39:39 PM AST	PVES, RGMS	We moved to the Pine valley area specifically for the school districts. I grew up in Wilmington and went to the same schools that I wanted both of my daughters to go to. I have a five-year-old that will go to her first year of kindergarten at Pine Valley Elementary this year, and then is slated to be sent to Alderman for first grade as soon as she's adjusted to going to school? That is very disruptive for a young child. In addition, my older daughter who will be attending Roland Grise again this year will he sent to a new school for her final year of middle school? I find both of these circumstances unacceptable and not in my children's best interests. We live within walking distance to PVES, in what universe does it make sense that we would not be districted to attend there any longer? I highly oppose this redistricting plan, there must be a better solution that doesn't cause such mental and emotional strain on our children!
2019/08/02 8:12:08 PM AST	None, but Holly Tree is the current school	We are about to purchase a home in the Cottages at Holly Glen with the understanding the home was in the Holly Tree district. We assumed it would continue to be in Holly Tree since it is across Holly Tree Road from the Holly Tree Elementary School in the Cottages at Holly Glen. Two competing goals of redistricting is to diversify schools and to keep students as close as possible to the school within the closest proximity of their home. In the case of our family, Holly Tree is the closest school. I would encourage the redistricting committee to considering keeping the parcel of land associated with the Cottages at Holly Glen and the home I am about to purchase with Holly Tree Elementary. Thank you. - Christine Pesetski
2019/08/03 11:24:21 AM AST	Pine Valley Elementary, Rolland Grise, Hoggard HS	The current proposed redistricting maps do not seem to take environmental impacts, commute times, neighborhood identities or parental involvement into consideration.

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2019/08/03 12:22:53 PM AST	Pine Valley, Roland Grise, Hoggard	I request that you keep Pine Valley students continue to go to Pine Valley, Roland Grise, and Hoggard High Schools. Pine Valley elementary school children, who now can walk on residential streets will be forced th cross a major roadway - Shipyard Blvd - or be bussed. Pine valley students can walk to Hoggard High School and would not need to be bussed. It is true that they also have to cross Shipyard Blvd, but they are older -14-18 years old, and there are two recognized (older students) school crossings at Long Leaf Mall.
2019/08/03 5:09:58 PM AST	parsley, ashley	This is horrible, we have changed so many times, finally found a home in districts that worked for our family and work/daycare schedule, now to see this is crushing!
2019/08/04 11:32:25 AM AST	Roland Grise	
2019/08/04 6:29:06 PM AST	murray middle	I think you need to really reconsider moving kids from Murray Middle school. These kids have relationships there that will carry over when they go into HS at Ashley. If you do make a change, all rising 8th graders need to be grandfathered in so as not to disrupt their lives and their experiences at their current middle school. Also, many people move into certain areas for the school and by switching out of Murray, you are devaluing their houses, etc.
2019/08/04 9:10:18 PM AST	Holly Tree Elementary Roland Grise and Hoggard	Hello. I am a resident of Holy Glen Townhomes, directly across the street from Holly Tree Elementary. We moved our family from Oak Island because of these select schools assigned to my property. It is the reason we spent the most we could afford and closed June 21 2019, to be able to attend these schools, only for that reason. Our town and taxes, engineers, and streets department have designed and paid for these crosswalks so that our sweet community can safely and healthfully walk as families to school in our neighborhood and across the street from our front doors. Holly Tree is in our neighborhood and it is our right to attend this school. It does not make sense and goes against your very guiding principals of "CLOSE PROXIMITY" for designing the redistrict maps . Please please please do not allow the redistricting to remove our neighborhood from attending Holly Tree. Choose another street close by to make that divide. We have city crosswalks already in place to support our walking to school ...it makes no sense. Please reconsider this...it is devastating to our neighborhood. Thank you for listening.
2019/08/04 9:33:48 PM AST	Holly Tree Elementary Roland Grise Hoggard	Hello. I live in Holy Glen Townhomes, directly across the street from Holly Tree Elementary. We moved our family to Holly Glen neighborhood because of the close proximity to the schools that are assigned to my residence. It is the reason we spent the most we could afford and closed This past June 2019 to be able to attend these schools, and only for that reason. Our tax dollars, engineers, and streets planning department have designed and paid for these crosswalks so that our community can safely and happily walk as families to school in our neighborhood and across the street from our houses to school. Holly Tree is in our immediate neighborhood and it is our right to attend this school. It does not make sense and goes against your guiding principles of "close proximity" for designing the redistrict maps . We would then have to travel a much farther distance to attend Winter Park elementary school. Please do not allow the redistricting to move our neighborhood from attending Holly Tree. Please choose another street close by to make that divide, that makes more sense. We have city crosswalks already in place to support our walking to school and we want them to stay utilized ...it makes sense. Please reconsider and thank you for listening. Todd

<p>2019/08/05 10:51:38 AM AST</p>	<p>Pine Valley Elementary</p>	<p>Families that live in Pine Valley should attend Pine Valley Elementary.</p> <p>It is extremely disappointing that the proposed elementary school maps take families that live in the Pine Valley neighborhood away from Pine Valley Elementary. Students that live less than one-quarter mile from Pine Valley are slated to attend a different school three miles away. These are students who have a safe sidewalk on which they walk and ride bikes to school with their neighbors. These are families who hear the playground from their front yards. These are neighbors who stay after school to allow their kids to play together while they get to know each other, foster their sense of community, and work to improve their school. Under the new maps, Robert E Lee Drive, our community circle, is split in half. Students who live directly across the street from each other would go to different schools. Even students who live on Pine Valley Drive would not attend Pine Valley Elementary. Instead, they would be put on a school bus to travel over major Wilmington roads to an unfamiliar school three miles away. Not the school to which they can walk. Not the school they pass everyday as they visit their neighborhood friends. What kind of sense does this make?</p> <p>As Pine Valley Elementary approaches its 50th year, it's particularly disheartening to suggest that Pine Valley families attend school outside their neighborhood. Much of Wilmington has changed over the last several decades, but Pine Valley has not. Our quiet streets, ranch-style houses, and central location have consistently drawn residents to this neighborhood. Families have specifically settled here because the elementary school is located within our neighborhood boundaries. Many residents who grew up in Pine Valley have returned to the neighborhood so their children can attend the same school they did. Former staff members now have grandchildren attending our school, and current teachers were once students here themselves. Throughout the history of its existence, Pine Valley residents have attended their neighborhood school. Why would that change now?</p> <p>Pine Valley Elementary is a true gem of New Hanover County Schools. We are a high achieving Title I school, having met or exceeded Academic Growth over the past five school years. We have a consistently high Performance Grade. We have low staff turnover rates and a high number of National Board Certified teachers. We have an extremely diverse student population and an amazing staff that works diligently to enable success for all students. Just this past school year, Pine Valley students earned 1st Place in Science Olympiad, 4th Place in Battle of the Books, and gave an energizing and inspiring Best Foot Forward performance. We are truly proud of our school, students, and staff and we work hard for all the positive results we've earned. Why would you break such a successful school apart?</p> <p>An important component of a successful school is parent and community involvement. At Pine Valley, it is easy to be an involved parent because the school is located within our neighborhood. Families frequently stop by to have lunch with their children. Parent conferences can be conveniently scheduled, and our Field Day and Awards Assemblies are extremely well-attended. Our Volunteer Logs are filled with hours that parents are able to dedicate to our students due to the close proximity to their homes. Moving our children out of our neighborhood will drastically reduce the amount of time that parents are able to give to our school.</p> <p>The businesses and churches located along the borders of Pine Valley are also important contributors to our success. This summer these groups have donated over \$10,000 to purchase school supplies for our entire student population. They invest in our school because they are simultaneously investing in their own patrons, congregations, and our neighborhood as a whole. Dividing our families into different schools puts these support systems at risk. Organizations will be less likely to donate because they are impacting fewer neighborhood families. Churches may be forced to choose between schools, thus decreasing their impact on large scale projects. Keeping Pine Valley families at Pine Valley Elementary ensures that these important and meaningful relationships will continue in order to support our neighborhood school.</p> <p>I implore you: keep Pine Valley families at Pine Valley Elementary. Our school is located within our neighborhood.</p>
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		Generations of families have attended our school. We are successful and have ample community support. We are everything that a New Hanover County School should be. It is up to you to make sure we continue as such.
2019/08/05 2:00:09 PM AST	alderman elementary	Thank you for dedicating your time and talent to the School Board, I have no doubt each of you want the best for every student in New Hanover County. I am the parent of a rising 2nd grader and rising kindergarten student and live on South Churchill Drive. My family is proud to be a part of the Alderman community that includes a diverse population of students and support. I am entirely against the redistricting as shown now. I can not understand the logic that pulls all but 34 current students from Alderman. The redistricting map appears to be entirely number based with no regard to affect on the students' well-being. Alderman has been on an upward trajectory for several years and this redistricting will effectively break an upward cycle at a school that should be the model of diversity for the district. Please consider revising the maps to keep Alderman together as much as possible and specifically keep South Oleander and Houston Moore at Alderman. Thank you, Lewis Deans
2019/08/05 5:20:55 PM AST	Parsley Elementary	My family bought our house in Masonboro Forest in 2004 so that my children could attend Parsley Elementary. My two older children went through Parsley, then attended Myrtle Grove Middle. We have formed relationships over many years with the teachers and administration at both schools. We did not purchase our home so that our children could attend Holly Tree. If we wanted them there, we would have moved into a different neighborhood! Both of the proposed elementary school maps move the children from Masonboro Forest to Holly Tree and everyone who bought in this neighborhood planning to attend public school did so to attend our neighborhood school, Parsley. The proposed maps take in neighborhoods going all the way down Masonboro Loop toward Piner Road that have never been in Parsley's attendance zone, while pushing aside our neighborhood, which has always been in Parsley's zone. That aspect alone of the proposal moves more students than is necessary! In addition, this redistricting would potentially move our students to Roland-Grise for middle school, another change for our neighborhood! My youngest child is a rising 5th grader at Parsley, so he will be able to complete his education there without disruption thankfully, but would then be moved to Roland-Grise where he will only know the children from our neighborhood if that change takes place. ALL OF HIS OTHER FRIENDS FROM PARSLEY WILL BE AT MYRTLE GROVE MIDDLE!! As proposed at this point, this redistricting unfairly targets the Masonboro Forest neighborhood and I would ask the redistricting committee to consider that these are children, not just numbers on a piece of paper! Please keep our neighborhood in the Parsley district.
2019/08/05 9:24:11 PM AST	PVES, RGMS, JTHHS	Our street is in the old section of Pine Valley (not the new forks neighborhood) bordered by Shipyard Boulevard, College Road, and 17th Street Extension(Pettigrew Dr). We purchased our home in this neighborhood due to the long-standing districts for PVES, RGMS, JTHHS as these are desirable schools for us (native residents of NHC). In both proposals for elementary redistricting, our street with multiple young families with kids is divided in half. Half of our street will attend PVES and the other half will attend alderman sending children who play together daily at home to different schools. The new forks neighborhood seems to be in the PVES district, a new neighborhood being established into a different neighborhood's school and a portion of a long established neighborhood excluded from their true neighborhood school. I propose maintaining the pine valley neighborhood as a whole to attend the neighborhood elementary school within 1.5 miles of our home so we can bike or drop off our kids daily and avoid bussing entirely.
2019/08/05 10:44:48 PM AST	Hoggard	I moved here from PA . We specifically rented this house because we wanted our son in Ashley. Now our son has to go to Hoggard. Although that is a sought after school because of the scores we want our son to go to Ashley.

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2019/08/06 7:43:58 AM AST	Holly Tree Elementary	Our neighborhood, Holly Glen Estates, is literally across the street from Holly Tree Elementary, permitting our kids to walk to school. Either redistricting proposal would create an unnecessary inconvenience for our community, when our subdivision could easily be included in the HT ES district without any disruption to transportation lines. We are strongly opposed to these proposals.
2019/08/06 10:34:08 AM AST	Pine Valley, Roland Grise, Hoggard	I have been a resident of Pine Valley for over 20 years. My daughter and her family live across the street and my grandchildren attend Pine Valley and Roland Grise. I am greatly concerned about this proposed redistricting plan. Not only would my grandsons be bussed across town to Williston, but this change will negatively effect taxes and property values. How will all the extra transportation costs be funded? Our city has just spent millions of dollars on the cross city trail and rather than allow the Pine Valley neighborhood children to use it to go to Roland Grise, we are going to bus them downtown to Williston??? This proposition will surely raise our taxes to cover all these extra bus expenses while doing nothing to improve our educational system. And what about the property values for a neighborhood who is split in half between 2 districted schools, neither of which are in our neighborhood?? Roland Grise is less than 1 1/2 miles away. The children riding the bus early in the morning and returning home late in the evening will be the ones paying the biggest price though. Surely once the board takes a closer look at the proposal, they will realize how ridiculous it is. Thank you for your consideration.
2019/08/06 10:40:38 AM AST	Holly Tree Elementary School	My son is currently enrolled as a 4th grader at Holly Tree Elementary School. He has attended this school since Kindergarten; when we moved here from Washington State. We chose our home specifically to be in the best school district. He is currently flourishing at Holly Tree Elementary where he is in the 96th percentile on NC State Exams as well as a straight "A" student. Our home is located 2 blocks from the school (Holly Glen Estates); which is directly across from the school. I currently walk him to and from school each day because we are so close to the school. Your current plan is to relocate my son to Winter Park Elementary School. This would create a huge hardship for our family. He would have to take a bus to and from school and be removed from all of his friends. In addition your proposed change would take my son who is a straight "A" student and move him from a 8 out of 10 rated school to a 4 out of 10 rated school thus not affording him the same education opportunities. I will not jeopardize my son's education for arbitrary redistricting policies. We would be forced to and would move to a location within the Holly Tree Elementary School District. My son does not deserve to be punished.
2019/08/06 2:09:51 PM AST	Alderman Elementary	<p>I have a son who currently attends Alderman Elementary School. We love our school, and will be disappointed and upset should the redistricting maps remain as they are. Also, should the zones remain as they are, we would certainly consider private school options.</p> <p>I understand that changes for the county schools as a whole is necessary and should be done. However, it is my hope that more of the current students at Alderman remain there. Here are my reasons to explain my view of this important and complicated issue.</p> <p>1). Alderman is currently already a balanced school. A model for diversity in the county. 2) We choose to send our son to Alderman because we believe in the diversity that Alderman provides and the benefits of a diverse learning environment for ALL children. 3). We value the community relationships that currently support Alderman and these are among some of the strongest school/community relationships in the county. We cannot take the students of Houston Moore away from such stable community support.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration! KEEP ALDERMAN TOGETHER!</p>

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2019/08/06 2:54:16 PM AST	Holly Tree Elementary School	<p>I don't agree with the proposed plans to realign our subdivision, Cottages at Holly Glen, with Winter Park Elementary. Importantly, Holly Tree Elementary is a neighborhood school. Our subdivision is on Holly Tree Rd. across the street from the school. It's an easy and safe walk or bike ride for students, at most about a ½ mile.</p> <p>Winter Park Elementary is 2 ½ miles from our subdivision and across a very busy Oleander Drive. Our children will not be able to easily or safely walk or bike there.</p> <p>It's always preferable to have students, especially young ones, attend a neighborhood school. The change proposed doesn't achieve this end. I strongly suggest the Board recognizes this and leave our subdivision in the Holly Tree Elementary school district.</p>
2019/08/06 11:05:54 PM AST	Parsley Elementary School	<p>My name is Courtney Thomas and I live in Andrew's Reach with my husband and 2 daughters. We moved to this area of Wilmington in 2018 as our oldest daughter was approaching starting Kindergarten in the fall. We knew that she would be going to the amazing Parsley Elementary. We knew how close we would be to the elementary school and we knew of the promised sidewalk from our neighborhood to Parsley. We knew how much our other neighbors in Andrew's Reach loved Parsley for many reasons and especially the wonderful concept of neighborhood schools. She completed her first year at Parsley Elementary in June 2019 and it was the most phenomenal year. We were highly involved with the school as I volunteered and was room mom for her class. We felt very at home there and couldn't have asked for a better environment for our daughter to be a part of each and every day. I honestly cannot imagine us being a part of another elementary school family for our sweet girls (our youngest will be in Kindergarten in 2021).</p> <p>With all that being said, you can imagine our hearts were crushed when we saw the new redistricting proposal that could take Andrew's Reach out of the Parsley school district. I am writing this letter to express my concern with this redistricting and asking that you please reconsider that proposal and leave Andrew's Reach in the Parsley school district.</p> <p>As mentioned above, neighborhood schools are important to us as a family. Andrew's Reach is 3/10 of a mile from Parsley, there is a promised sidewalk joining Andrew's Reach to Parsley so that we can walk to school, and we know how important neighborhood schools are to those on the school board. My husband and I were discussing this redistricting proposal and the first thing we both said was "what about these neighborhood schools that were a big concern of those running for school board?" I feel like the school board should look at this and realize that Andrew's Reach should be kept in the Parsley School district.</p> <p>In conjunction with neighborhood schools, I feel like the safety of our kids and increase in traffic will be a big concern if Andrew's Reach is taken out of the Parsley district. As we leave to head to school every morning, turning out to the right to drive 3/10 of a mile seems so much safer than trying to pull across traffic and turn to the left to get to another school. The traffic heading to the left is sometimes backed up and there is no way to get into that lane. I feel like keeping us in the Parsley district will keep our kids safer getting to and from school.</p> <p>Lastly, I feel like the new redistricting will take away property taxes for the city and county. School districts have a profound impact on the value of a home, which also impacts the tax base for the city and county. By moving our neighborhood and others to a different district, those are direct dollars that will be lost for future growth and planning for the City of Wilmington and for New Hanover County. Can't imagine that our city and county will need less in the future with all of the growth and expansion going on in town. Those taxes, as you know, go to maintain the safety and viability of our community.</p> <p>Sincerely, Courtney Thomas</p>

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2019/08/07 12:01:46 PM AST	Pine valley elementary	We want to remain at PVES when the county gets redistricted. We live less than a mile from the school and enjoy being able to walk and be so close to our school. If changed to alderman we will go to a different school then our neighbors directly across the street. Please keep all of Pine Valley neighborhood districted to PVES. We love our community and school. I live in Robert E Lee drive.
2019/08/07 12:45:37 PM AST	None	We are beyond devastated to see the proposed Redistricting. We live off of Atwater Court and moved here last May to prepare for our oldest to attend school in the coming years. Our old home was in a very low performing elementary school district and we did not feel comfortable with her attending. When we found our current home in the Pine Valley elementary district we were beyond thrilled. We specifically sold and bought to provide a promising school district for our children. Now I feel we may be cheated what we worked so diligently to ensure. We are unable financially to enroll our children in a private or Christian school so moving from a 7/10 school to a 4/10 school due to redistricting is heartbreaking. Please please reconsider these proposed changes.
2019/08/07 12:58:33 PM AST	Pine Valley and Codington	This new proposal does not make any sense for my location. The new zoned elementary (sunset park) would be extremely far away from my home and is by far a much, much lower performing school. There are multiple elementary schools closer to my neighborhood. Being zoned to this particular school would significantly reduce my property value and most importantly negatively impact my children's education. THIS PROPOSAL NEEDS TO BE READDRESSSED!
2019/08/07 1:27:55 PM AST	Pine valley and Codington	I am honestly shocked at the proposed redistricting study. We have at least 3 great schools close to where we bought our home 3 years ago... which was part of the reason why we purchased where we did. Codington, Pine Valley, Bellamy, Holly Tree, Parsley, Alderman are all closer than Sunset Park Elementary to our residence. The other issue is that not all elementary schools are equal. All of the elementary schools within a 5 mile radius are better schools than Sunset Park. I can not see any reason why this would be good. This would not be good for our kids, our family, or home values. Please reconsider your plans!
2019/08/07 2:15:06 PM AST	Pine Valley	We left a 4/10 school district to be in a better district, and this proposal would put us back in a 4/10 district. We are deeply concerned with our children's education and safety, and this change puts that in jeopardy. Also, the value of our new home with certainly be impacted by being redistricted to a 4/10 school. Please do not change!
2019/08/07 2:35:20 PM AST	Bellamy with a proposal change to Sunset Park	As you are most likely hearing from our entire neighborhood, we do not want school assignments to change. Homeowners in our neighborhood custom built their home in the past 3 years. We picked the location in part d/t school districts and property values. Most of us preferred NOT to be in the city limits but made that concession because of the schools. Please reconsider this change!
2019/08/07 3:17:49 PM AST	PVES/RGMS/JTH	Voicing concerns about future Redistricting of our neighborhoods. Safety is a huge concern with people traveling further for school, county does not do a good job anyway keeping our children safe when traveling to school. Signage is terrible I know around the schools my children attend, esp PVES. There are no flashing signs during drop off and pick up to inform people to slow down, sidewalks leading into the schools from at least bus stops and a police presence would be great for the people that are flying down the street to drop their kids off. We need to help our neighborhoods build a sense of community within them and that starts with raising our kids together by attending the same schools in their neighborhoods, community parks and centers are also great and a safe way to get there without getting in a car such as biking or walking. Please think about the families that will be affected if they have to start a new school different from their neighbors.

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2019/08/07 6:48:14 PM AST	Pine Valley	I am concerned about the proposal to redistrict Pine Valley children into schools that are not in their neighborhood. This neighborhood is rapidly emerging again as a place for young parents to raise their families in a safe and close knit community, as they purchase homes heavily based on the schools their children will attend. Pine Valley, Roland Grice, and Hoggard are all neighborhood schools that can be accessed on foot or bicycles, adding to the safety, convenience, and sense of continuity. Parents unite to support PTA and school projects over the years, as a cohesive group. It doesn't make economic sense to bus children to distant schools when they could easily walk or bike to neighborhood schools. Please consider the impact on many young families when you make decisions about their educations that will have great bearing on many families for over a decade of public school education for each child.
2019/08/07 7:09:10 PM AST	Parsley ES	I encourage the redistricting committee to reconsider removing the Masonboro Forest neighborhood from the Parsley ES district. This neighborhood has many ES aged children, including two of my own, that are entrenched and heavily committed to Parsley ES. Parsley is the closest ES to our neighborhood, and it makes sense that that our children would attend Parsley. Redistricting has neighborhoods much farther from Parsley redistricted to attend Parsley. That doesn't make any sense. We selected the Masonboro Forest neighborhood simply because it was districted in Parsley. I know it is the same with many of the families here in Masonboro Forest. I am very concerned that this change would severely disrupt the Masonboro Forest neighborhood. I believe there would be a significant exodus from the community with families trying to move to the Parsley district. I know we would! Although there are other excellent ES schools, many parents here chose this location because of Parsley, and they will move to continue to have access to Parsley. I predict that housing values would decline significantly in Masonboro Forest if it is redistricted. This is a unique situation, and should be highly considered in the redistricting process. Thank you for allowing me to comment. - Brian Banks
2019/08/07 7:46:25 PM AST	Parsley and Myrtle grove middle	Our neighborhood has been at Parsley since it opened. The traffic will increase if we change to either school. The problem is we ultimately need new schools in New Hanover county.

Dear Members of the New Hanover County School Board and Redistricting Committee,

Minimizing impact upon students, considering diversity, and striving for close proximity are all listed as guiding principles for redistricting process.

I am concerned that the initial redistricting proposals significantly fail to meet these important goals.

In my family's situation, our children would be moved from Pine Valley Elementary School in which they are thriving into Alderman out of which all but 34 current students are forecast to move.

At present, our children are growing as whole persons in part because they are able to walk safely to school through their neighborhood along sidewalks. To great benefit to their health and overall well being, they walk the 1.1 miles with their mother almost every day of the school year. Their proposed new school is twice as far from our home, and the walk involves long stretches with no sidewalks - including along one of the busiest roads in the county. We - like many other families under the proposed plans - would be unable to walk anymore.

At Pine Valley Elementary our children are part of a school which serves a large, diverse, and cohesive neighborhood. To my knowledge, Pine Valley Elementary fairly closely matches the ethnic diversity of New Hanover County as a whole. Our children are thriving in an environment in which they are forming relationships with children from very different backgrounds. Pine Valley Elementary is a strong, well performing school. It is diverse, but it is also not a school where poverty has been concentrated. As a strong and diverse school, it contributes significantly to the strength and cohesion and neighborliness of the Pine Valley neighborhood. This neighborhood will be cut in half under both proposals.

Our eldest child spent her first two years in one of the most affluent and least diverse schools in the county, Parsley Elementary. We were able to walk to that school from our former home. She received a wonderful education there, but even as an early elementary school student she noticed that the majority of her classmates lived in much larger homes and had more wealth than her family. She noticed when a classmate said that she wasn't allowed to come down our street (of less affluent homes). While nowhere near as destructive to all students as the concentration of poverty, the concentration of affluence is not without harm for our schools and our students.

I cannot help but notice in the proposals, Pine Valley Elementary may become with other schools less diverse and more affluent than it is at present. Other schools will continue to suffer from the concentration of poverty.

Instead of addressing the very real problems of the concentration of poverty in some schools with all the difficulties that creates for all students, teachers, and families, these proposals seem only to move students around to even out building use. I am very concerned that the proposals focus on numbers of students in buildings to the very real detriment of the other goals outlined in the guiding principles set forth.

I am also concerned that our children are projected to be assigned to Williston Middle School. I would welcome the opportunity for my children to attend a diverse, historic school if that school had the potential to be a strong, high performing school. However, under the proposed plans, Williston Middle appears to continue to be a school where poverty is concentrated. This is a harmful condition for any child to learn and for any teacher to teach. For our family, the school is also much farther away from our home that our currently assigned school, Roland Grise. Under the current proposal, I believe that the assignment will negatively impact our children.

Our children are thriving at Pine Valley Elementary. As a father of three children of this county, I am concerned about

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Roland Grise

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		<p>proposals which take them out of their current school and move them to a different projected track of elementary, middle, and high schools which may be less well performing and are farther away. As a thoughtful citizen of this county, I am troubled by a set of proposals which move students around quite a bit but do little to address the significant problems posed by concentrations of poverty and wealth in certain schools. I strongly urge the Redistricting Committee to rework the proposed school districts to better serve the students and families of our county. As a resident of the Pine Valley neighborhood, I also strongly urge the Redistricting Committee to preserve the unity of our neighborhood and not divide us arbitrary down the middle.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Peden Emile Harley</p>
2019/08/08 3:48:23 PM AST	Pine Valley Elementary	<p>I realize that redistricting MUST take place in order to accommodate the fast growth of New Hanover County but to split a neighborhood down the middle of a street is unnecessary. Currently, my grandchildren will attend the same school to which they have been able to ride their bikes and walk; however, some of my grandchildren's best friends who live directly across the street from them (Robert E Lee Drive) are being sent to Alderman. As I said, I know that Redistricting is inevitable, but please consider where you draw the lines and how it affects the neighborhoods in question. The current plan is not an acceptable one.</p> <p>Thank you for reconsidering the current plan, Ellison Parker</p>
2019/08/08 4:23:18 PM AST	Pine valley and sunset elementary	<p>My child will have gone to pine valley for 2 years and is very familiar with the school, classmates and faculty there. Changing this routine could hinder his development at a pivotal point in his academic career. Also the logistic of it all we currently travel less than 2 miles to school and the redistricting would put us at over 4 miles of travel.</p>
2019/08/09 10:07:37 AM AST	Holly Tree, Roland Grise, Hoggard	<p>option 4 with kids going to Holly Tree for K-2 and then Forest Hills for 3-5 is not a feasible option in my opinion. Elementary School is a new experience for young children and going to 2 different schools in that time seems it would create a very challenging transition for these children. In the goals of this process I noted keeping kids as close to home as possible. It is not clear how for 3 years that goal can be met and then this goal is no longer applicable.</p>
2019/08/09 10:10:29 AM AST	Holly Tree, Roland Grise, Hoggard	<p>Please do not change district lines for the Oxford Place/South of Woodberry neighborhoods. We bought our home specifically for our child to go to these schools.</p>

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2019/08/09 10:25:40 AM AST	Parsley Elementary	<p>Please keep us in our neighborhood school! We are at 205 Sierra Drive and are 1.4 miles from our school. In 2 of your 4 maps you plan to move us to Pine Valley Elementary which is over 4 miles away from us and across a major highway here in Wilmington.</p> <p>I don't want my child on a bus for hours in the afternoon because we have to attend a school much farther away from our home. I want to be districted to our neighborhood school. The closest school to my home!</p> <p>Also, you're moving us out of our school and moving in kids who live further away down masonboro loop road! That doesn't make sense! You're also moving residents of Pine Valley neighborhood out of their neighborhood school to move us in!</p> <p>Please keep us in the closest school to our home. Our neighborhood school.</p> <p>We are at 205 Sierra drive and attend Parsley Elementary.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
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2019/08/09 10:48:22 AM AST	Holly Tree Elementary	<p>I am completely against the option 4 for redistricting, that would cause many parents to be spread between two elementary schools plus others if they have older students in middle/high school. Students who know and love their staff in k-2 would be completely pulled away for the 3-5. It will cause undue stress and anxiety for many kids and parents alike.</p>
2019/08/09 10:52:16 AM AST	Holly Tree Elementary	<p>I personally would like to decline the option #4 which has children from Holly Tree switching schools for 3-5 grade. There are no other schools in the country that are required to do that under the new maps, and it is absurd to have children go that far apart. It makes no sense for children to live and get accustomed to a school and environment to have them ripped from it in the 3rd grade. A grade that stability is very important to future success. I would remove my children from public school at the 3rd grade and investigate private options. I believe other families around Holly Tree would do the same thing and maybe even never choose to attend public schools. The city/county cannot afford to have less children and families supporting the public-school system. If we want to continue to see Wilmington grow economically then we must ensure our public schools are of high standards and can compete with other areas within our state and other states. Option 4 is not the way to achieve this!</p>
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2019/08/09 11:03:38 AM AST	Holly Tree	<p>This feedback is specific to Option #4. When my son was in Kindergarten in 2016, we lived .6 miles from Holly Tree, the same year my youngest daughter was born. I saw the community of families of "walkers", the children and families who were close enough to Holly Tree to walk to and from school. I told my husband that while .6 miles was close, it wasn't close enough to walk to school everyday. I set a real estate alert to be within .2 miles from the back door of Holly Tree. That summer ONE house came for sale, and we bought it immediately. The house was by no means perfect, but it is on the perfect street and is 8 houses from Holly Tree. As a mom of 3, the prospect of being able to walk all of my kids to and from to Holly Tree for the next 12 years was worth \$330,000 plus over \$50,000 in renovations to walk to school.</p> <p>In my wildest dreams I couldn't even image that splitting schools to include K-2 at Holly Tree and 3-5 at Forrest Hills would even be considered. Consistency, continuity & logistics are improbable. How would you pick up a 3rd grader and a Kindergartner from 2 different schools (this is the exact scenario I would be facing with my 2 youngest)? The elementary bus doesn't run anywhere near our house so how can I be in 2 places at one dismissal time to get 2 kids? How can I volunteer in 2 different schools? Do you want me to join 2 PTA's, attend 2 fall festivals? I appreciate that you are trying to do your best in a very challenging situation but Option #4 creates an absolute nightmare scenario for parents, teachers, administrators.</p>
2019/08/09 11:17:22 AM AST	Holly Tree	<p>Hello! My children are students at Holly Tree Elementary School. On option 4 it shows that grades K-2 would go to Holly Tree and grades 3-5 would go to Forest Hills which is across town for us. We live within biking distance to Holly Tree and we enjoy being able to do so as a family. If this option is chosen one child would go to one school and the other child would go to the other. This would be so heartbreaking to me. Our mornings and afternoons would be so chaotic having to rush my young children to and from 2 different schools which are across town from each other and then try to make it to work on time. My kids would be heartbroken to be apart from each other. I love to volunteer at the kids school when possible but having the kids at 2 different locations would make this extremely hard. I am begging you to please reconsider and to not use option 4 as an option. Please understand the strain this would put not only on my family but the other families who are in the same situation as I am. Thank you so much for your time and understanding.</p> <p>Carrie Cox</p>
2019/08/09 11:48:49 AM AST	Holly Tree	<p>The plan to split Holly Tree grades is awful. Families that have multiple children would have them going to two different elementary schools. Plans like this would require more buses, but you can't even find enough drivers for the buses you already have.</p>
2019/08/09 11:53:40 AM AST	Pine Valley Elem & Roland Grise	<p>The Pine Valley neighborhood is split up in all options except 1. I would like my children to stay in the schools that are closest to our home. Both my children have biked and walked to school. Both my children as well as my husband and I are active in our PTA and after school activities. We do not want to see that taken away. We have live in Pine Valley for 16 years and worked hard to buy and be a part of these schools. Middle school is a tough transition for most and breaking up our neighborhood where friends that my children grew up with and lean on for support throughout the school years especially in middle school is unsettling to say the least.</p>
2019/08/09 12:02:23 PM AST	Roland Grise, Hoggard	<p>Thank you for revising and publishing the 4 maps. I would support maps 1-3 for middle school.</p>
2019/08/09 12:16:07 PM AST	Holly tree elementary	<p>Splitting the grades at Holly Tree would be extremely disruptive to our family. I am an employee at the hospital and have to be at work by 7:45am. I would be responsible for getting my kids to two different schools which would be near impossible. We are walking distance from Holly Tree and think it would be a shame to Not continue to walk/bike to school. That was the main reason why we purchased our home in Eagles Nest.</p>

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2019/08/09 12:28:37 PM AST	Holly Tree Elementary	It was just brought to my attention that there is an option being considered for splitting Holly Tree Elementary and Forrest Hills Elementary into K-2 and 3-5 respectively. I cannot voice my opposition to the option strongly enough. Our family has been happily anticipating having our son and daughter attend the same school, building up the idea for both of them, and using it as a means to reduce our daughter's anxiety about attending kindergarten at a "new" school. If this option is selected, they won't be in the same school, except for one year in high school, which could have profound effects on the bond they are able to form. This would also mean, in K through 2, she, and the rest of the students at Holly Tree, wouldn't have the advantage of behavior modeling the older and more mature students in grades 3 through 5. Then, at grade 3, she would have to make a another transition to another school? This is not even to mention the stress placed on most any parents of multiple children, now having the chances of their children being at different schools at the same time greatly increased. I don't want that for my family, for my children, and I cannot imagine anyone who would be interested in either staying in or moving into an elementary school district structured this way. I intend to continue my very strong position to this option.
2019/08/09 12:50:40 PM AST	CRECC, Bellamy	Options 3 and 4 for Elementary and Middle are fair, favorable maps! Options 1 and 2 would require a costly housing move to avoid an undesirable elementary school.
2019/08/09 1:04:23 PM AST	Holly tree elementary	Option 4 to send out children to holly tree for K-2 and then forest hills 3-5 is Ridiculous!!!! Those are testing grades and our children deserve to not be moved across town which would be out of their comfort zone and disruptive to their learning and test scores. We live in woodberry forest and can walk to school- we have twin kindergartens, a 2nd grader, and a newborn! This would be extremely hard to coordinate drop off, pick up, and being an involved parent in the classroom and volunteering in the school! I can't believe ANYONE would do this to our precious children!!!! Absolutely outrageous! Are y'all thinking about what is best for these children or each school's test scores?! As the neighborhood right behind holly tree elementary we want and planned for our children to be able to walk and ride bikes and attend our closest school!
2019/08/09 1:08:58 PM AST	Bellamy Elementry School Parent	<p>I understand that with all of the new construction in the area is is hard to keep schools volume of kids down but we have children who are going into 4th grade this year at Bellamy and if the options 1 and 2 are chosen then for their fifth and final year there they will be send to Mary C</p> <p>Since moving to Woods Edge this is the now the second time we will be effected by Redistricting Originally we were Parsley and then it became Bellamy and after this vote we wait and see.</p> <p>Up north the sales of homes also depend on the school they are distracted for. We wanted to have our children attend Parsley but we weren't completely upset with the Bellamy change - we will be if it becomes Mary C.</p> <p>Private school are super expensive but are becoming the only way to ensure there isn't overcrowding and that kids stay consistent</p> <p>Please keep our kids in Bellamy</p>
2019/08/09 1:34:34 PM AST	Holly Tree	Option 4 sounds absolutely absurd sending kids to one elementary for half of the time and another for the other. What happens when you have a kid in kindergarten and the other in 3rd? It seems way too complicated and unnecessary. As a former elementary teacher and now parent, I don't see any good in changing a students surroundings half way through elementary school.

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2019/08/09 1:41:12 PM AST	Holly Tree	I have been watching the proposal maps & think it that the plans are not feasible. Why take a street & divide it in half so that neighbors would go to 2 different schools. One family has to now drive their child to school when in fact they can just walk down the street to school. Another map has it so that children from the same family would be going to 2 different schools (a 2nd grader & 4th grader). Why take them from a school where they have forged bonds with teachers, staff & friends & move one of them to a new school, move them from the school they can walk to & place them in school that would require busing them to. Please think about all these scenarios as you are looking at elementary redistricting.
2019/08/09 2:08:43 PM AST	Parsley, Roland-Grise and Hoggard	Hello! We live in the Beasley on Masonboro subdivision. We can walk to Parsley elementary it is so close to our home. I just don't understand why our subdivision would be sent over to Holly Tree - we would have to drive to get there every morning , making that congested morning traffic even worse. Please consider allowing us to stay at Parsley.
2019/08/09 2:10:58 PM AST	Parsley	To Whom It May Concern, First of all, I would like to start by saying thank you for taking the time to hear the public concerns regarding redistricting. I have taken the time to review the Option 3 and Option 4 maps. In my last comment, I expressed concerns about the small neighborhood of Andrews Reach no longer being zoned to Parsley elementary with Option 1. Option 4 again has us away from Parsley, which is 0.3 miles from our neighborhood. We feel that our neighborhood is too close to Parsley elementary to not go there. Our kids will not have the chance to walk or ride their bikes to their elementary school, which is very important to us, and one of the main reason we chose to live this close to the school. Another concern I have is the flow of traffic. Unfortunately, taking a left out of our neighborhood to try and get to Holly Tree or Bradley creek would be very difficult as there is no traffic light at this 4 lane section of road. Currently, we take a right out of our neighborhood to get to Parsley, making morning school drop off a very smooth process. I hope you will strongly consider going with Option 3 and keeping Andrews Reach at Parsley. Thank you again for your time, Somya Navejar
2019/08/09 2:24:49 PM AST	Pine valley elementary	Please consider keeping pine valley neighborhood residents at pine valley elementary school. As neighbors, we hope to keep the relationships going through grade school as well as continue to promote efficient transportation via carpool, etc. Thank you!
2019/08/09 2:52:25 PM AST	holly tree	Thank you very much for adding other options for our children. The last 2 plans for the elementary schools are PERFECT!!! Children are not getting picked up or dropped off on a highways. There were already so many accidents on the one road for children having to cross it (even with parents involvement) to get on/off the bus and let alone possibly having to stand in a four-way intersection so a bus could "possibly" block traffic for the students to get on/off. Please consider either plan 3 or 4. THANK YOU A VERY CONCERNED PARENT.
2019/08/09 2:52:33 PM AST	Holly Tree	While I understand the need/ use of redistricting, the current proposals are taking my kids from a school they are walking distance from, and disrupting the quality education that they currently receive. The proposals effect our home value, our daily commuting distance, established relationships our children have fostered and dramatically effect the stability that we have fought to provide.

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2019/08/09 2:56:58 PM AST	Holly Tree Elementary	We live less than a mile from Holly Tree (on Capps Court) and both of my kids currently attend school there. We DO NOT want to be moved to an 1) unfamiliar school at this stage of their education as they have been at Holly Tree since kindergarten 2) or attend a school that is further away and in a more congested traffic pattern/area of town 3) be split up from our friends/neighbors on our one small cul-de-sac street and 4) have to find an afterschool care facility that will accommodate some other school situation when we already have one we attend. We are OPPOSED to going anywhere other than Holly Tree Elementary (or Parsley Elementary because that is similar in proximity. However, that is not among your options for us according to the maps.) Please consider our logical and simple request to keep us in the district for Holly Tree. It makes no sense for our children to go elsewhere even though some shuffling of schools is apparently needed. The eight children on our street whom this would affect should be allowed to remain at Holly Tree. Thank you for your time.
2019/08/09 3:08:33 PM AST	Holly Tree	Splitting children across 2 schools far from each other for different grades makes no sense. Our home was purchased with the specific intention of attending the schools in the district. Please consider what this would mean for real estate and the local economy if no one is able to move here or sell their homes.
2019/08/09 4:24:11 PM AST	Holly Tree	I am hoping/pleading for the change to NOT affect the people and families of our area that have built a wonderful community at Holly Tree. We are in district PB 250 and are affected in at least one option to be moved away from a school that is right around the corner from our house. This is a school that we seeked out when purchasing a home and have planned our children's Education around. Please reconsider moving this section of houses and neighborhoods out of your proposed option one. Our neighborhood would be devastated by this change. Please keep the proximity to the schools as a top priority when considering these changes.
2019/08/09 5:16:37 PM AST	Roland Grise	As a resident of the Pine Valley neighborhood we strongly in favor of the 3rd redistricting map. Thank you.
2019/08/09 5:46:19 PM AST	Walter L. Parsley Elementary School	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I have recently been notified that there are plans to remove the Melton Oaks neighborhood from the Walter L. Parsley school district. I ask that you please reconsider.</p> <p>There are numerous households within Melton Oaks that purchased a home with the intent of sending our kids to Walter L. Parsley. Further, I find the map to be incredibly unusual and inexplicable in manner - it seems to "annex" Melton Oaks in a way that looks similar to a gerrymandered voting district. It is illogical and is rather insulting in nature.</p> <p>Logistically it makes reasonable sense to keep Melton Oaks within the Walter L. Parsley school district if not at the very least due to proximity. This is evident by virtue of Fawn Creek remaining within the school district.</p> <p>To say the least, the map looks like an overreach that is clearly imbalanced. I ask that you please reconsider the current outlines so that our neighborhood stays within the school district.</p> <p>Thank you, Daniel Anderson</p>
2019/08/09 6:34:04 PM AST	Parsley	I just reviewed the newly released maps, and see on Option 4 my neighborhood (road is Orchard Trace) is shown redistricted to Bradley Creek, however, Parsley and Holly Tree are both closer in proximity. I expected some redistricting may not have children at the closest school to their location, but I don't understand a scenario where two other schools are closer than the one being assigned. Any feedback you can provide would be appreciated.

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2019/08/09 7:27:58 PM AST	Holly Tree Elementary School	All of the Redistricting options remove us from our current school of Holly Tree Elementary which we bought our home specifically to attend and place us into a school we wished to avoid. Put Englewood Dr back into Holly Tree Elementary zone or don't change the zones at all. If you need to add population to College Park Elementary and Blair, close Winter Park (small school that cannot house the population for the zone of any proposed change) and sell the property to make needed updates to other school. Use the population of Winter Park to fill the needed population in College Park and Blair. Leave the zones south of Oleaner alone.
2019/08/09 7:51:36 PM AST	Pine Valley, Roland Grise, Hoggard	Prefer elementary and middle school option 3, keeping the Pine Valley subdivision together rather than splitting neighborhood children in elementary or middle school.
2019/08/09 8:12:22 PM AST	Holly Tree Elementary	I live in Holly Glen Subdivision, directly across the street from Holly Tree Elementary. Putting our subdivision in the Winter Park district certainly violates the close proximity principle. One of the assets of living in our neighborhood is to live within walking distance (even with a crosswalk) to Holly Tree Elementary School. I firmly believe this redistributing plan will devalue our Holly Glen homes.
2019/08/09 8:56:41 PM AST	Holly tree elementary	We bought our house behind holly tree elementary so our children could walk to school. I would like to strongly oppose having all these children change schools midway through their elementary education and go to another school for grades 3-5
2019/08/09 9:02:30 PM AST	PARSLEY	In option 4, we are proposed to go to Bradley Creek Elementary when Parsley is 0.1 miles from us and we would also pass Holly Tree Elementary on our way to Bradley Creek making it not the closest, second closest but the third closest elementary school from our home. It doesn't seem like it would make a lot of sense for bus routes, proximity, etc. nor would we keep a "neighborhood school" which is why we bought a house in this area to begin with. Thank you for taking our feedback into consideration.
2019/08/09 9:08:28 PM AST	Holly Tree ,Roland Grise, and Hoggard	I am very surprised that redistricting Holly Tree to K- 2nd and Forest Hills to 3-5th would ever come close to being considered as a viable option . My three children would be at three different schools for years. That is absolute insanity. It is not only inconvenient and stressful for families, but also detrimental to the home values of our lovely community. Please consider that these are not just choices being made to achieve big picture goals/agendas, but they are harmful decisions to real families.
2019/08/09 9:21:32 PM AST	Parsley	<p>In addition to my previous comment, I would like the committee to read this statement taken directly from the Wilmingtonnc.gov website regarding the Masonboro Loop Rd Multi-use Path that has been approved.</p> <p>"This will be a 1.4-mile multi-use path along the west side of Masonboro Loop Road from Navaho Trail to Pine Grove Drive." □ "It will connect neighborhoods such as Andrews Reach and Dawning Creek Way to Parsley Elementary School and provide safe bicycle/pedestrian access to commercial areas along Masonboro Loop Road." □</p> <p>"Provides safe option for nearby residents to get to Parsley Elementary School, avoiding vehicular congestion in the area before and after school as children are being dropped off and picked up" □</p> <p>This path will be created using a significant amount of taxpayer money and will be mostly used by Andrews Reach residents walking/biking to Parsley elementary school. I urge you to strongly consider this and keep Andrews Reach zoned to Parsley.</p> <p>Thank you, Somya Navejar</p>

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2019/08/09 9:21:40 PM AST	Parsley/Roland Grise/Hoggard	<p>Living in the Pirate Cove community we were very surprised to see option 4 which moves our children from Parsley to Bradley Creek. With the addition of the new Masonboro loop trail coming we were excited to utilize this safe and environmentally friendly option for us (and many nearby residents) to get to Parsley Elementary. In addition to decreasing vehicular congestion in the area (which anyone who travels Pine Grove/Masonboro loop road during morning commute knows so well) it would also be a great opportunity for our kids to get out and exercise before and after school. Please reconsider moving those of us who can access and take advantage of these amenities the city has worked so hard to provide to our community. Thank you.</p>
2019/08/09 9:49:02 PM AST	Holly Tree	<p>It takes me 1 minute to get to Holly Tree Elementary from my house. It takes me 1 minute to get to Holly Tree Elementary from work. My children go to after school care 1 minute from my house and my work. Due to the close proximity and the time saved of not having to commute 15 to 30 minutes in traffic one way (as would be the case to get to Winter Park or Forest Hills), I am able to volunteer at Holly Tree during my lunch break. If my kids are moved to Winter Park or Forest Hills, I will no longer be able to volunteer my time. And be sure that you will lose more volunteers than just me.</p> <p>If the county sends grades 3-5 to a separate school (Forest Hills) than K-2 (Holly Tree), then you are not only splitting up neighborhoods, but you are splitting up families. We attend school functions as a FAMILY unit. It is hard enough to juggle after school meetings and activities...I will not be as involved if my time is split between 2 schools or if my family has to divide up at night to go to separate events. This is not a practical option for two full-time working parents. We commute to school together as a FAMILY unit. My kids ride together to after school together as siblings. Don't break up neighborhood schools and don't break up families.</p> <p>Add the neighborhood of Capps Court to your "Subdivision Concerns" form stating that the Concern/Desire is to attend the school 1 minute away from of our home - Holly Tree; not Winter Park and not Forest Hills.</p>
2019/08/09 10:10:53 PM AST	Holly Tree Elementary	<p>I think it is absurd to even think about moving children to the other side of town half way through elementary school. We bought a house in a specific school district for a reason.</p>
2019/08/10 12:56:17 AM AST	Holly Tree	<p>My child and I walk to and from Holly Tree every single day. ES Option 4 would take that option away -- please reconsider option ES4. ES4 would place my child at a school on the other side of town, in Forest Hills, when my work, my home, and our school are all within a short walk or drive. Our children do not need to spend more time in Wilmington traffic to be bussed to a school on the other side of town for grades 3-5. I vote in every local election and my voice and my vote will certainly count if ES4 is passed. As an attorney, I will advocate against eS4 and believe me that I have the strength of my neighborhood behind me.</p>
2019/08/10 9:35:13 AM AST	Holly Tree	<p>Please do not redistrict. The ONLY reason we bought the house was to be in this school district! This is a HUGE disruption to our life.</p>
2019/08/10 9:37:41 AM AST	Bellamy	<p>Elementary options 3 and 4 are desirable options for our family.</p> <p>Options 1 and 2 would move us from a decent elementary school to an undesirable/poorly rated elementary school- thus forcing us to move to a better district. We bought here 12 years ago and the district has already changed once from Parsley to Bellamy. Don't make another unfavorable change and move this neighborhood to Mary C Williams with options 1 and 2.</p>

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2019/08/10 9:59:01 AM AST	PineValley elementary, Roland Grise and Hoggard	We moved to PineValley in 2010 because we wanted to raise a family in a great family oriented neighborhood where our kids would grow up with there neighbors and go to school together. I don't understand why you would want to take that away from the community that is so close. Right now, all 3 of my kids will be able to walk/ride bikes to all 3 schools and you are proposing to take that away. Please do not do this! This will only cause more tax payers spending for transportation along with taking away the main reasons why everyone wants and does live in the PineValley community. It's a family that you will be breaking up and it's not right. please reconsider this proposal and keep our "family" neighborhood community together! Sincerely- mother of 3 Lindsey Zurcher
2019/08/10 10:20:41 AM AST	Holly Tree Elementary	We live in Woodberry Forest. We are 100% AGAINST splitting our kids' elementary school years between Holly Tree and Forest Hills. With more than one child, the logistics would be a nightmare. We bought our home close to Holly Tree so we could reduce commuting and bike or walk to school. For a City/County who claims to promote healthy living, it makes no sense to have to drive/bus kids across town to Forrest Hills. This option would increase environmental pollution and traffic crowding.
2019/08/10 11:47:22 AM AST	Pine valley Roland Grise hoggard	Neighborhood schools should stay
2019/08/10 12:12:28 PM AST	Noble Middle, Ashley High, Laney High	
2019/08/10 12:38:03 PM AST	None	My entire neighborhood of Brewster place has elementary school district of Bellamy except out side of the street on Brewster lane. I would really like for my daughter to attend school with the rest of our neighborhood.
2019/08/10 12:40:19 PM AST	Parsley and Myrtle Grove	My family lives in Masonboro Forest neighborhood, districted to Parsley elementary. The plans indicate a change to Holly Tree elementary, which would mean our children would drive right past Parsley to go farther to attend another school. The mission of the redistricting is for students to attend the CLOSEST school to their home, which for this neighborhood is clearly Parsley.
2019/08/10 12:47:59 PM AST	Parsley Elementary	We live in Masonboro forest, districted to Parsley elementary. Parsley is 2.8 miles from our home, Holly Tree is 4 miles from our home, driving directly past Parsley.
2019/08/10 1:16:36 PM AST	Parsley and Myrtle Grove	Makes absolutely no sense to move our neighborhood from Parsley and literally bus our kids past Parsley to Holly Tree. Nothing against Holly Tree but Parsley is the closer school to our neighborhood of Masonboro Forest. I also see on some plans it moves the neighborhood into Parsley which is further away than we are while moving our kids out of Parsley.
2019/08/10 1:32:23 PM AST	Holly Tree Elementary	I am opposed to ES option 4 which has Holly Tree Students attending their neighborhood school from K-2 and then bussed to Forest Hills for 3rd-5th. 1. We chose to move to our neighborhood for the current school assignments and the ability to walk to school. 2. 3rd grade is a hard year within itself with the start of EOGs and moving schools that year, or any year, would be a hard transition. 3. The kids get familiar with a school-including staff, layouts, special teachers, expectations (which vary by Principals) and it would be a huge adjustment to have to learn all of those variables halfway through their elementary school years. 4. Bussing is expensive and we currently have an issue with not enough bus drivers and this would just add to the problem. 5. I volunteer a lot at the school and head numerous committees. Each year that I volunteer for an event, yearbook, arts night, etc. it gets easier because I don't have to "reinvent the wheel". Changing schools with different staff will make these activities and events harder to plan. It is hard enough to get volunteers when families live close to the school and it will be even harder if our children attend a school another 10-15 minutes away from our house (longer with traffic). 6. Families with numerous children will have trouble with getting students to 2 different schools on time with morning traffic. I strongly oppose ES option 4. Please keep Holly Tree a neighborhood school with grades k-5. Thank you.

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2019/08/10 2:24:34 PM AST	Parsley	<p>Significant concerns about changing the school district for Masonboro Forest. This will bring major inconvenience to the residents, increase costs of school buses, increase pollution/environmental impact and also result in additional congestion, as parents will need to drive almost twice the distance. Moreover, there will be psychological impact on the children who will be seeing their "old" school (Parsley) on the way to and from the proposed Holy Tree School; such stimuli cause rebound memories and very negatively affect the psyche of the young humans.</p>
2019/08/10 3:47:48 PM AST	Holly Tree Elementary	<p>August 10, 2019</p> <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>This is in regard specifically to "ES Option 4" - HOLLY TREE ES (K-2) / FOREST HILLS ES (3-5). We moved to Wilmington from Virginia 2 years ago with two preschool aged children. Our oldest will be entering Kindergarten this upcoming 2019-2020 school year and our second will be entering into the Kindergarten class during 2022-2023</p> <p>We looked for months and months for a house in a neighborhood that fit our criteria and ultimately settled on the a wonderful home in Stratford Place. When we looked for houses our #1 priority was a house suitable for our children with #2 being in a good school district. When we came to visit our soon to be house in Stratford place we immediately made the school district our #1 goal as we saw what a wonderful neighborhood school Holly Tree was. My wife and I loved the idea of riding our bikes with our kids throughout their elementary school lives. We immediately bought the house excited for the future.</p> <p>Now we see that the BOE & Cropper GIS Consulting has an option that would only allow our children to attend Holly Tree Elementary from K-2 then finishing 3-5 at an elementary school 15 min, no traffic, drive away from our home. Please reconsider Option #4 and remove it from the redistricting study as this is NOT what my family and many fine citizens and tax payers in my neighborhood would want for our children.</p> <p>I appreciate the consideration and will be in attendance at all upcoming committee meetings to show my support of Holly Tree Elementary staying a neighborhood school for Stratford Place and my other neighbors who currently call Holly Tree home.</p> <p>Benjamin & Andrea Cherry 3112 Glastonbury Court Wilmington, NC</p>
2019/08/10 4:01:27 PM AST	Bellamy	<p>I will have 2 school age sons in the fall of 2020. Our neighborhood is coded PB310A. Before purchasing our current home, and before our children started school we reviewed school districts and chose a home in a district we would be happy with, now that choice is threatened. We moved OUT of the Mary C. Williams school district and now 50% of the projected changes put us back in that district. Our oldest attended kindergarten at CRECC, will do 1st grade at Bellamy, and then potentially have to change schools again - I feel this is grossly unfair to him and his development to have to attend a 3rd school within 3 years. We strive for stability in our home and work toward providing an environment to set our children up for academic success. This new plan is sabotaging that, leaving us with few options besides selling our home, or home schooling our child.</p> <p>Homes are more expensive based on the school district they are assigned. How unfair to those of us that have purchased homes in districts with desirable schools, only to have that rug pulled out from under us.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to consider our view point.</p> <p>Sue Ward</p>
2019/08/10 5:49:13 PM AST	Bellamy	<p>We moved here to be in Bellamy. When is the meeting for Bellamy parents to be present?</p>

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2019/08/10 6:50:56 PM AST	Parsley Elementary School	<p>After reviewing some of the criteria that are supposed to guide redistricting, the current redistricting maps would indicate that my neighborhood, Masonboro Forest, is not being given equitable opportunity to stay in its current school district - Parsley Elementary School. Several points that may have been overlooked in making this decision to redistrict Masonboro Forest are the following: Make every effort to divide a large enough population so students can continue to the next level with familiar faces. Students should be assigned to the school within the closest proximity to their homes where possible. Attempt to minimize the number of students impacted when making boundary adjustments. Since Parsley Elementary School was built, Masonboro Forest has been part of this school. We have many children in this neighborhood who attend Parsley. Many of them moved into this neighborhood in the last several years because Parsley Elementary is our neighborhood school. Furthermore, many new high density neighborhoods have been built in the last few years in the Parsley Elementary School district which is inevitably pushing us out of our district. Is that just? It does not seem fair to force the families in this neighborhood out of their neighborhood school only to drive past one elementary school (Parlsey), which is the closest in proximity to our neighborhood, to get to the other suggested school (Holly Tree), which the map options show. Traffic is already very congested on Masonboro Loop Road during the morning. Most mornings, it takes 15 minutes to get to school. I cannot imagine adding an additional 15 minutes to the commute passing our neighborhood school that's in close proximity to us, just to get to the newly assigned school. Parsley Elementary School is our home. We ask you to reconsider the redistricting and take into careful consideration the history of our neighborhood and it's long community ties to Parsley Elementary School, its teachers, students, staff, and administration. We value the hardwork and dedication you provide to our school board and hope that you will continue to work on behalf of those who voice honest concern. Thank you!</p>
2019/08/10 9:28:41 PM AST	Holly tree elementary	<p>We love our neighborhood school holly tree. We ride bikes with our kids everyday to school. It is such a gift and slows down the business of life. The way it should, like the days when we were children! We have met so many families in our neighborhood because of this. Option 4 splitting my 3 children between holly tree and Forrest hills is terrible to say the least. Children need the stability of elementary school being in one place until 5th grade! Keep holly tree as a neighborhood school!!!!</p>

<p>2019/08/11 9:19:54 AM AST</p>	<p>No formal affiliations, one child at Parsley</p>	<p>Hello, My name is Brian Hetzell and I live in the Masonboro Forest community. Our community is located off of Navaho just after Lansdowne road. Our community was built prior to the development of Parsley elementary school and my understanding is that the children in this neighborhood have always gone to Parsley elementary school. Like many others in this neighborhood my wife and I intentionally purchased property in the neighborhood specifically so that our children would go to the Parsley elementary school which is closest to our neighborhood. My daughter started speech therapy at Parsley last year and will attend her first year at Parsley elementary school this year and we were extremely excited to meet with the wonderful teacher that came out to the house to prepare my daughter for elementary school. Our neighborhood was made aware of the re-districting process shortly after the first public information session and then eventually by Parsley elementary school themselves. I understand that currently there are no options proposed that include our neighborhood but much larger developments down the street with much higher populations of kids that were previously not going to Parsley are now possibly going to Parsley. Reading the slide presentation explaining the redistricting process by the consulting firm requested to look into and propose various options, I understand that the main goals are to balance facility utilization, account for future growth, keep kids in close proximity of their homes, establish clear feeder patterns, minimize impact on students, consider economic, cultural, and ethnic diversity. From these key factors I do not believe that for our local masonboro area that some of the options being proposed are correctly being applied to our neighborhood or the Parsley school district. Our neighborhood is much smaller than those down masonboro loop road which continues to see large amounts of housing growth. Some key points to note, our neighborhood is 2.5 miles to Parsley, 3.4 miles to holly tree, and 6.5-7.5 miles depending on the route to forrest hills elementary (a hybrid option 4 recently proposed). Clearly the closest option is Parsley and our families would have to drive past Parsley to get to Holly Tree (driving past both schools to get to forrest hills). It is unclear why brand new larger neighborhoods with much more expensive homes (low economic diversity relative to our neighborhood) such as helmsport which is both 3.4 miles to Parsley and to Bellamy (current district) are being considered along with so many other neighborhoods to replace ours at Parsley. Per the enrollment and utilization figures presented at the first meeting, Parsley is over utilized at a higher rate than bellamy (152% versus 148%) so it doesn't make sense to shift our kids to lower bellamy by potentially worsening the impact on parsley by redistricting masonboro loop road to parsley and with development continuing only making a school that was already the highest over utilized worse. From the principles laid out in the opening meeting Options 1 and 4 do not seem like they hold up to the intent of the contracted group. Option 1 has high utilization impact on schools, increases distances travelled and likely does not improve economic diversity given that some of the largest homes (waterfront communities) in the masonboro area are located down that road and a very large still growing population. Option 4 has a hybrid approach that has a large negative stress impact on children and multiple child homes not to mention a massive economic impact on the resale value of homes in all neighborhoods in the area which could result in a large amount of financial loss for homes and quite possibly legal concerns raised by all of the neighborhoods impacted by a hybrid approach. Switching elementary schools and then potentially having to travel to two schools with two or more kids while passing existing schools does not seem to improve the situation for anyone. As a community our neighborhood came together to discuss the re-districting. We will be present at all meetings where the public is welcome moving forward. We are aware that a land sell for new schools decision will be made by the hospital and decided upon in Q4 of this year. We feel that it would be ideal to delay the redistricting until this sale and the location of new planned schools takes place. Should we proceed with new options, please consider providing a new option that is inclusive of our children and does not favor new less established and less diverse neighborhoods. Traffic is not considered in many of these options and the road infrastructure is not set up for such a shift. Our masonboro community is already unable to use the main college road route due to no lights, heavy seasonal traffic, and a very steep increase in accidents in the area. We all travel via masonboro loop road to whichever school our children currently go to and will end up going to so please consider this as causing communities in the south to move north will have a major</p>
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		<p>impact on the area. Personally, I would favor either a new option that will allow my children to stay at Parsley but may impact my children's middle school (please do not adjust high schools) at the very worst case scenario ES Option 2 and MS Option 2 for our neighborhood. For the sake of our local Masonboro community I strongly hope that you consider at least for our portion of the map removing options 1 and 4. I know that the role of re-districting isn't an easy one. I hope that you took the time to look over this information and consider some of the key points presented. I look forward to hearing about progress at the next community meeting.</p>
2019/08/11 9:58:56 AM AST	Parsley	<p>Being 0.25 miles from Parsley we were already very confused why we were being switched to Holly Tree in Option 1. Now Option 4 has us going even further to Bradley Creek Elementary school (over 3 miles away). The city has passed a multi use path that specifically states on their website "will connect nearby neighborhoods such as Andrews Reach and Dawning Creek Way to Parsley Elementary School...." If tax payers have voted and approved to spend their money on this trail why would you then remove Andrews Reach from that specific neighborhood school? In addition, we are at a very busy 3 way intersection which makes turning left out of our neighborhood very dangerous, especially during rush hour. Parsley is a simple right turn and can be seen from the front of the neighborhood. Seeing as how Andrews Reach is a simple 3-5 minute walk to Parsley, please add Andrews Reach back into the Parsley district in all options.</p>
2019/08/11 10:13:30 AM AST	Parsley	<p>We live right next to Parsley Elementary school in Andrews Reach Neighborhood and often walk to school. We specifically bought the house because of this reason. We will be very upset if we were to be redistricted. Rest assured, if this happens, I remember come election time.</p>
2019/08/11 11:47:33 AM AST	Parsley Elementary School	<p>As a resident of Andrews Reach neighborhood, I am not in favor of any redistricting that places our neighborhood outside of the Parsley Elementary School district. Our house is only half a mile away from the school which is the closest elementary school to our home and neighborhood. In addition, the Masonboro Loop Road Multi-Use trail plans only further connect us to Parsley Elementary School since there will be a direct walking path for our children to take to school. Thank you for your consideration as being moved out of this school district will be heartbreaking to our Andrews Reach Community and pull a lot of great support from Parsley Elementary School.</p>
2019/08/11 11:48:19 AM AST	Parsley Elementary School	<p>As a resident of Andrews Reach neighborhood, I am not in favor of any redistricting that places our neighborhood outside of the Parsley Elementary School district. Our house is only half a mile away from the school which is the closest elementary school to our home and neighborhood. In addition, the Masonboro Loop Road Multi-Use trail plans only further connect us to Parsley Elementary School since there will be a direct walking path for our children to take to school.</p>

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2019/08/11 1:29:24 PM AST	Parsley elementary	<p>We want our neighborhood of Andrews Reach to remain at Parsley Elementary. Community is what makes a place great to live. The community of Andrews Reach Neighborhood and surrounding Parsley Elementary is what makes this a great place to live. Our side of town is just becoming walkable and makes Parsley a true neighborhood school that creates the strong community.</p> <p>The taxpayer approved multi-use path that is still planned will make Parsley walkable for our neighborhood and eliminate the need for expensive bus transportation. As quoted on the website</p> <p>"....It will connect nearby neighborhoods such as Andrews Reach and Dawning Creek Way to Parsley Elementary School..."</p> <p>The site also includes the following excerpt for inclusion "Provides safe option for nearby residents to get to Parsley Elementary School, avoiding vehicular congestion in the area before and after school as children are being dropped off and picked up.</p> <p>This effort of redistributing our neighborhood of Andrews Reach is NOT helping to cement neighborhood schools. We want to stay at Parsley Elementary.</p>
2019/08/11 1:36:57 PM AST	Pine Valley	<p>Pine Valley is a unified community and many families, mine included, bought in this neighborhood for that unity. Dividing the neighborhood between schools, both Elementary and Middle, is not what is best for our neighborhood, our kids or Wilmington in general. Please keep Pine Valley as a whole. (Also, we are all quite happy with our current assignments of Pine Valley Elementary and Roland Grise Middle- We all feel strongly that there is no legitimate reason to change those assignments. There are families to consider here.)</p>
2019/08/11 7:13:56 PM AST	Parsley Elementary	<p>Hello redistricting committee members,</p> <p>I live in the Upper Reach subdivision (Mackenzie, Upper Reach and Fleet). It appears Upper Reach is being redistricted out of Parsley Elementary School next year. That's difficult enough to process, and now we have anxiety from options reflecting very different outcomes.</p> <p>Elementary School redistricting Options 2 and 3 place Upper Reach at Holly Tree, and I mentioned before that change is understandable because Upper Reach is in between Parsley and Holly Tree (and close to both - just about 1 mile either way).</p> <p>Close Proximity is among the guiding principles on the NHC Schools website's redistricting page. It says students should be assigned to the school within the closest proximity to their homes when possible. Options 1 and 4 go against that principle because they would redistrict Upper Reach to schools about twice as far or four times farther away.</p> <p>Please consider keeping Upper Reach in Parsley's district or placing us at Holly Tree.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Michelle Saxton (304) 550-3101</p>
2019/08/11 8:20:46 PM AST	Holly tree	<p>Absurd!! We have 3 schools within 1 mile and you want to send our children across town</p>
2019/08/11 11:09:35 PM AST	Parsley Elementary	<p>Please keep Andrews Reach neighborhood within parsley district.</p>

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2019/08/12 6:21:47 AM AST	Parsley elementary	We live in Masonboro Forest and Parsley Elementary is our neighborhood school - moving our children away from the closest school and the school which has been a part of our community to a school that is farther away and would create more traffic issues does not make sense to me. Please Keep Masonboro Forest children at Parsley Elementary School,