

Southwest Area Boundary Study Community input update

At the October 14, 2015 Boundary Study Committee meeting, facilitator Matt Cropper shared the following communications protocol:

Emails from the general public regarding the study:

- Each will receive a general acknowledgement
- Where appropriate, questions will be directed to FAQ and Web site
- Will be consolidated and compiled by theme or topic and shared with the committee prior to each meeting
- Communications received from committee members regarding committee work will be shared with all members
- Use bdystudy@bcps.org to send questions and comments

Compilation of emails received from general public from 11/3 – 11/9/2015

Concerns/requests:

Regarding changes that affect Hillcrest ES and Catonsville ES:

- 9-10 regarding keeping PB 514 in Hillcrest and that 514 and 351 should not remain together in the options – including concerns: the Hillcrest PTA's decision to support option C is least desirable, PTA does not represent thinking of entire community, all of PB 514 walks to Hillcrest, 351 is bused to Hillcrest and attends Arbutus so a move to Catonsville would be supportive of students, 514 to Hillcrest and 351 to Catonsville allows for more balanced diversity between Catonsville ES and Hillcrest ES, history and architecture are not similar, decision was made early by 351 residents to link to 514 without input from families in 514, option C purposely avoids increasing diversity at Hillcrest.
- 2-3 concerned that Plan C reduces minority and FARM population at Hillcrest – concerns include very marked difference between Hillcrest ES and Catonsville ES when more balance could be achieved, Hillcrest would be by far the least diverse among the SW schools
- 1-2 regarding specific PB moves designed to increase diversity at Hillcrest (add 455, 481, 482, 483, 484, 477), make use of space at Westchester (add 458, 516), balance diversity and make use of space at Catonsville ES (add 351, 510, 543, 513, 511, 515).
- 1 change C to include 525, 462, 464 to increase diversity at Hillcrest
- 1-2 keep all current walking zoned walkers at their schools
- 1-2 concerns that PTA is not being responsive to all of Hillcrest in the process
- 1 request to see a walk map for the new location for Catonsville ES