

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: 9/16 – 9/29/2015

Concerns:

- 2-3 regarding access to info on BCPS web site, function or maps, function of email form

Compilation of emails received from general public: 9/30 – 10/13/2015

Concerns/requests:

- 2-3 regarding access to info on BCPS web site, function or maps, function of email form
- 1 regarding not redistricting any Catonsville students outside of Catonsville
- 12-13 regarding not moving any boundary across Route 40 – included concerns such as: property value, school performance, affluence/poverty, disruption of quality of life, nto walkable/not safe
- 2-3 regarding not disrupting current walkability to any school
- 1 regarding impact to a day care business if boundary changes
- 2-3 generally opposed to any change at Westowne – included concerns such as property value, affluence/poverty
- 3 regarding accuracy of planning block (PB) #514 – that Locust Dr. should be in PB514
- Suggestion to combine PB's #351 and #514
- 2-3 regarding limit disruption for any/all kids with a focus on not changing school's performance by not moving kids
- 1 regarding maintaining and not further disrupting balance diversity among central Catonsville schools
- 2-3 Regarding not moving 21228 homes to a school in the 21227 zip code and keeping Foxhill Farms and College Hills in Catonsville ES – include concerns such as property value, property tax contribution, school performance
- Suggestion to extend Catonsville ES further north, Westowne further south, PB #483 and #481 should go to Westowne instead of Westchester.
- Want confirmation that there is no impact on middle and high school boundaries
- 2 regarding Melvin Avenue (PB #456) is part of Old Catonsville Neighborhood Association and should be included in PB #457