

## Southwest Area Boundary Study Community Input Update

At the October 14, 2015 Southwest Area 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](mailto:bdystudy@bcps.org) to send questions and comments

### Compilation of emails received from general public from 10/28 – 11/3/2015

#### Concerns/requests:

Regarding changes that affect Hillcrest ES:

- 4-5 advocating that Planning Block 8 (PB 8) should include the 500 block of Hilton Ave - comments include: all are considered Oak Forrest, they are historically socially one neighborhood, use pedestrian paths to walk to school, do not consider selves Newburgh Heights, stream separates them
- 1 attributed to 15 residents – advocating to include the 400 and 500 block in PB 8
- 1 noting that Hillcrest ES is overcrowded and families will need to be zoned to a different school to resolve overcrowding
- 1 advocating all Catonsville students remain at Catonsville schools - specifically Hillcrest ES, Catonsville ES; both are good schools, strong part of greater community
- 5-6 emails – plus 94 signees of an emailed petition – regarding keeping PB 514 in Hillcrest ES and 514 and 351 should not remain together in the options – including concerns: the Hillcrest ES PTA's decision to support Option C is least desirable, insists that all of PB 514 walks to Hillcrest ES, already low diversity will be decreased, are not similar planning block, both are not fully walkable as claimed
  - A petition received advocating that PB 514 not be moved from Hillcrest ES signed representatives of 94 households in the planning block (includes addresses) – cites entire block is walkers, appears to be the only planning block of all walkers to be moved such that they will ride a bus, center of planning block is a half mile from the school
- 2-3 regarding keeping PB's 514 and 351 together and not moving either of them – includes awareness that this reduces Hillcrest ES' diversity, PB's 524 and 462 should be added to Hillcrest ES instead
- 2 regarding concerns that PB 513 dates to Hillcrest ES opening, has more claim or "right" to be in Hillcrest ES than newer communities - cite higher housing values than other PB's
- 1 advocating 404 Locust Drive should be in PB 514 and not 351 and 351 and 514 are one neighborhood
- 2 concerns that all students attending the new Catonsville ES will attend or eventually end up attending Arbutus MS - concerns include that Arbutus MS is an inferior school, inferior community

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- 1 advocating not taking Hillcrest ES students out of the school from one section just to add new students from another zone
- 3-4 concerned that Option C reduces minority and FARM population at Hillcrest ES even more making Hillcrest ES -- already the least diverse among the SW area schools even more so
- 1 regarding keeping Apple Tree Court at Hillcrest ES
- Keep Patapsco Woods at Hillcrest ES – concerns include that Catonsville ES is an inferior school
- 1 Option C is most desirable – concerns include: it is the PTA’s choice, keeps walkers to the school, could be modified to add either PB 525 or 462

### Regarding changes that affect Westowne ES

- 2 favor Options F & G, oppose any redistricting out of zip code 21228 and across Route 40 - concerns include inferior schools, inferior communities

### Regarding changes that affect Catonsville ES

- Dunmore community should stay at Catonsville ES
- 1 advocating for option E – dislike Option C – does not maintain or improve diversity especially at Hillcrest ES, Options C & F string out Catonsville ES’ new zone too much

### Regarding Johnnycake ES

- Future construction plans should include a new school for Johnnycake ES – concerns include inequity and lack of appropriate attention, being left out – new school in the future would keep all kids at Johnnycake ES