

**SW Area Boundary Study**  
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**12/16/15, 1229 hrs**

Rachel Balis <[rsbalis@yahoo.com](mailto:rsbalis@yahoo.com)>

Gentlemen,

First I would like to thank you and the committee for the tireless work you are doing concerning the redistricting process. There is no way that everyone is going to be pleased with the outcome and as a community we are trusting you to do what is just for the students and community. As I understand it there is a new modified version of 3.2 where PB 510 and PB 543 are back within the Hillcrest Elementary boundaries. I would like to applaud the committee with trying to correct an error that was created after much manipulation and movement of other planning blocks.

I would like to request that if options 3.2 or 3.2a are recommended to the board without the fore mentioned modifications, it only be done so with the inclusion of PB 510 back at Hillcrest Elementary. There are currently 5 students being factored in all of the statistics and it would not have any true impact and alter the numbers. Not doing so would have detrimental affects on the elementary school students in PB 510. Moving PB 510 to the Hillcrest Elementary school boundary in option 3.2 and 3.2a corrects a gross overlook of Catonsville Elementary School becoming a 1/99% feeder school. There should be no circumstances where it is acceptable for 5 students to become a 1% minority.

Thank you for your consideration, Rachel Balis

**12/16/15, 1312 hrs**

Kathryn Jones [[Kathryn\\_M\\_Jones@hotmail.com](mailto:Kathryn_M_Jones@hotmail.com)]

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Thank you, Kathryn Jones

**12/15/15, 1419 hrs**

Rachel Balis [rsbalis@yahoo.com](mailto:rsbalis@yahoo.com)

I am writing in favor of the new options 3.1 and 3.1a that were presented to the Redistricting Committee on December 9, 2015. When I read through the community email logs it was mentioned countless times that PB 510 should remain within the Hillcrest Boundaries. I would like to thank the committee for thoroughly vetting this option. As stated before moving PB510 out of the HES boundaries does not take into account the factors set forth in Rule 1280.

In regards to options 1,2,3.2, and 3.2a:

RULE 1280

4. Use of natural boundaries, such as railroads, creeks, major highways, election districts, existing school boundaries, and location of feeder schools;

-PB510 is surrounded to the south and west by state park land, and is also cut off from the rest of the Catonsville Elementary School boundaries through Hillcrest Elementary school boundaries and CCBC land. There are also 2 creeks that run between PB 510 and the Catonsville Elementary school boundary. One of these creeks was the old school boundary line. In plans 3, 3.2,3.2a, and 4, PB 510 is the only planning block with houses on Hilton Avenue that is being taken out of the Hillcrest Elementary school boundary, cutting these children off from their street and community. PB 510 should be zoned for the same elementary school as PB 1001. Going through PB 513, up Hilton Avenue, is the only way that the children from PB 510 can exit their PB.

5. Elimination of existing satellite zones (areas districted to a school that are outside of its boundary);

-PB 510 would become a satellite zone if included in the Catonsville Elementary school boundary. The children in this PB will have to travel through their neighborhood that is now districted to a different school, cross over a major thoroughfare (South Rolling), and along another busy street to reach the elementary school they have been redistricted to. This more than doubles the travel distance the children have now, and eliminates the children's ability to travel safely to their school by foot or bike. Right now the children walk and bike up and down Hilton Avenue using the designated bike lane that spans the whole length of Hilton Avenue to get to school. This distance is just over a mile and is a safe journey with the only road to cross being Frederick Road, which is manned by a crossing guard. There is no safe way for the children of South Hilton to travel by foot or bike to the school they will be redistricted to.

6. Maintaining feeder school patterns from elementary to middle and middle to high school to keep students from the same communities together;

-PB 510 is districted for Catonsville Middle school. Moving this PB to Catonsville disrupts the feeder school patterns for the children of PB 510. These children will be separated from their community for elementary school. The children of PB 510 will now have to travel well over a mile in some cases to get to a classmate in their new school.

When looking at the statistics for Westchester Elementary School, Hillcrest Elementary School, and Catonsville Elementary school, in all the new proposed versions of option 3, capacity hovers around the same percentage for all the schools in all the new options. The only exception being option 3.2 which puts Westchester opening at 98%. Minority and FARMS at all 3 schools only vary by a few percentages in all the options also.

With that in mind I urge the committee to look at the feeder school patterns and percentages of students being moved. When looking at Hillcrest, the old feeder school pattern was 88% CMS, 12% AMS. Option 3.1 and 3.1a varies the feeder pattern slightly to 92% CMS, 8% AMS. Options

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3.2 and 3.2a further widen the disparity in the school to 96% CMS, 4% AMS. In regards to CES in options 3.1 and 3.1a, the feeder pattern is 84% AMS, 16% CMS. Options 3.2 and 3.2a further widen the disparity again to an astonishing 99% AMS, 1% CMS. When looking at the percentages of students being moved out of the HES boundaries Options 3.1 and 3.1a also prove to be a better option for the students. In option 3.1 and 3.1a 18% of the students are being redistricted as a whole to one school. In option 3.2 and 3.2a, 9% of students are being moved to CES, and another 6% are being moved to Westchester. For the continuity of the community, it would make the transition easier for the students to be moved as one whole group, not two small groups.

I would also like to request that PB 510 be zoned with PB 1001 directly north of us, in all of the options regardless of which one is chosen. This was done in all the previous options and made the most sense in regards to neighborhood continuity and feeder school patterns. PB 510 is the only planning block on Hilton Ave with houses that have a Hilton Ave address being separated. This is creating an island of 11 houses. Those 11 houses are not part of a newer community or a home owners association. Their ties to the surrounding community is through the street they live on. By separating our houses you have made us the 1%. Our children will be attending an elementary school where 99% of their peers are zoned for another middle school. Please consider this request if the committee goes forward with Options 3.2 or 3.2a.

Thank you, Rachel Balis

### 12/15/15, 1442 hrs

Name: Bryan

Email: [bryanjhammer@gmail.com](mailto:bryanjhammer@gmail.com)

Comments: Dear Committee Members, First, thank you for your continued work on this project. I was happy to see the further refinements to option 3 at the last meeting. I would like to share my support for option 3.2a as it resolves a number of goal while considering the BCPS guidelines as well as community concerns. I think Jim Kitchel's open letter in favor of option 3.2a along with his requested adjustments was well thought out and reasonable. Certainly something I hope the committee will review as a possible final option to send to the board. Thank you again for the new options that keep my community together.

### 12/15/15, 1513 hrs

Kirby Spencer [kirbyobx@gmail.com](mailto:kirbyobx@gmail.com)

Dear Mr. Cropper and Southwest Redistricting Committee:

The Old Catonsville Neighborhood Association (OCNA) is comprised of more than 350 families, and is bordered by Frederick Road, Melvin Ave, Edmondson, and the Streetcar Path. Hillcrest falls within our neighborhood borders, and is the school for our community children. The future of Hillcrest not only affects the educational opportunities for our children, but also the quality of life in our community.

Thank you for your responsiveness and willingness to establish modified Map 3 options. Our association can support either option 3.2a or 3.1a. Each of these options address our community's 3 concerns -- 1) our community walkability 2) the inequitable distribution of the FARMS population with our neighboring schools, and 3) the overwhelming disruption to the current Hillcrest community.

Additionally we support modifications to these options that return excluded planning blocks to the Hillcrest boundary where there has been adverse impact or questionable planning block designations and upheaval in our larger community.

Lastly, Map options 3.1a and 3.2a support the Johnnycake Elementary community's overwhelming request to 1) not be transported across Route 40 and 2) to leave their school community intact. As a neighboring community we fully support their wishes and pledge to advocate with them for their own funding to address their unique needs.

We thank you for your continued consideration, and again, support options 3.1a or 3.2a.

Thank You, Kirby Spencer OCNA President 410-218-3722

### 12/15/15, 1537 hrs

Wendell Alcorn [wba.3rd@gmail.com](mailto:wba.3rd@gmail.com)

Good afternoon, Just want to thank the committee very much for adding options 3.1 and 3.1a; that keep South Hilton Avenue zoned with the entire Hilton Avenue.

Both options follow the natural boundary created by the Patapsco State Park, maintain the strong neighborhood community that exists along Hilton Avenue, and are the two least disruptive options for all of the school children involved in the redistricting.

Please support options 3.1 and 3.1a or adjust the other two options slightly to include all of Hilton Avenue zoned in the same elementary school district. Thank you again very much for your consideration and support. Best regards, Wendell Alcorn 410.747.4305

### 12/15/15, 1609 hrs

Joseph Shannon [joemagshannon@verizon.net](mailto:joemagshannon@verizon.net)

Please find attached our statement of the Catonsville Elementary School PTA Executive Board in regards to redistricting in the Southwest Area. I appreciate you taking the time to review and be a part of such a difficult decision.

Kindest regards, Maggie Shannon CES PTA President

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Parent Teacher Association  
Catonsville Elementary School  
615 Frederick Road  
Catonsville, MD 21228  
410-887-0800

Members of the Boundary Study Committee,

The PTA Executive Board of Catonsville Elementary School appreciates all of the hard work and dedication of your committee. Balancing so many factors has been a task not to be taken lightly. It is with this knowledge that we respectfully request that any boundary change option recommended to the Board of Education of Baltimore County Include planning block #447 as part of the Catonsville Elementary Community. The neighbors in this community have been cornerstones of Catonsville Elementary for 50 years and their departure will have a significant impact on our foundation built on community.

Sincerely,

The PTA Executive Board of Catonsville Elementary School

**12/15/15, 1633 hrs**

Trish Miller [trish.miller@marylandexcels.org](mailto:trish.miller@marylandexcels.org)

I know you are all working incredibly hard with this process. I apologize in advance for the rambling of some of this, but with your meeting tomorrow, I wanted to get information to you ASAP. but the survey and results did not encourage anyone to look beyond a personal preference. I would think the goal would be to look at details as well as the big picture of not just your own personal situation, but others as well. I was hopeful that the survey would be more specific and before giving the survey, each school being affected would be able to voice their concerns. You know from my previous letters, I have looked at many areas outside my own. From the beginning, our planning block has not insisted that we stay at Hillcrest unlike most of the PB's within Hillcrest. Obviously, no one wants to move schools, but if your entire neighborhood goes, it is an easier transition. Our PB has insisted on only one thing..... keeping our neighborhood intact. Our planning block has already had a history of being separated from the neighborhood during the early years of Hillcrest's opening. It was not good for the neighborhood so, the board of ed considered neighborhood continuity an important part of elementary redistricting and moved our PB to Hillcrest to be with our neighborhood. Now these current options reverse the work that was done to keep our neighborhood together decades ago.

Our children bike and walk to school together. We walk and bike to each other's homes and there are plenty of school friends within our 514, 351 and 513 blocks. PB 351 is not a planned community at the end of a neighborhood like Patapsco woods or the new development at the end of Hillton. We are a neighborhood that dates back 100 years as the Central Catonsville/ Summit Park historic district. We are divided by Rolling Road on the west,, Frederick Road to our north and the large commercial and industrial area of Mellor Avenue to our east. Because Newburg has also become a busy thoroughfare, our children, bike and walk down the neighborhood area of Magruder Avenue to friends living on Locust, Forest, Oak, Gary and Park and visa versa. Our children do not bike or walk through commercial and industrial areas or the wooded area behind the new school with drug paraphernalia and homeless. It's not safe. Now, you are telling us with many of these options, that it will be what they need to do to visit school friends by bike or on foot.

Moving just our small PB away from the neighborhood will completely divide us from the neighborhood. Our children could live next to one another and be going to both a different Elementary and Middle schools? The nice thing about having this great walk able, bike able neighborhood was they still had their neighborhood friends from elementary school to maintain those neighborhood friendships. The favorable options now presented, take that away.

It does not surprise me that Option 3 was favored and now with the suggested modifications from Jim at Hillcrest, it will be even more favored by Hillcrest families. With his suggested modifications to 3.2, PB 351 is the only planning block moving from Hillcrest to Catonsville. (less than 40 children and not even with our neighborhood) While option 3 kept many PBs at Hillcrest, it was the ONLY option that completely separated our PB 351 from our neighborhood. With neighborhood continuity as a priority, I would have never thought that the committee or board would allow a PB to become an isolated island away from its existing neighborhood when the committee was making every effort to put neighborhoods together who did not even want to be together. Jim's proposed modification of 3.2a, will keep 35-40 affluent children at Hillcrest( including Patapsco Woods who are zoned to Arbutus Middle) keeping it at full capacity, reducing it's FARMS and Minority percentages while raising the FARMS and Minority percentages at Catonsville and leaving a brand new school with little growth potential (little future development) at 80% or lower capacity. I know Jim is making an effort to keep as many families as possible at Hillcrest and has listened to many of our concerns. How is that making positive change? Move a large neighborhood; don't just move a small number of kids away from it's neighborhood.

Much of our PB were considered walkers to Hillcrest many years ago, but because a small area of Magruder did not have sidewalks, OOT came out and did a big study and determined that it was too dangerous for our children to be considered walkers. It's crazy when we look at the proposed walk to CES. In my opinion, walking to HES from the north part of our PB is far from a dangerous walk, but BCPS Office of Transportation accepted that is was in the one area so they got a bus stop. Now, I hear from the proposed walking area for CES that OOT believes I walking on some of those same lack of sidewalk streets toward busier streets with more missing sidewalks, crossing busy streets without a light, passing commercial parking lots is safe for kids to walk? Next question....Are going to spend all that money on sidewalks and crossing guards for a handful of kids? They wouldn't put in sidewalks or crossing guards for all the communities across the street from Westchester or even the 2 blocks on South Rolling Road for 10 kids. They bus them, but they are going to do all of this for the small # of kids in 351? Keep in mind that the number of kids over the first 3-5 years will probably be less than 10 with the grandfathering. If our entire neighborhood of almost 100 kids were zoned, it may be worth the work and crossing guard costs.

I understand that we are in very close proximity to the new CES. We are actually within the 1 mile radius of the Current CES, HES and the new CES, so proximity is not a valid argument. Safety needs to be a huge consideration when looking at walking proximity.

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The committee and board need to be reminded that decades ago, our PB was moved from CES to HES for neighborhood continuity. . There was a time that we were zoned to CES with part of the neighborhood at HES. It did not work well because we became an island zoned away from our neighborhood. Our children play with neighborhood children, walk and ride bikes within the safe confines of the Central Catonsville Summit Park neighborhood that has been in existence for 100 years. When children go to elementary school together, they create great friendships and those become strong friendships when you have neighborhood continuity and cohesiveness with school. Why are you undoing what was a positive move from the county decades ago. Thanks for your time. Trish Miller

**12/15/15, 1646 hrs**

Kimberly Wilhelm [kawilhelm1978@yahoo.com](mailto:kawilhelm1978@yahoo.com)

I am writing to support Option 3.2a as the best option for WES. Kim Hughes 336 Stonewall Road Catonsville, MD 21228  
Son, now age 4, will be entering WES in the 2016-17 school year

**12/15/15, 1744 hrs**

Wendell Alcorn <[wba.3rd@gmail.com](mailto:wba.3rd@gmail.com)>

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**12/15/15, 2227 hrs**

Stacy Zimmerman <[zimmerman\\_stacy@yahoo.com](mailto:zimmerman_stacy@yahoo.com)>

Good evening - I would like to express our thanks in giving additional consideration to the boundary maps and our community concerns. We were pleased to see that two current map options, 3.1 and 3.1a, provide opportunity to maintain the continuity of our neighborhoods along Hilton Avenue. These options prevent the occurrence of creating a satellite community at the south end of Hilton Avenue and allow our neighborhood to still have walking options to school. We appreciate the committee's efforts and consideration. Sincerely- Stacy Kahatapitiya

**12/15/15, 2233 hrs**

Russel Kujan <[rkujan@yahoo.com](mailto:rkujan@yahoo.com)>

I am writing from the Dunmore community (planning block 447) regarding suggested boundary changes. I am writing in favor of keeping the Dunmore Community in the Catonsville Elementary School boundary. Our community is within walking distance to Catonsville Elementary School and its future home. Keeping Dunmore within CES's border geographically makes sense too, we have no direct access to Edmonson Ave only to Frederick Avenue. All of our children's activities, friends, our family's friends are located within the corridor between our neighborhood, Dunmore, and main street Catonsville. Sincerely, Russel Kujan 16 Dunganrie Rd.

**12/15/15, 2312 hrs**

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**12/16/15, 0133 hrs**

Debbie Rowe [debbie.rowe.14@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.rowe.14@gmail.com)

Dear Southwest Boundary Committee Members,

As a resident of Planning Block 351, and as a Hillcrest parent, I am writing to express my concern over the redistricting options under consideration.

I understand the Hillcrest Elementary School Representatives will advocate for Option 3.2a with modifications move PB 354, 510, and 543 back to Hillcrest at the 12/16 meeting, and I am strongly opposed to the boundary lines in set forth plan. This plan will fail to alleviate overcrowding at Hillcrest Elementary, and at the expense of PB 351.

I wrote previously praising the decision to group PB 514 and PB 351 and do not support the plans put forth that separate these two planning blocks again, isolating a small number of children from their peers. The boundary separating the two planning blocks appears arbitrary, based on a line drawn not based on geography or logical rationale, but happenstance at the time the blocks originated. They do not accurately represent our neighborhood, but rather slice through what should be considered one unified community. I am disappointed and frustrated that these lines continue to be used, just because that's the way they used to be. A change is long overdue to unify our neighborhood and reevaluate the outdated planning block boundaries.

Please consider driving this route, and noting that the proposed boundary line doesn't even follow a continuous route along Locust Drive. I would ask you to reconsider the separation of the blocks, or reconsider the boundaries that comprise these blocks individually. The redistricting process is meant to be thorough, and I am requesting that you reconsider what defines this neighborhood for the redistricting process so that it makes sense for the years to come as our community grows and welcomes new families.

I would also like to point out that a significant portion of PB351, if not all, are historically within the walking boundary for Hillcrest, despite the current demarcation on the existing maps, however the route to CES would not qualify as walkable for our neighborhood.

Please understand, that I am not advocating for HES or CHS, but rather for my children to be placed with students in their neighborhood. I am greatly concerned, not to mentioned shocked, and disappointed, that our small group of students remain isolated in Option 3.2, and would be redistricted without any peers. I have lived here for 8 years and have walked the streets in my neighborhood, forging friendships in my community and at the preschool adjacent to Hillcrest. In all my time here, I never thought of these Planning Blocks as being anything but one neighborhood, as there is nothing to delineate them as separate units--no geographic or traffic markers.

I have raised my first grader to be kind, inquisitive, and fair. How will I respond when she asks why she has to go to a new school, and none of her classmates do? Why the kids we can hear and see from our back yard will go to another school? The children who live mere hundreds of feet from our home will not be classmates? From my house on Sanford Avenue, I can see homes on Gary and Oak Drive with children who would be slated to attend a different school under this plan. It just doesn't make sense to do the 40 kids in PB 351. Now, factor in the grandfathering of 4th and 5th graders, and the difference to class size at HES, and the proposed redistricting would have essentially no effect. How will I explain to my daughter that this plan makes sense for everybody when it doesn't? How is it fair that she would begin her third year in public school and potentially only know 2 children in the entire 2nd grade?

Keeping large contiguous areas/planning blocks together will more effectively affect enrollment figures and satisfy the need to keep neighbors together. Therefore I support Options 1, 2, or 4 which keep PB 351 and PB 514 together. Should Option 3 be under consideration, I request that other PB blocks adjacent to PB 351 be "attached" to PB 351, such that a larger group of children be moved.

I respect the magnitude of the task at hand, and recognize the impact the end results will have in our community at large. I am not asking for a change that will satisfy my unique situation, but one that really makes sense and respects the members of our community--including those with school age children, and those who are beginning to raise families in our community. Please take into consideration those of us who have come forward from PB 351--we are a quiet voice, but one that deserves to be heard, petition or no petition. We are looking for a fair solution, Thank you for your consideration, Debbie Rowe 142 Sanford Ave

**12/16/15, 0831 hrs**

Lance Byrd [2byrds@gmail.com](mailto:2byrds@gmail.com)

We have reviewed the latest maps, including the multiple Option 3 maps.

We support Option 3.2a

Statistically it has the lowest number of students impacted at 317.

Option 1 590

Option 2 582

Option 3 673

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Option 3.1a 372

Option 3.2 450

Option 3.2a 317

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And it improves Hillcrest feeder percentages from current (88% CMS, 12% AMS) to 96% CMS and 4% AMS!

Lance Byrd 410-507-6047 (cell)

**12/16/15, 0832 hrs**

Bruce [brucekudson@gmail.com](mailto:brucekudson@gmail.com)

Hello, I want to let you know that I strongly support Option 3.2a. Regards Bruce K Hudson



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**12/16/15, 0836 hrs**

China Williams [china\\_22@hotmail.com](mailto:china_22@hotmail.com)

Dear Boundary Committee,

Thank you for your service to the community and for providing the public with such an influential input session. We are a very fortunate community that so many people love their schools so dearly.

That said, I hope that the committee can look beyond what is popular and select the map that offers the best scenario based on the criteria not a neighborhood's preference. It is imperative to use taxpayer dollars wisely and ensure that this process results in schools that are neither overcrowded nor underutilized unless there is long-term growth potential in the district.

The maps that best reflect residents' wishes are the ones that have a lower utilization percentage for the new buildings and the least number of affected students.

Moving forward, please consider the strengths of Option 3 and Option 4, both of which have the highest utilization percentages of all of the maps. There are some unpopular, even problematic, elements in those maps but it ensures relief for Johnnycake and Hillcrest as well as high utilization percentages for the new schools.

What good is redistricting if no students are redistricted? Thanks, China Williams

**12/16/15, 0852 hrs**

Matt Spence [mspence921@gmail.com](mailto:mspence921@gmail.com)

Good morning,

I wanted to voice my strong support for option 3.2a. As my neighbor pointed out, this option has the lowest number of students impacted.

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It also improves Hillcrest feeder percentages from 88% CMS, 12% AMS to 96% CMS, 4% AMS.

Matt Spence 410-952-3489

**12/16/15, 0958 hrs**

Jenny Herrmann [jkherrmann@yahoo.com](mailto:jkherrmann@yahoo.com)

I support option 3.2a because it:

- impacts the least amount of students
- improves the feeder school ratios at Hillcrest

Thank you, Jenny Bowers

**12/16/15, 1141 hrs**

Lauren Blair [blair.laurenm@gmail.com](mailto:blair.laurenm@gmail.com)

Dear Boundary Study Committee,

As you meet tonight to determine your recommendations, I ask that you support option 3--particularly 3.2a. Statistically it has the lowest number of students impacted at 317.

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Thanks for all of your hard work! Sincerely, Lauren Blair

**12/16/15, 1223 hrs**

[Ryan.James@eulerhermes.com](mailto:Ryan.James@eulerhermes.com)

Please find attached the statement from the officers of the Dunmore Community Association in regards to redistricting of elementary schools in the Southwest area of Baltimore County.

I appreciate you taking time to review our neighborhood's concerns in lieu of the planned meeting this evening and we appreciate the difficult work of this committee.

Regards, Ryan James Dunmore Community Association President

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**12/16/15, 1236 hrs**

Tara Cofiell Thompson| Tara Hope Photography [taracofiell@gmail.com](mailto:taracofiell@gmail.com)

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**12/16/15, 1248 hrs**

Angie Hale <[ahale@successforall.org](mailto:ahale@successforall.org)>

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[Ryan.James@eulerhermes.com](mailto:Ryan.James@eulerhermes.com)

Note: I understand that the State of Maryland's web site does not allow zip files so I am removing the attached letter and simply submitting the letter as an email below. Thank you.

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**12/16/15, 2149 hrs**

Scott Munroe <[skmunroe@gmail.com](mailto:skmunroe@gmail.com)>

Dear Members of the Board,

I would like to submit an Alternate Plan that makes a very slight change in the PB areas that split between Westchester ES, Johnnycake ES and Woodbridge ES. Many of the current options shown on the website for tonight's meeting show PB Areas 481, 482, 483, 484 and 485 being added to the Westchester ES zone (A total of 71 students). I would recommend that PB Areas 504, 481, 388, 997 and 998 be added to Westchester ES instead.

The areas I am proposing are closer geographically to the existing Westchester ES zone, This would also leave the other areas to be connected either to Woodbridge ES or the Johnnycake ES, either of these would be more geographically contiguous for these PB areas.

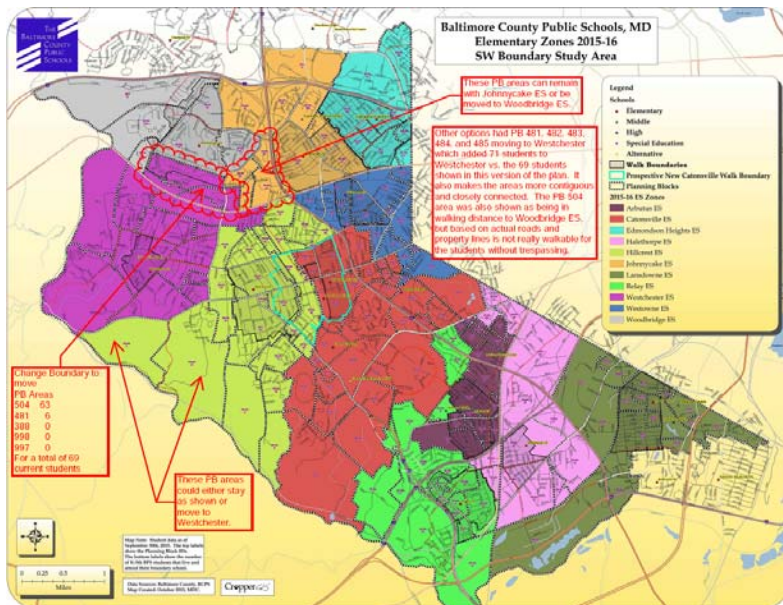
The current plan options show areas that are separated by a significant distance as well as Rt. 40 and N. Rolling Road being added to Westchester ES.

Another point is that while the PB Area is shown as being within the "Walking" area for Woodbridge ES, it is not actually walkable based on actual road layouts. If you stick to the roads you would be significantly farther than a mile from the Woodbridge ES. The only way for PB area 504 students to walk to Woodbridge ES within a Mile would be to trespass and cut through woods or to walk down N. Rolling Rd. (for a few). The changed Zones could also translate to Middle and High school.

I live in PB area 504 and currently have 2 daughters that attend Woodbridge ES. We have had nothing but a great experience with the teachers, staff and principals at Woodbridge. I tell you this because what I am proposing is not based on the quality of education my children are getting or for convenience of getting my children to and from school. It is based on geography, numbers and good planning practices.

I am a Landscape Architect and Planner by profession with over 20 years of experience in community planning and development.

I hope to be able to attend the meeting tonight and have this alternate discussed. Any questions on what I am proposing can be sent to me and I will be happy to address them. Thank you, Scott Munroe, RLA, PLA, LEED AP



**12/16/15, 1356 hrs**

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Thank you for copying me on this email.

Best wishes,

Tom Quirk

County Councilman - District 1: Southwest Baltimore County

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**12/16/15, 1356 hrs**

Amy Reilly [ajp\\_1673@yahoo.com](mailto:ajp_1673@yahoo.com)

Hi - was Ryan's statement from Dunmore attached? I didn't see anything.

Thanks, Amy

**12/16/15, 1417 hrs**

Amy Reilly [ajp\\_1673@yahoo.com](mailto:ajp_1673@yahoo.com)

I've added the letter that Ryan, Quint and Roy sent! Thanks for taking the time to do this, guys! Amy

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