

## Victory Villa Community Boundary Study Public Email Log: 01/25/17 to 02/03/17

**Date: 1/30/2017, 2157 hrs**

Name: Nicole Rusk

Good Evening,

I am just curious if BCPS will strongly consider not moving kids districted in the actual school they attend, if children are moved at all. I know there are several students that attend schools in which only their daycare is districted for. I find it unfair to move a child who is in their district unless the "daycare district kids" are removed first.

I worry because we bought our house for the elementary school my daughter attends. The last review I read stated our area could switch to a 4/10 school rating. I'm just asking (begging) to please remember me, and families like me who purchased homes so our children can attend a "better" rates school. Thank you so much for your time,

Nichole (concerned parent)

Sorry, I forgot to also ask that in this transition you maybe start to district change for children entering pre-k or Kindergarten and not the children who are comfortable in their learning environment.

Again, I truly appreciate your reading my emails:)

Nichole

**Date: 02/03/2017, 0731 hrs**

Name: Nicholas F. Scalice

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Comments: Hello, I am a concerned parent who currently has two children attending Vincent Farm Elementary School and this potential boundary change has me extremely concerned. My family and I moved to a new neighborhood 4 years ago to ensure our children had an opportunity to attend a school that provided a rigorous, safe, and nurturing learning environment. My children have excelled academically and as an educator myself I firmly believe Vincent Farm has had a tremendous impact on this. When we purchased our current home having the opportunity to attend Vincent Farm was the main selling point and if this wasn't the case I can honestly say that I would not have purchased this property. I would love to be an active member on this boundary change committee and look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your consideration and have a great day!

**Date: 02/03/2017 0819 hrs**

From: Kenneth Duvall

Subject: Victory Villa Elementary Community Boundary Study

Dr Cuellar, Mr. Roberts, Dr. Martin-Knox, Ms. Blannard,

I currently reside at 705 Bischoff Road in Middle River with my wife and two children. It has come to our attention that the county plans on rezoning the elementary schools in order to deal with overcrowding. While I understand this issue and am sympathetic to the problem, I do not agree with the approach to solving it. Currently, there are 3 proposed rezoning solutions. All but one (zone option 3) have the zone for Hawthorne elementary school jumping over Eastern Avenue. This is problematic.

There are several new single family home neighborhoods built or being built on Wampler Road. We purchased these homes with the understanding that our children would be going to Vincent Farm Elementary School which is highly rated. It was one of the great selling points for us. If Zone option 1 or Zone option 2 are chosen, our son and daughter will go to Hawthorne Elementary which currently has a 3 out of 10 rating on GreatSchools.org. This is alarming, to say the least. I would not have spent the amount of money I did on a home if I knew my kids would not be going to Vincent Farm. If our children get rezoned out of Vincent Farm, we will be forced to either send them to private school or move. This will prove to be difficult as well since our property value will undoubtedly be negatively affected.

I have watched a few of the past meetings to discuss the zoning online. It appears that the 4-person group representing each school is made up of teachers and current parents. It may be beneficial to open this up to parents of potential students as well. I understand that there are more options to come, and I hope that the opinion of new neighborhoods is taken into account. As I mentioned previously, many of us bought our house here because we thought our children would go to Vincent Farm. It seems that we may be regretting that decision.

Thank you for the consideration,

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