REDISTRICTING TO ADDRESS CROSS KEYS CLUSTER OVER-CROWDING

ROUND 2 PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2016
CROSS KEYS HS
WHY REDISTRICTING?

- Substantial overcrowding in the Cross Keys Cluster
- The goal is to reduce overcrowding and the number of students in portable classrooms for next school year (Fall 2016)
- Redistrict students into K-5 schools, instead of using 3rd and 4th grade academies for Fall 2016 relief
Board Policy AD: Alteration of School Attendance Areas defines primary and secondary criteria

Primary Criteria, based on logistics
- Geographic proximity
- Instructional capacity
- Projected enrollment

Note: Students may not always be assigned to their closest school, since other criteria must also be considered.
REDISTRICTING CRITERIA

- Secondary Criteria, when the primary criteria indicate more than one option for action
  - Safety and traffic patterns
  - Previous redistricting
  - Balancing of special programs, (i.e., ESOL, programs serving special needs students that require additional classroom space, etc.)
  - School feeder alignment
  - Intact neighborhoods
REDISTRICTING PROCESS

- Round 2 community meeting
  - Everyone participates equally
  - Meeting starts with this presentation
  - Divide into small-group break-out sessions
  - Small-groups facilitated by trained staff
  - Equity in the process
  - Focused discussion on the criteria
The proposed redistricting plan, if approved, would go into effect in August 2016.

Students rising into 5th, 11th, and 12th grades will have the option to continue in their former school, with no transportation provided.
REDISTRICTING PROCESS

Cross Keys Overcrowding Meetings
(Sep 15 & 17, 2015)

Round 1
Alternative Options
(Jan 14 & 19, 2016)

Round 2
Staff Recommended Plan
(Feb 11, 2016)

Board Meeting
Superintendent Recommendation
(Mar 7, 2016)
## ROUND 1 FEEDBACK (JAN 14 & JAN 19)

### Meeting Dots + Online Comments = Total Comments

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<td>58 + 36 = 94</td>
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<td><strong>ES Option 2</strong></td>
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<td>(Briar Vista ES, Fernbank ES, Warren Tech, Former ISC)</td>
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- Comments: [http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/redistricting](http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/redistricting)
“OTHER OPTIONS”

- “Option 4” using Druid Hills MS, Avondale HS, etc.
- Use other nearby schools (e.g., Ashford Park, Oak Grove, etc.)
- Send overcrowded students directly to Fernbank ES*
- Move all of Briar Vista ES, including Montessori, to Fernbank ES
- Use Former Skyland ES
- Use Former Briarcliff HS
- Do both high school options to maximize relief*

*Utilized (all or in part) in Staff Recommended Plan
BASIS FOR STAFF RECOMMENDED PLAN

- Concern for the continued viability of the Montessori program with the proposed Options 1 and 2
- Delay for relief of Cary Reynolds under Option 2 was a concern, as well as impact on the Warren Tech program
- Utilize any available nearby excess capacity at Fernbank ES, vacant Former ISC Facility, and Chamblee HS for Fall 2016
- Incorporated several “other option” recommendations provided in Round 1
STAFF RECOMMENDED REDISTRICTING PLAN

- A. Redistrict 61 Woodward ES students to Fernbank ES
- B. Redistrict 269 Montclair ES students to Fernbank ES
- Split feeder of Fernbank ES to two middle schools: Druid Hills MS and Sequoyah MS

Note: Number of students shown are estimates and are subject to change
C. Redistrict 394 Montclair ES students to new Former ISC school (new K-5 school)

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D. Redistrict 444
Dresden students to Montclair ES

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- E. Redistrict 301 Cary Reynolds students to Dresden ES

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- F. Redistrict 232 Cross Keys HS students to Chamblee HS
- First middle and high school split feeder in DeKalb County

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# STAFF RECOMMENDED REDISTRICTING PLAN

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| Other Facilities outside of Cross Keys Cluster | • Former ISC  
  • Fernbank ES | • Chamblee HS |
ADDITIONAL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

- Continue search for properties for two new 900-seat elementary schools to serve the Cross Keys Cluster

- **Secondary School Planning and Feasibility Study** will kick-off (March 2016) the discussion of long-term relief for Sequoyah MS and Cross Keys HS and all other middle and high schools in Regions 1 and 2 plus Clarkston Cluster

- Major redistricting at elementary, middle, and high schools over the next three years (starting next fall) for schools in Regions 1, 2, and 3, in conjunction with the **Secondary School Planning and Feasibility Study** and as new facilities come on-line
1. What are the Pros/Cons of the Staff Recommended Redistricting Plan?

*Please focus comments on Board-approved criteria*
SMALL-GROUP GROUND RULES

- Facilitators are objective participants
- Can only consider input related to the criteria
- DCSD commits to receiving and considering all appropriate input
- Staff must balance multiple perspectives and logistical limitations in developing the plan, thus not all input can be accommodated
- Respect each others’ opinions
- Please write questions on index cards
- Questions will be addressed on the website at www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/redistricting