




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
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REDISTRICTING CRITERIA




- 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
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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
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REDISTRICTING PROCESS



- 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)

<i>Meeting Dots + Online Comments = Total Comments</i>		
	Pro	Con
ES Option 1 <i>(Briar Vista ES, Fernbank ES, Former ISC)</i>	$58 + 36 = 94$	$83 + 44 = 127$
ES Option 2 <i>(Briar Vista ES, Fernbank ES, Warren Tech, Former ISC)</i>	$26 + 38 = 64$	$62 + 41 = 103$
ES Option 3 <i>(Former ISC)</i>	$11 + 21 = 32$	$16 + 10 = 26$
HS Option 1	$19 + 9 = 28$	$9 + 5 = 14$
HS Option 2	$25 + 2 = 27$	$11 + 5 = 16$

- Comments: <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

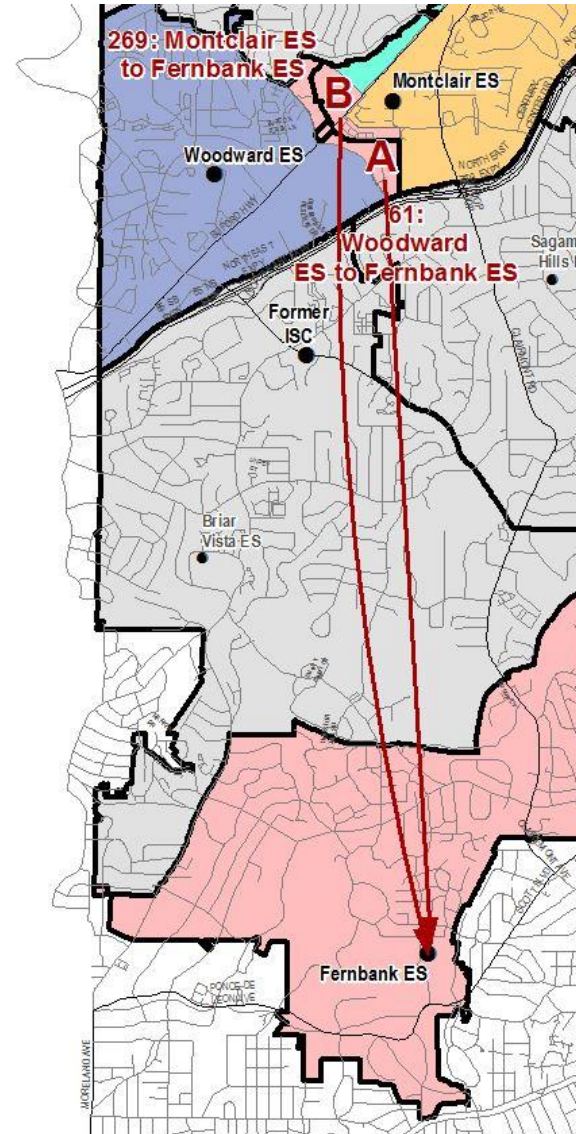


- Concern for the continued viability of the Montessori program with the proposed Options 1 and 2
 - Delay for relief of Cary Reynolds under Option 2 was a concern, as well as impact on the Warren Tech program
 - Utilize any available nearby excess capacity at Fernbank ES, vacant Former ISC Facility,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

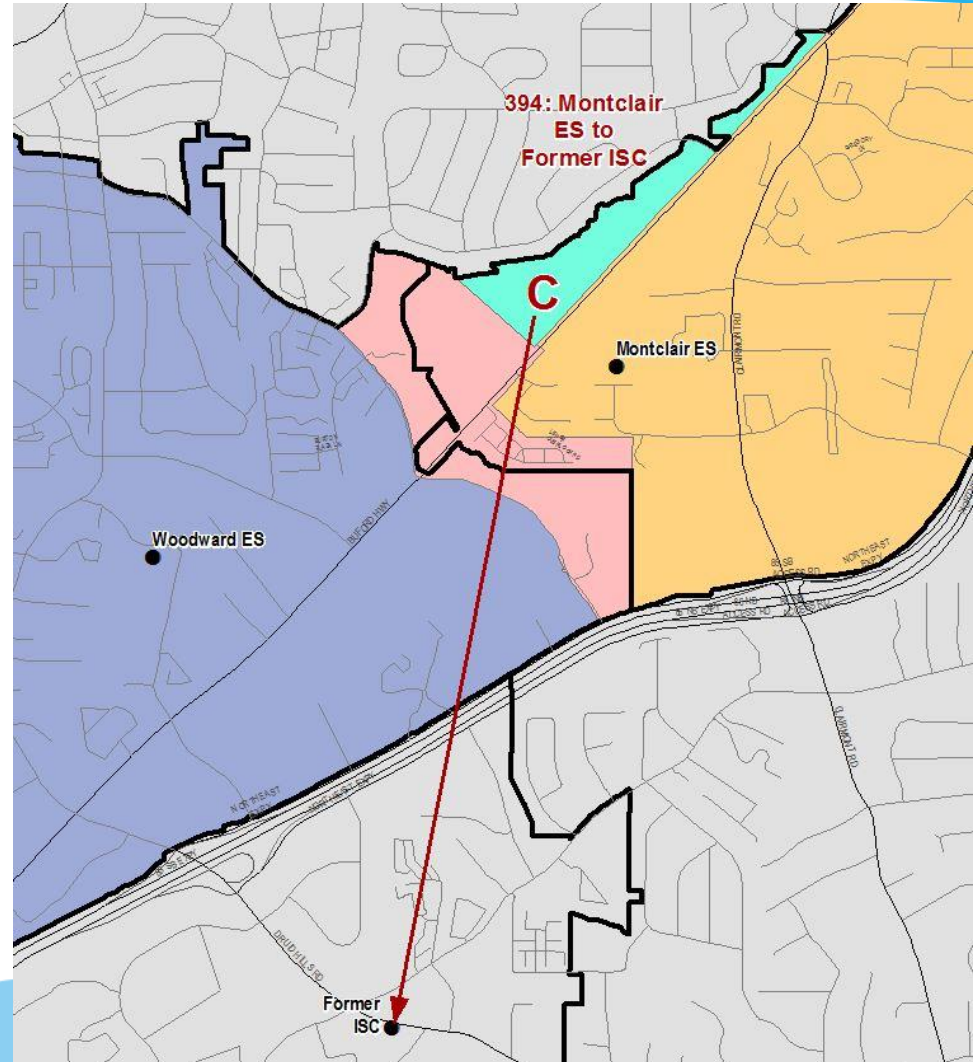
- A. Redistrict 61 Woodward ES students to Fernbank ES
- B. Redistrict 269 Montclair ES students to Fernbank ES
- Split feeder of Fernbank ES to two middle schools: Druid Hills MS and Sequoyah MS

Note: Number of students shown are estimates and are subject to change



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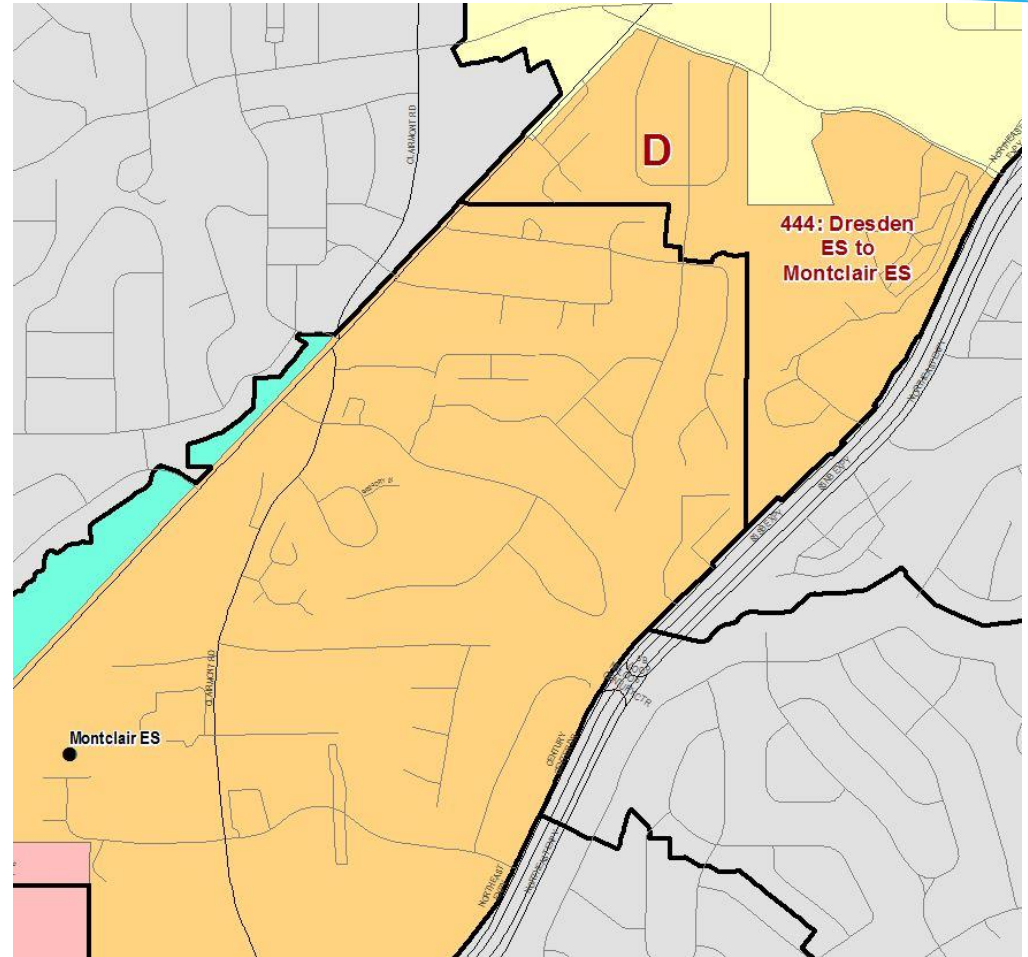
- C. Redistrict 394
Montclair ES students to
new Former ISC school
(new K-5 school)



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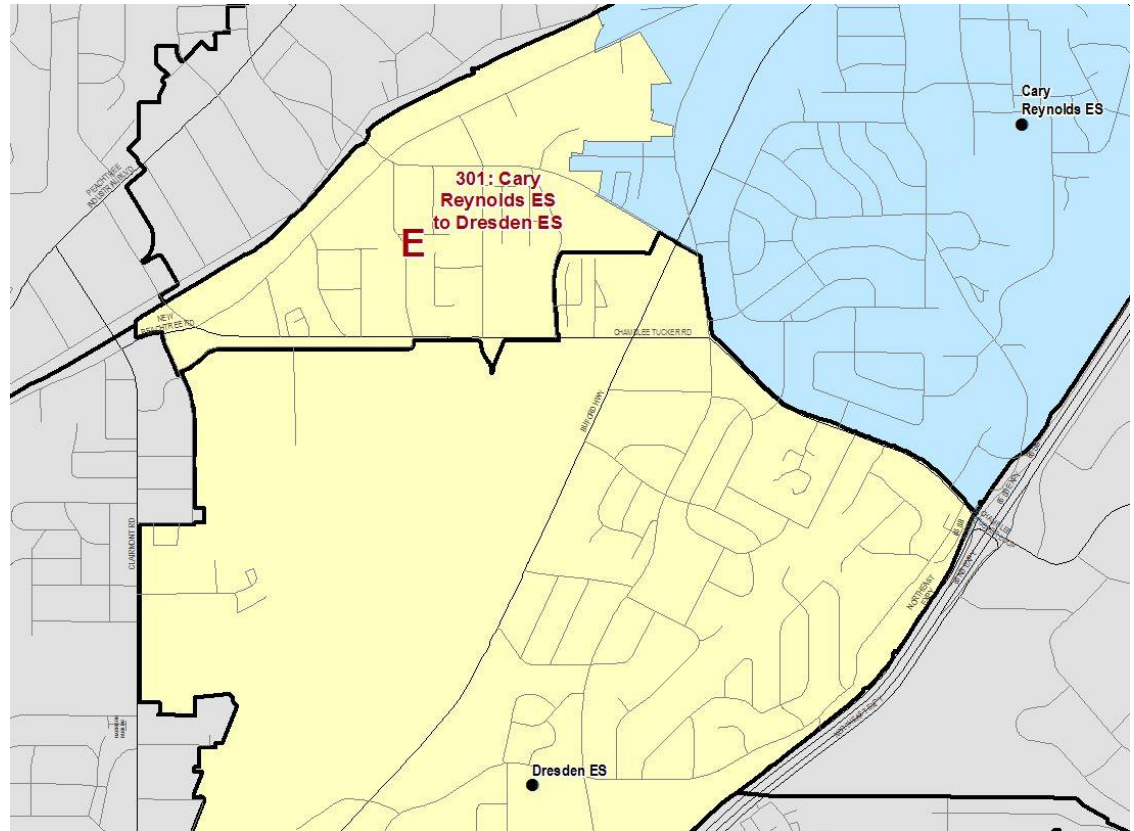
- D. Redistrict 444
Dresden students to
Montclair ES



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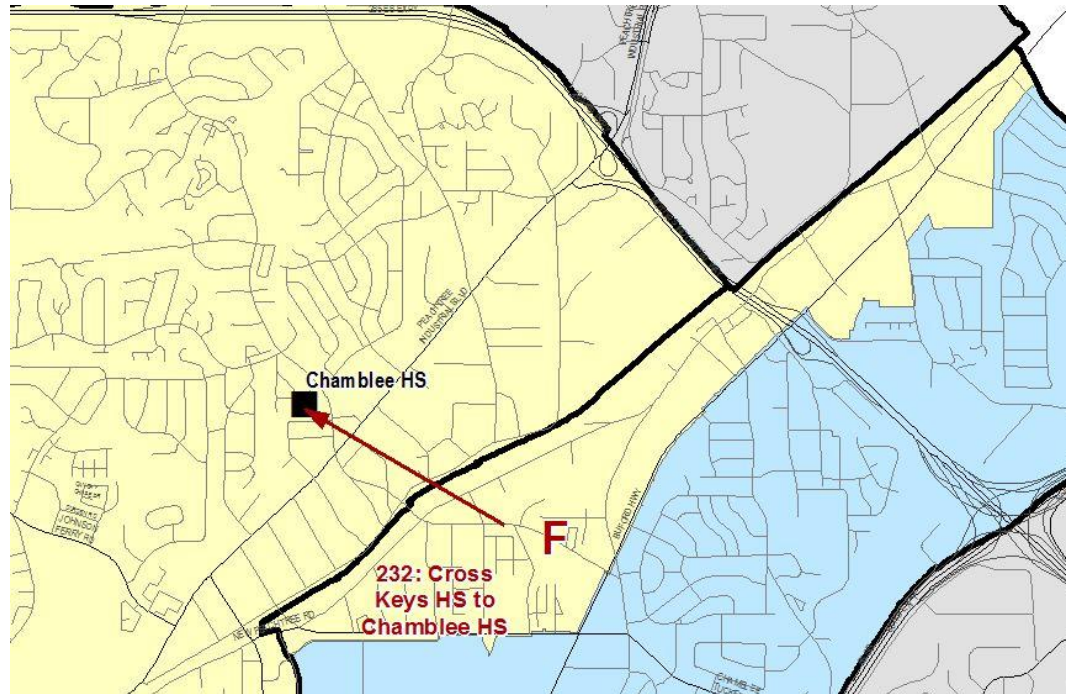
- E. Redistrict 301 Cary Reynolds students to Dresden ES



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STAFF RECOMMENDED REDISTRICTING PLAN

- 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

	ES Plan	HS Plan
New Seats (Fall 2016)	724	232
Reduction in Portables (Fall 2016)	-33	-2
Other Facilities outside of Cross Keys Cluster	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Former ISC• Fernbank ES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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
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SMALL-GROUP QUESTION




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
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THANK YOU FOR COMING!

BOARD MEETING:
MARCH 7, 2016

