



# DRUID HILLS CLUSTER ELEMENTARY REDISTRICTING

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ROUND 3 PUBLIC MEETING  
NOVEMBER 28, 2018 7:00PM  
DRUID HILLS ES

# AGENDA

Why Redistricting?

Redistricting Process

Round 3 Comments

Redistricting Criteria

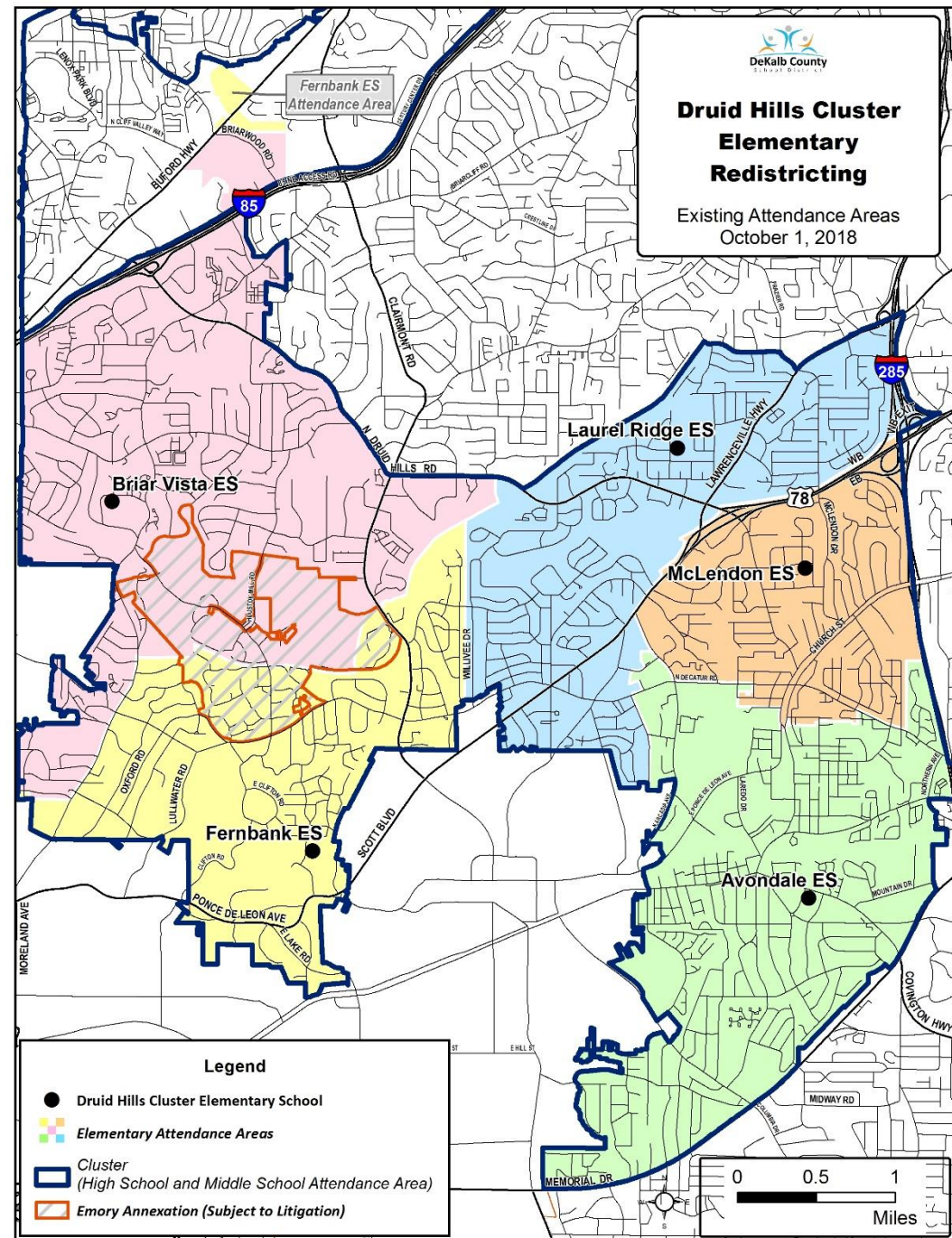
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# WHY REDISTRICTING?

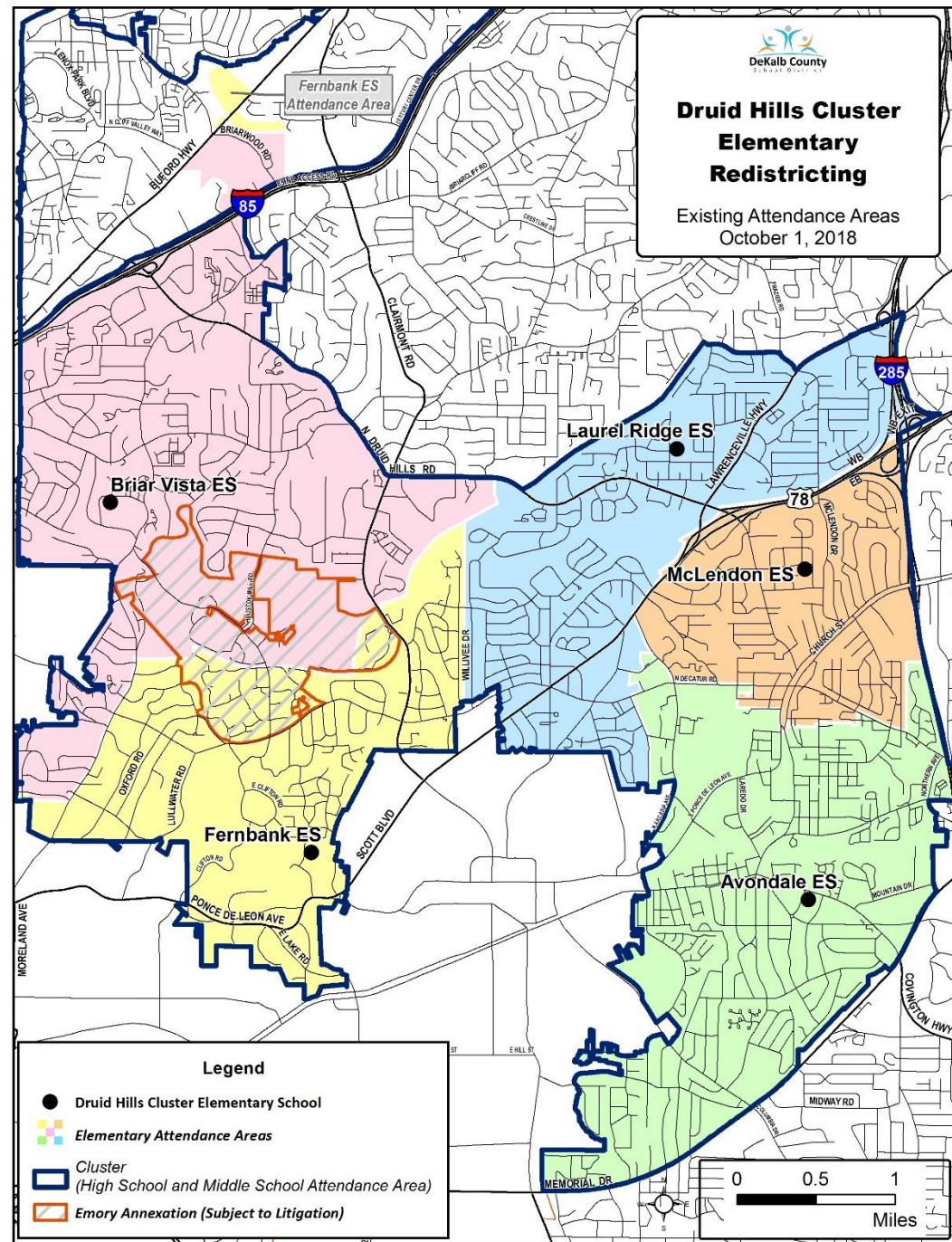
- New John R. Lewis Elementary School Opening August 2019
- Students temporarily housed at Fernbank ES & Briar Vista ES will be redistricted back to Cross Keys Cluster Elementary schools.
- Hundreds of seats of available capacity at Fernbank ES





# WHY REDISTRICTING?

- About 250 students from Fernbank ES, 60 students from Briar Vista ES returning to the Cross Keys Cluster
- Overcrowding at Laurel Ridge ES (112%) and McLendon ES (95%)



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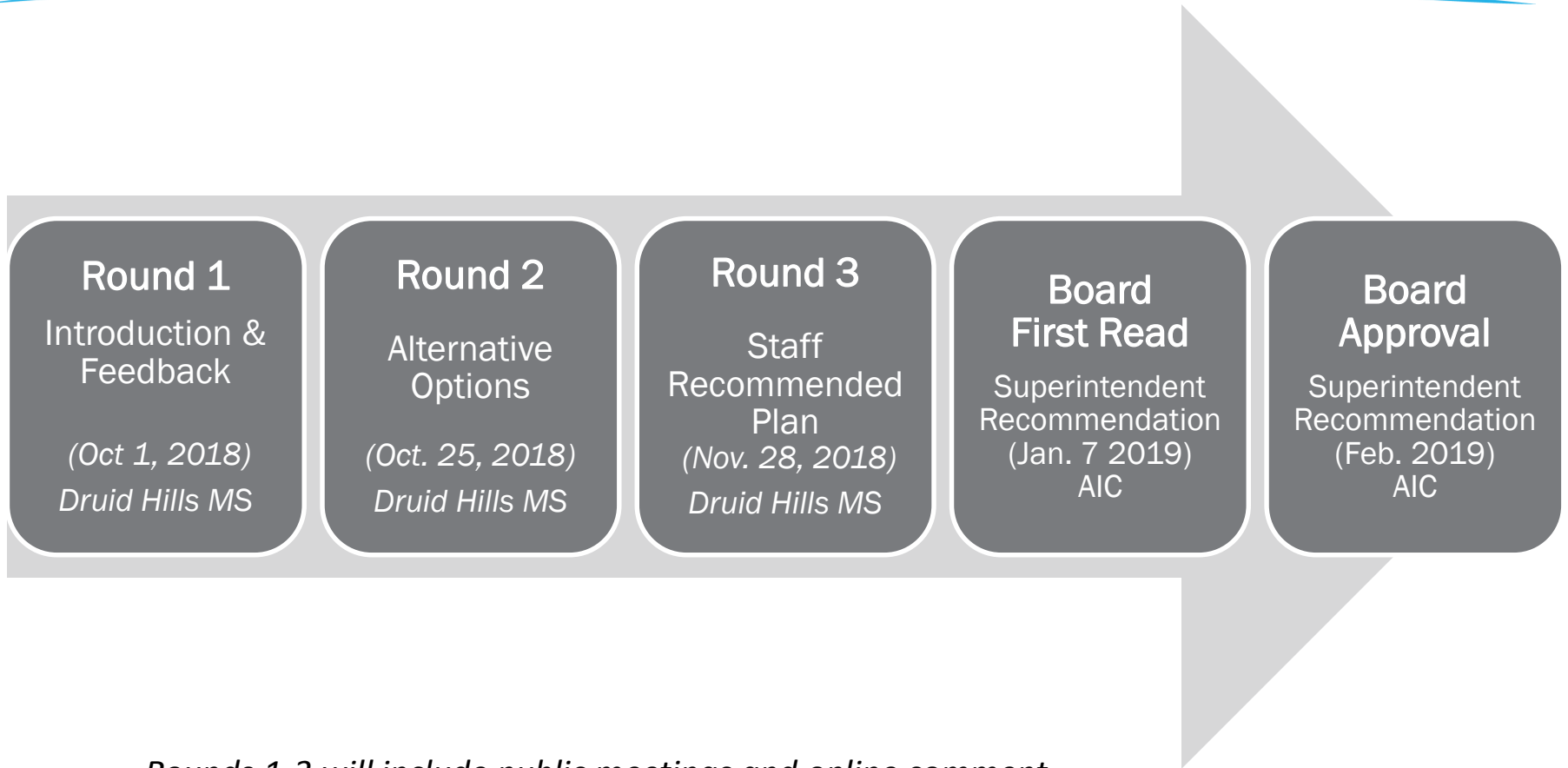


# REDISTRICTING PROCESS



- Community meeting process
    - Everyone participates equally
    - Meetings starts with large group 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



*Rounds 1-3 will include public meetings and online comment*  
[www.dekalbschoolsga.org/redistricting](http://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/redistricting)

# REDISTRICTING PROCESS




- First Round – Druid Hills MS– October 1, 2018
    - Objective: Collect community input within the board approved criteria
  - Second Round – Druid Hills MS– October 25, 2018
    - Objective: Collect community input on presented redistricting options based on board approved criteria
  - Third Round – Druid Hills MS– November 28, 2018
    - Objective: Collect community input on Staff Recommended Plan based on board approved criteria
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# REDISTRICTING PROCESS



- Board approved redistricting plan resulting from this process would go into effect August 2019
  - Students rising into 5<sup>th</sup> grade will have the option to continue in their former school, with no transportation provided
  - The Superintendent's Recommendation is based on feedback from all three rounds of public engagement and may look nothing like the option presented tonight (round three)
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# COMMENTS FROM ROUND 3



- Overall concern about traffic in the Clifton Rd and Scott Blvd corridors and about the impact of future development
  - **Option 1- Create Briar Vista Montessori and Early Learning Center:** Provides additional early-learning opportunities, provides less overcrowding relief.
  - **Option 2- Focus on Intact Neighborhoods:** Provides more overcrowding relief, keeps the Medlock and adjacent neighborhoods together, and is preferred over Option 1
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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, school choice, etc.)
    - School feeder alignment
    - Intact neighborhoods
    - Efficient and economical operations
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# STAFF RECOMMENDED PLAN



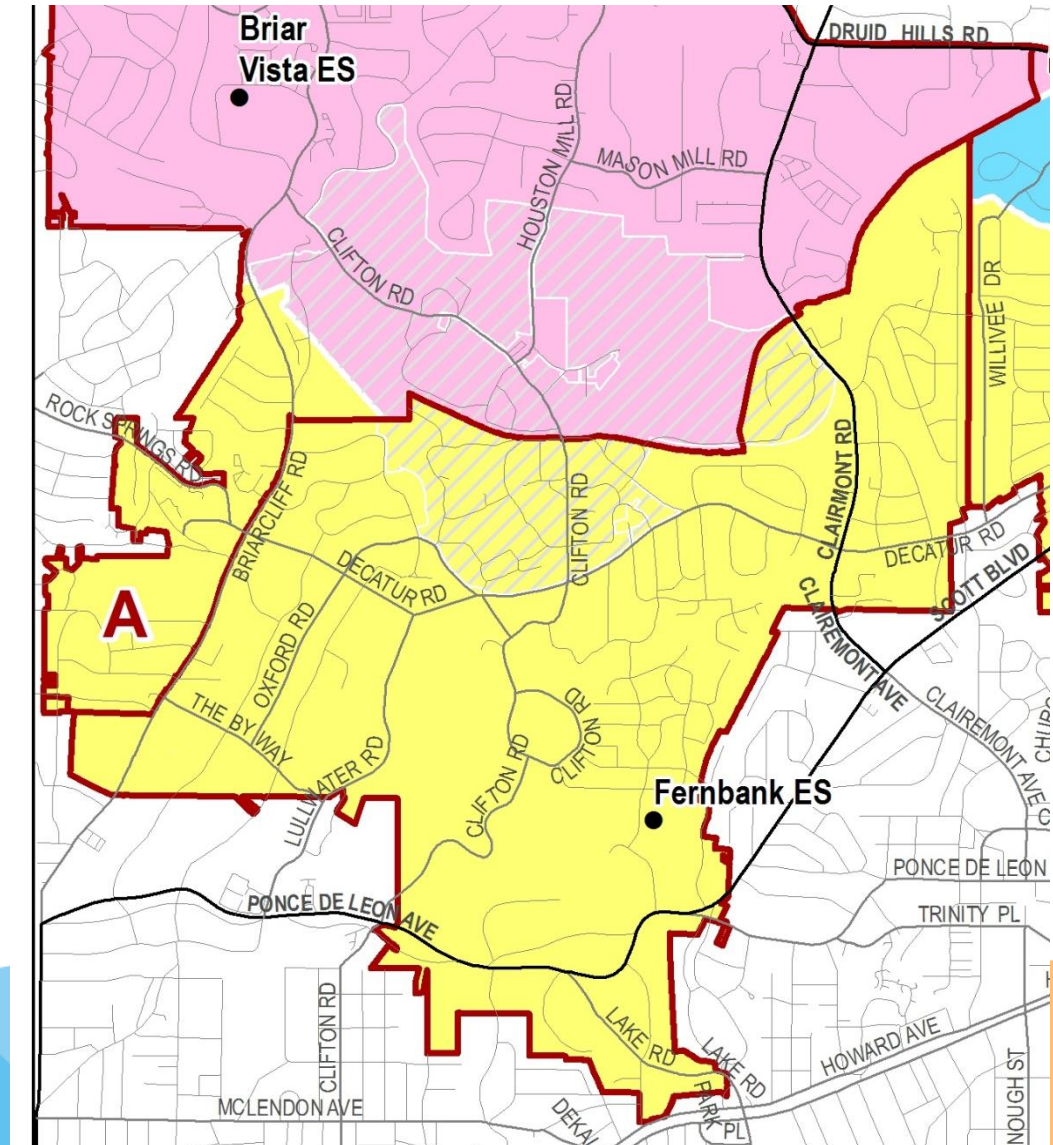
Based on community feedback:

- Traffic Concerns
- Future overcrowding concerns especially with the large number of new housing development planned



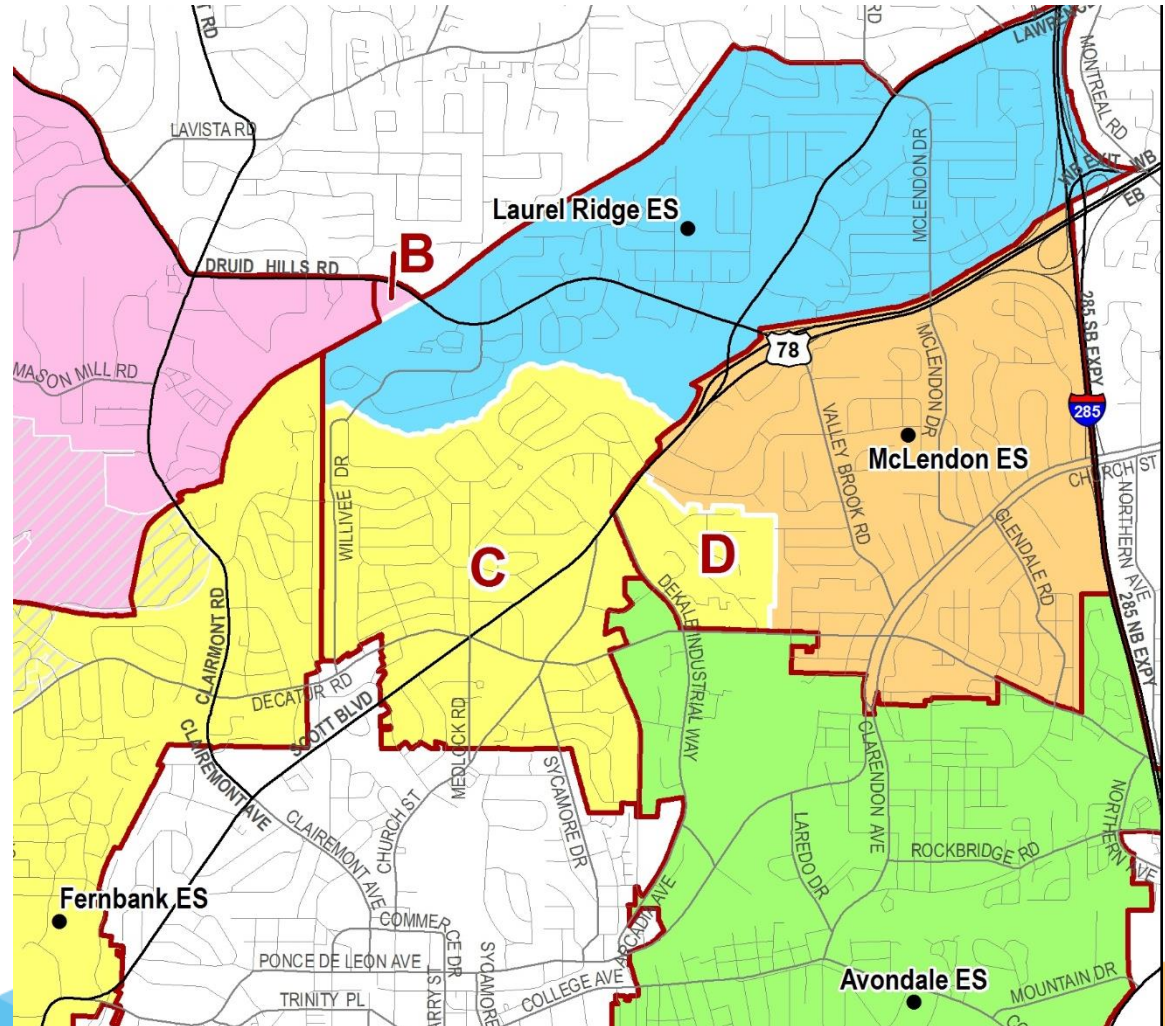
# STAFF RECOMMENDED OPTION

- A: 23 Briar Vista ES students to Fernbank ES



# STAFF RECOMMENDED OPTION


- B: 0 Laurel Ridge ES students to Briar Vista ES
- C: 154 Laurel Ridge ES students to Fernbank ES
- D: 46 McLendon ES students to Fernbank ES



# STAFF RECOMMENDED PLAN SUMMARY




| Description              | Student Moves | Portable Reduction |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Staff Recommended Option | 223           | -10                |



# BRIAR VISTA ES MONTESSORI



- Briar Vista Elementary will continue to be a neighborhood school with the current Montessori Program.
  - Briar Vista ES Montessori Students affected by redistricted will have the option to remain at Briar Vista ES with no transportation provided.
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# ROUND 3 SMALL-GROUP FEEDBACK OBJECTIVE




Collect input based on Board approved criteria

Series of questions for discussion



# ROUND 3 SMALL-GROUP FEEDBACK QUESTIONS




1. What are the pros and cons of the Staff Recommended Plan (based on community feedback)?
  2. What other items relating to the Board approved criteria should the Superintendent consider as he develops the Superintendent Recommendation to the Board?
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# ROUND 3 SMALL-GROUP FEEDBACK

## 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 plans, thus not all input can be accommodated
  - Respect each others' opinions
  - Please write questions on note cards
  - Questions will be addressed on the website at [www.dekalbschoolsga.org/redistricting](http://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/redistricting)
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# THANK YOU FOR COMING!

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