DRUID HILLS CLUSTER ELEMENTARY REDISTRICTING

ROUND 2 PUBLIC MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2018 7:00PM
DRUID HILLS MS
AGENDA

Why Redistricting?

Redistricting Process

Round 1 Comments

Redistricting Criteria

Redistricting Options

Round 2 Small Group Feedback
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 (101%)
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REDISTRICTING PROCESS

- Community meeting process
  - Everyone participates equally
  - Meetings start 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
Rounds 1-3 will include public meetings and online comment

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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
Board approved redistricting plan resulting from this process would go into effect August 2019

Students rising into 5th 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 options presented tonight (round two)
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COMMENTS FROM ROUND 1

- Concern about adjusting attendance areas for schools in the Druid Hills Cluster

- Concern about how selections will be made for redistricting students

- Concern about keeping neighborhoods intact.

- Concern about traffic in the Druid Hills Cluster
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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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TWO REDISTRICTING OPTIONS

- **Option 1**: Convert Briar Vista Elementary to the Briar Vista Montessori and Early Learning Center
- **Option 2**: Focus on Keeping Neighborhoods Together
OPTION 1: CONVERT BRIAR VISTA ELEMENTARY TO THE BRIAR VISTA MONTESSORI AND EARLY LEARNING CENTER

- Close Briar Vista ES as a neighborhood school
- Montessori program would remain at Briar Vista facility with a Pre-K through 5th grade capacity of 250
- Develop separate Early Learning Center at Briar Vista Facility to serve 244 Pre-K students
  - 112 3-year old
  - 132 4-year old (Pre-K)
- Total Capacity: 494 (250 Montessori + 244 ELC)
- NO transportation provided for either program
OPTION 1: CONVERT BRIAR VISTA ELEMENTARY TO THE BRIAR VISTA MONTESSORI AND EARLY LEARNING CENTER

- A: 221 Briar Vista ES students to Fernbank ES

Note: Includes all of the Briar Vista ES attendance area South of I-85
OPTION 1: CONVERT BRIAR VISTA ELEMENTARY TO THE BRIAR VISTA MONTESSORI AND EARLY LEARNING CENTER

- **B**: 52 Laurel Ridge ES students to Fernbank ES
- **C**: 49 Laurel Ridge ES students to Avondale ES
OPTION 2: FOCUS ON KEEPING NEIGHBORHOODS TOGETHER

- A: 23 Briar Vista ES students to Fernbank ES
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- B: 172 Laurel Ridge ES students to Fernbank ES
- C: 46 McLendon ES students to Fernbank ES
# Redistricting Options

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ROUND 2 SMALL-GROUP FEEDBACK

OBJECTIVE

Collect input based on Board approved criteria

Series of questions for discussion
1. Which focus do you feel best serves students in the Druid Hills clusters?

2. What are the pros and cons of each option?
   - **Option 1**: Convert Briar Vista Elementary to the Briar Vista Montessori and Early Learning Center
   - **Option 2**: Keep Neighborhoods Together
ROUND 2 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
THANK YOU FOR COMING!

NEXT MEETING:
ROUND 3 PUBLIC MEETING
NOVEMBER 28, 2018 7:00PM
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