



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

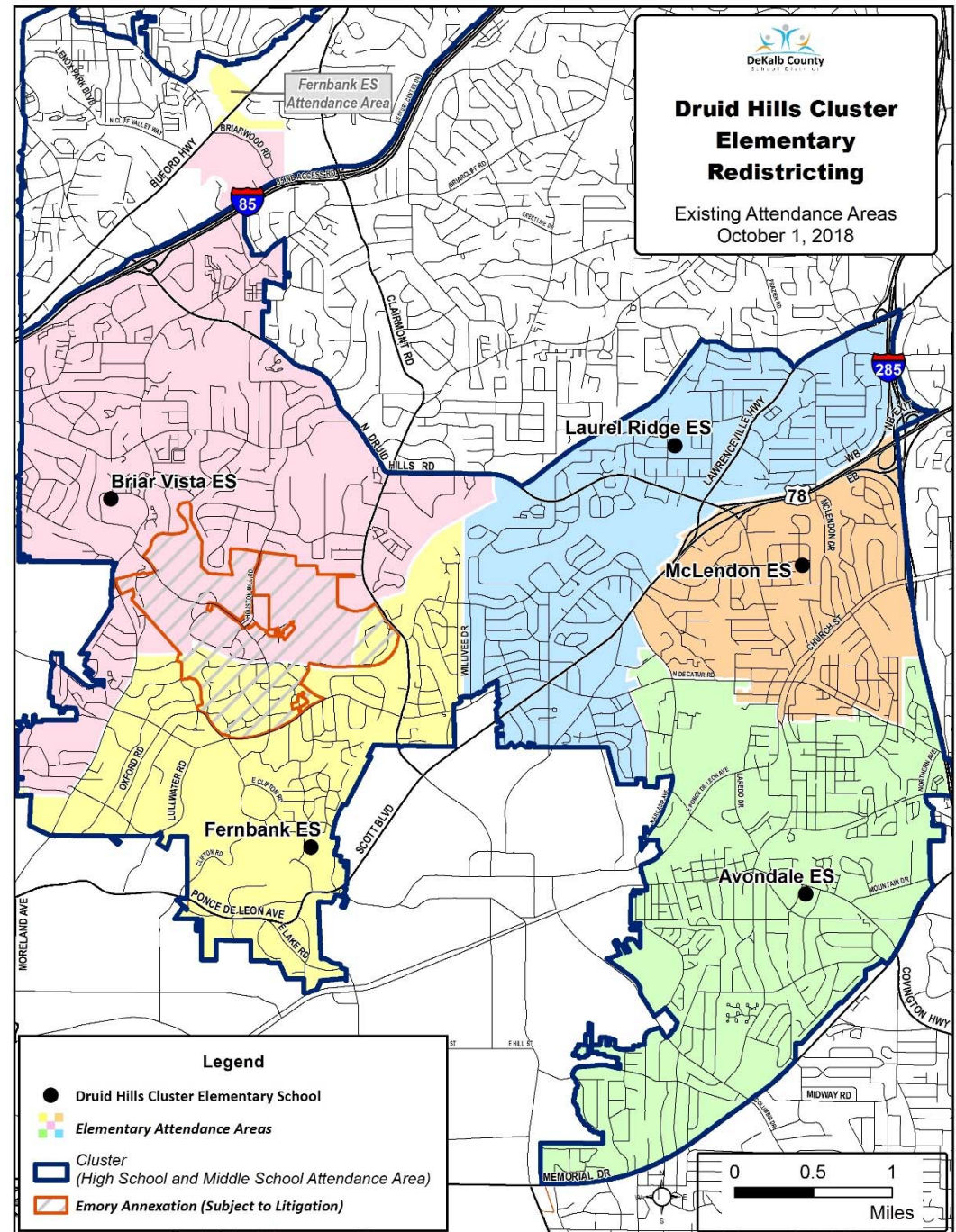
Redistricting Options

Round 2 Small Group Feedback



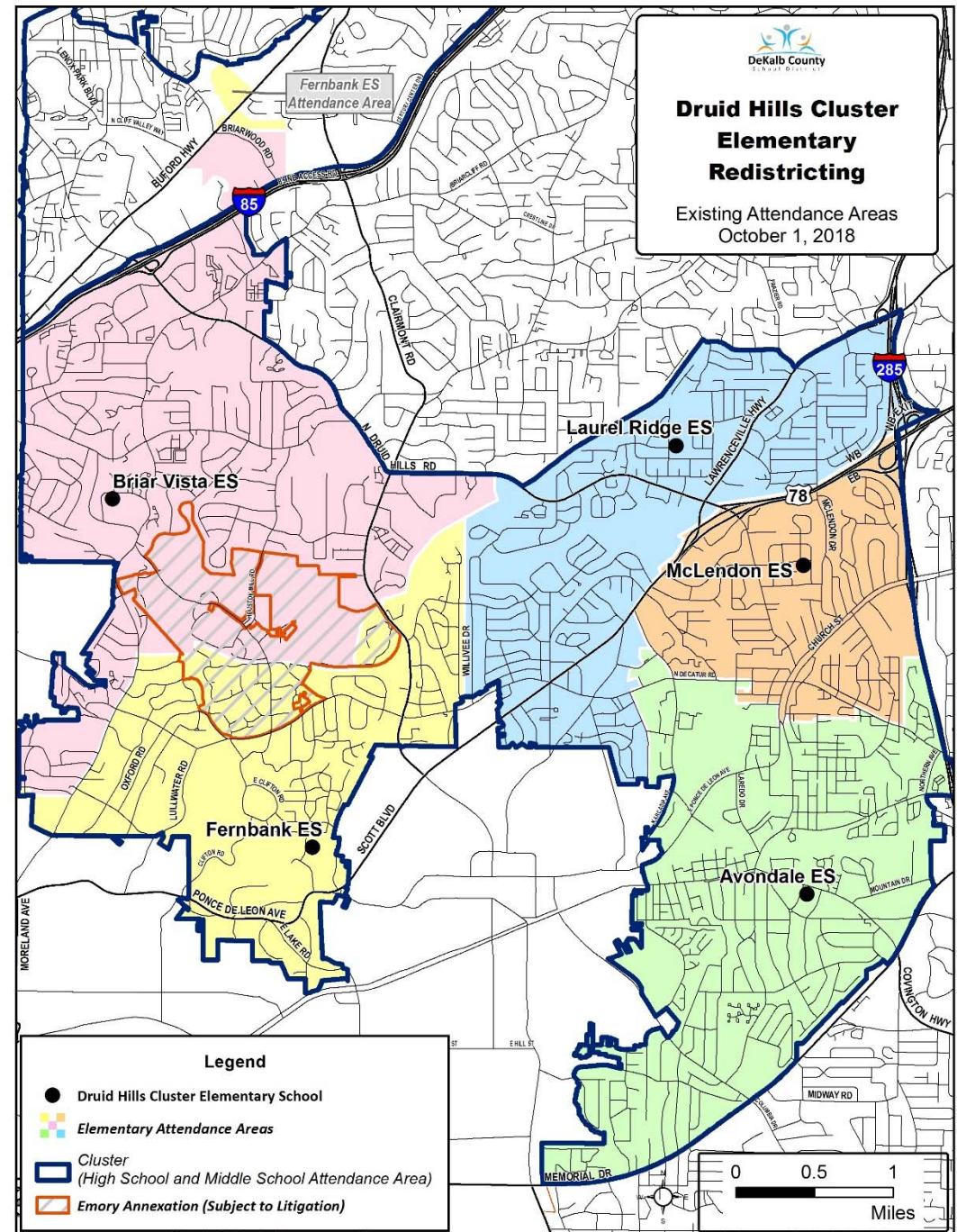
WHY REDISTRICTING?

- 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 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



REDISTRICTING PROCESS



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



REDISTRICTING PROCESS



- 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

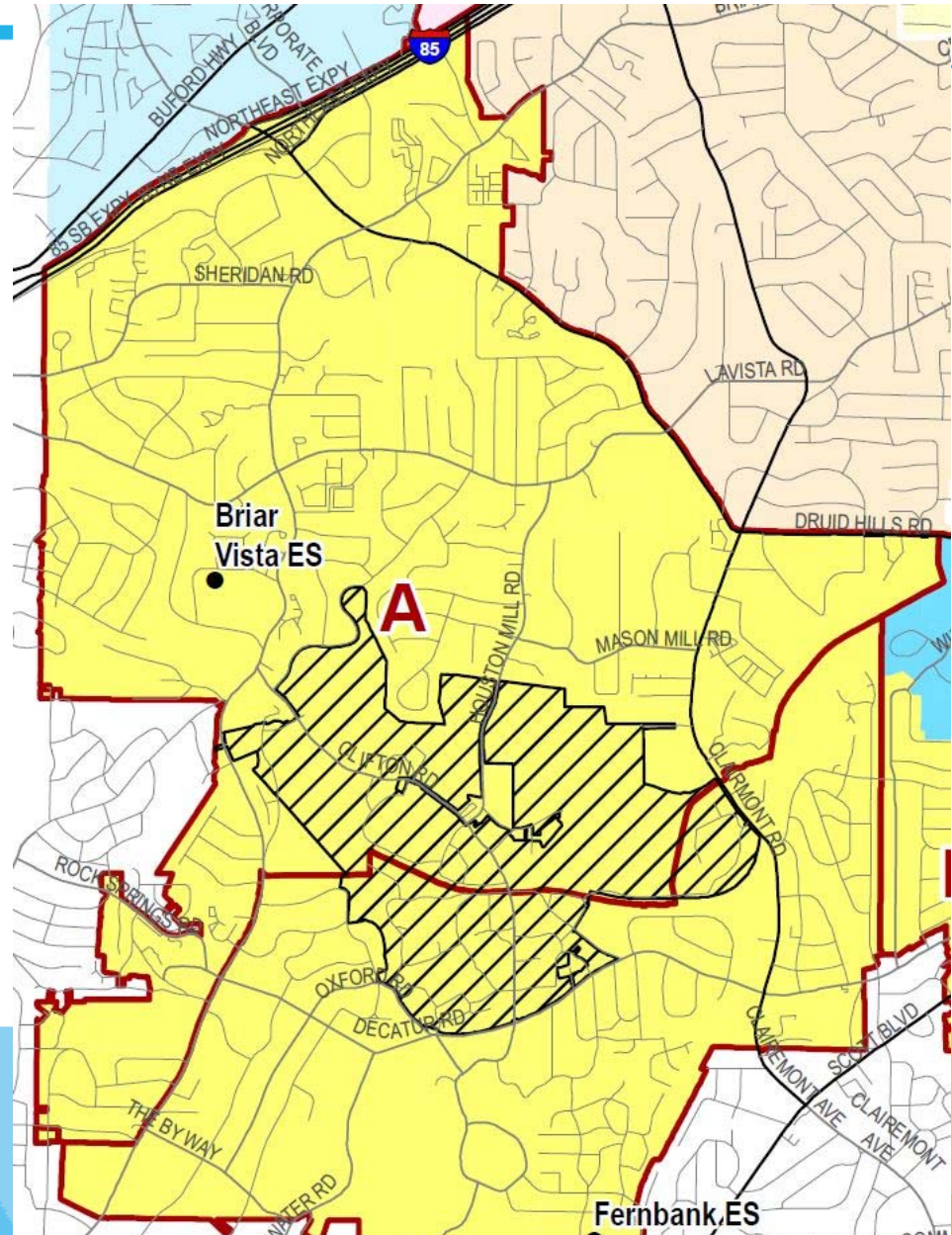
- Close Briar Vista ES as a neighborhood school
- Montessori program would remain at Briar Vista facility with a Pre-K through 5th grade capacity of 250
- Develop separate Early Learning Center at Briar Vista Facility to serve 244 Pre-K students
 - 112 3-year old
 - 132 4-year old (Pre-K)
- Total Capacity: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



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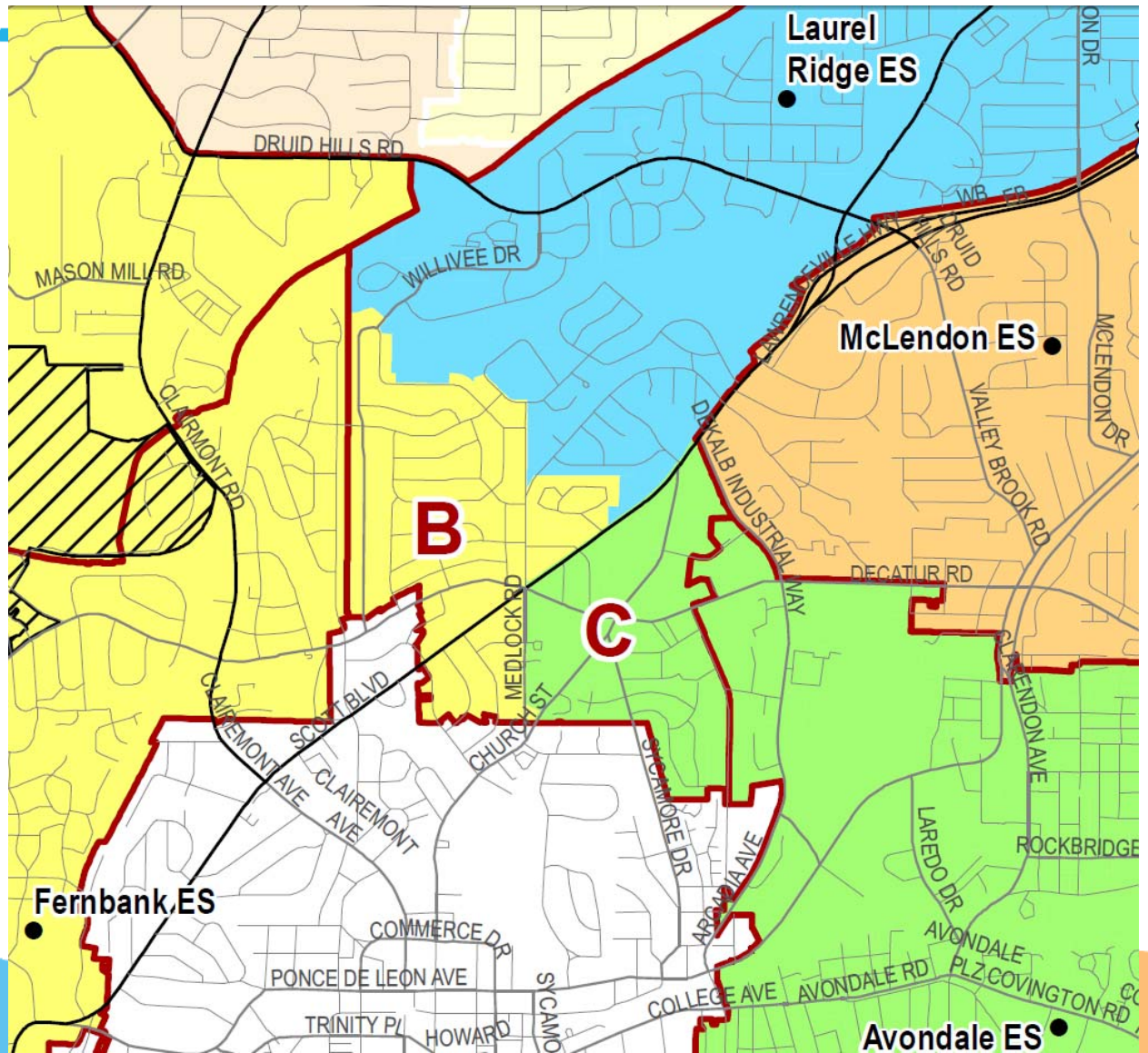
- A: 221 Briar Vista ES students to Fernbank ES

Note: Includes all of the Briar Vista ES attendance area South of I-85



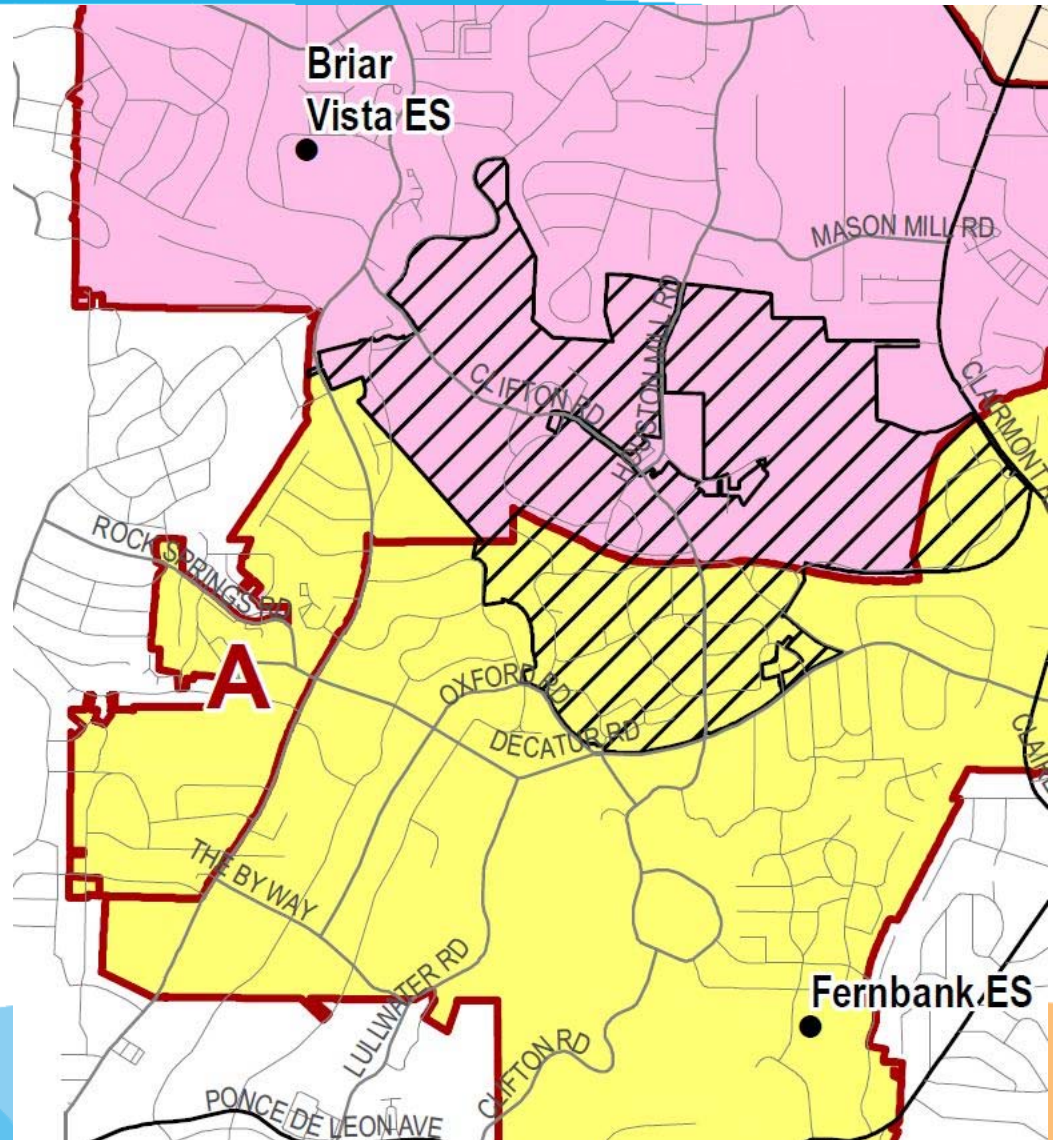
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- B: 52 Laurel Ridge ES students to Fernbank ES
- C: 49 Laurel Ridge ES students to Avondale ES



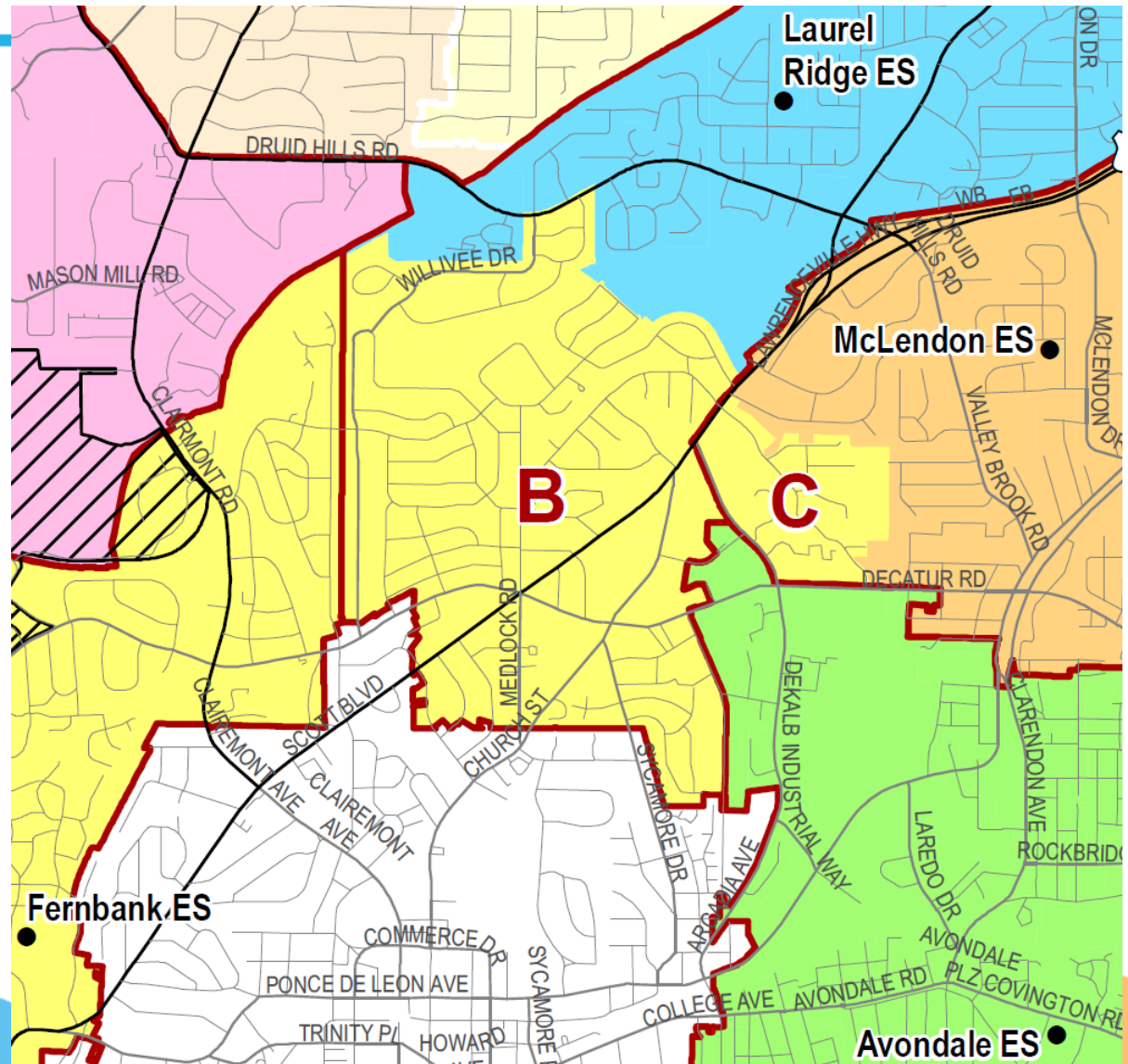
OPTION 2: FOCUS ON KEEPING NEIGHBORHOODS TOGETHER

- A: 23 Briar Vista ES students to Fernbank ES



OPTION 2: FOCUS ON KEEPING NEIGHBORHOODS TOGETHER

- B: 172 Laurel Ridge ES students to Fernbank ES
- C: 46 McLendon ES students to Fernbank ES



REDISTRICTING OPTIONS



Option	Description	Student Moves	Portable Reduction
1	<u>Option 1</u> : Convert Briar Vista Elementary to the Briar Vista Montessori and Early Learning Center	357	-8
2	<u>Option 2</u> : Focus on Keeping Neighborhoods Together	231	-10



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ROUND 2 SMALL-GROUP FEEDBACK OBJECTIVE



Collect input based on Board approved criteria

Series of questions for discussion



ROUND 2 SMALL-GROUP FEEDBACK QUESTIONS



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
DROID HILLS MS



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