

Druid Hills Cluster Elementary Redistricting Community Feedback
Meeting 2 Online Survey

Option 2: Focus on Keeping Neighborhoods Together - **Pros**

Comment

Keeps Medlock neighborhood together. It also creates a more balanced school on a socioeconomic level. When Medlock closed and plans were announced to build a bigger Fernbank, I can tell you as former Medlock Park resident myself, everybody was under the impression that Medlock would merge once the new school opened...

Better than Option 1.

Laurel Ridge and all schools have smaller enrollments. Students are served better with a better ratio of teachers to student.

- Many less students having their school lives disrupted

- Few close neighborhoods being separated. We want to stay with as many families and friends in the Laurel Ridge district as possible!!

- Easier transportation/commuting shorter distances across the board.

- Fewer portables

- Greater student reduction at Laurel Ridge

Medlock neighborhood stays together

Keeping neighborhoods together in elementary school is very important at a young age. This plan allows for expected population growth.

Better than option 1

The Medlock neighborhood is more intact.

Leaves Valley Brook Estates and Lindmoor Woods neighborhoods at Laurel Ridge elementary where we have a very strong community. Displaced fewer students. Brings all school capacity levels below 90% to allow for inevitable growth.

Less overcrowding at LR with this option?

Our neighborhood is still districted for LR.

Seems like a logical redrawing of lines. Keeps neighborhoods together. Moves least number of children.

Schools that need wiggle room the most for future growth (Laurel Ridge and McClendon) will get some, especially Laurel Ridge; the Medlock community will stay together and the area near Dekalb Medical (Rufus Evans, Bill Thrasher) will stay together at Fernbank with kids they already know from Laurel Ridge

1) Keeps neighborhoods together and limits traffic which is a huge plus. 2) Makes entire Medlock Park neighborhood part of Fernbank ES. This neighborhood, which has its own unique identity, is currently split down the middle between different schools. 3) Makes sense location wise to include Section A as part of Fernbank ES attendance zone.

Keeping the Medlock neighborhood intact

I bought my house to specifically be in the Laurel Ridge School District. My house in this map has remained in that area. So I am OK with this redistricting map.

I feel that most Springdale Heights parents, most of whom I have conferred with, and myself, would prefer this option as the lesser of two evils.

Lindmoor Woods in LRES

No portables! No school at max capacity. Best solution for the ckustee

Keeps Briarlake ES as neighborhood school, they will have transportation

Provides growth room in the schools, in terms of enrollment numbers. Mostly keeps core neighborhoods at their traditional schools.

Also keeps geographic areas together

It would stabilize the schools because they'd be zoned according to neighborhood, which would strengthen the community. I think the boundary set for BV and FES is better because it takes into account the potential annexation. I also like that the numbers

Keeps Medlock Park neighborhood together fully, which is what we want. Keeps most of Briar Vista school in tact, allowing traffic patterns to continue as usual. Relieves space pressures off of Laurel Ridge and maximizes the space available at Fernbank, which was constructed to support the growing needs of the area.

Keeps BV mostly intact. Keeps Medlock neighborhood intact. There is an existing neighborhood connection between Clairmont Heights and Medlock neighbors so this feels like a natural and sensible attendance zone adjustment. Eliminates need for portables and balances attendance amongst schools. LR school attendance zone is less disrupted.

Keeps neighborhoods and communities intact. Would reduce busing to Fernbank and alleviate distances that students have to travel to get to Fernbank.

Geographic proximity for all in BV attendance zone.

Fernbank capacity better utilized.

Few traffic issues than option 1.

Medlock and Springdale heights best preserved.

Keeps Medlock Area Neighborhood Association in tact!

Much prefer this option as it keeps MANA in tact.

Keeps Medlock neighborhood together!

Keeps community together and reduces traffic

It keeps Briar Vista as a neighborhood school and the Montessori program. It keeps Medlock Park together. I also support move some areas currently in McClendon into Fernbank. Fernbank is lacking in diversity and this change would help that.

Most of the Briar Vista community gets to stay at their neighborhood school.

As long as Sanden Ferry stays at LRR I am less focused on option

This is best for my family

Neighborhoods stay together

Keeps neighborhoods together. Also balances school populations more evenly, allowing for more growth across 5 schools over the next few years, instead of having 4 schools that are more densely populated and unable to withstand as much growth in the future.

Neighborhoods stay together.

1) The communities stay together and all have access to a public school that is reasonably close to them

2) BVE continues to provide transportation for all students.

3) Fewer students move to new schools.

4) No more trailers across all schools.

More neighborhoods are kept in tact, especially Medlock which under Option 1 would be split between 3 different elementary schools. This option also allows for growth to be spread among the schools over the coming years.

This keeps the Medlock neighborhood together and allows for future flexibility/growth in the Avondale area. Proximity to schools is incredibly important as this part of Dekalb County becomes more dense and traffic/congestion continue to increase commute times.

This map seems to provide maximum flexibility for adjustments as growth develops over the next 10 to 20 years.

Keeps neighborhood's together, balances enrollment, allows for growth from new developments.

Keeps Fernbank's attendance at desired levels with flexibility for future growth from development as well as families who left during reconstruction of Fernbank that will be coming back (or property re-sale will bring back historic local numbers to levels prior to move to Avondale).

keep our kids at the school they've been attending for years, since pre k for our 2nd grader.

Addresses the overcrowding in the district while keeping Laurel Ridge and Avondale at a manageable size to accommodate future growth.

- Keeps neighborhoods together
- Allows schools to have more capacity to handle continued growth in the area
- Will improve, but not fix, commute times and distances for students in the LRE and BV districts.
- Alleviates overcrowding at LRE and McClendon
- will allow school choice students to stay at Fernbank.

Better traffic pattern, keeps growth better in mind.

Clusters of students from the same school that are being moved will be kept together and not subdivided.

Keep Lindmoor Woods in Laurel Ridge ES

Keeps neighborhoods together (Medlock/Springdale Heights); reduces traffic because Briar Vista keeps a neighborhood school option; lowers across-the-board school utilization for 2019, providing space for the future growth happening in the area

This idea is meant to keep neighborhoods intact. The facility usage percentages for each school is no longer absurdly over 90% and the trailers will not be needed.

We would prefer this option as the neighborhood would be kept intact. Also, the schools would not be overcrowded.

Keeps neighborhoods together

Gets rid of portables for everyone

All schools have some room for growth

Briarwood Hills students move to Fernbank

This creates a cohesive district without dividing the district into disparate sections.

Better utilization rates

KEEPS MOST NEIGHBORHOODS TOGETHER. DOESN'T SPLIT LAUREL RIDGE NEIGHBORHOODS, KEEPS BRIARVISTA TOGETHER. MAKES THE SMALLEST CHANGE

Keeps neighborhoods together. Big improvement over current districting.

Neighborhoods kept together.

This should have been the option for as long as I've lived at my address...for almost 48 years. It never made sense initially to send students from Briarwood Hills to Briar Vista and then directly to DHHS in the 8th grade while the great majority of the Briar Vista students went on to Briarcliff HS. Why divide students from their peers then?

It keeps the Medlock community intact and present least disruption for students.

<p>Didn't change for our address in section B</p>
<p>better distribution of school population.</p>
<p>I appreciate that the Valley Brook Estates neighborhood remains in the Laurel Ridge ES district given our geographic proximity to the school.</p>
<p>1) Keeps Medlock park together, 2) relieves crowding from McLendon, which is also overcrowded</p>
<p>Geographically, this creates a better balance of students to school and lessens the likelihood of overcrowding which is a concern for everyone in the area. This will also unite all of Druid Hills into the same school district for the first time.</p>
<p>keeps neighborhoods together</p>
<p>Creates more contiguous communities on the west side of the map, particularly given the impending Emory annexation.</p>
<p>Offers some of McLendon a better school district. Could help traffic on N. Druid. Helps Laurel Ridge numbers significantly. Balances out all the schools.</p>
<p>Glad to see that Briarwood Hills neighborhood would move to Fernbank. We are seeing houses applying for annexation into Atlanta because of problems with schools. Less crowding at Fernbank, less travel time for families, less traffic if neighborhood districting remains.</p>
<p>Keeps neighborhoods together. Commutes would be better. Would give the schools room to grow. Less disruptive to the students and community.</p>
<p>Less travel, better safety for the kids, and smaller size.</p>
<p>Elimates overcrowding and portables at Laurel Ridge and McLendon.</p>
<p>keeps neighborhoods together (particularly medlock park)</p>
<p>All of the Laurel Ridge students that are being asked to move will end up in the same place. This is a huge comfort and consolation for these students, and it will help to stabilize them once moved.</p>
<p>Good utilization of space across schools (capacity), no longer need trailers (temp classrooms), keeps Medlock Park neighborhood together and connects with Clairmont Heights, keeps busing for BV area Montessori students</p>
<p>You keep a neighborhood school (Briar Vista) in a high growth area. Also more kids from Laurel Ridge stay together in this move and go to Fernbank. This could make the transition much easier for many of the kids.</p>
<p>Keeping the Medlock community together.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Keeps neighborhoods in tact -Provides flexibility to accommodate children as our cluster continues to grow -Allows Briar Vista to attend their neighborhood school -Lowers traffic in Clifton Corridor
<p>A much larger portion of our area is included which is nice. It doesn't feel as secluded from the Fernbank community.</p>
<p>Keeps our communities together and appears to make more sense geographically. Overall, seems like a better option for enrollment numbers. Eases over crowding at all the affected school locations without putting undue burden on a single school. Leaves the option open for students in the Briar Vista community to remain school in close proximity.</p>
<p>This would keep us part of Medlock park community which has always been involved with Laurel Ridge. Keep the communities together.</p>

Keeps the LR children together as they change schools -- doesn't contribute to overcrowding in Avondale

More evenly disperses children across the county and better utilizes resources.

Prepares the county for all the growth that's currently taking shape.

Dekalb Mall bulldoze and rebuild will dramatically alter area in the next 2-3 years.

Gives Briar Vista a guaranteed enrollment.

Keeps kids going to the same schools as kids in their neighborhoods.

prevents overcrowding

This option keeps the family/friend bonds together between SH & Medlock. There was ONE child on my street when I moved in. I have watched our neighborhood slowly transform. There are SO many young families moving in & they are drawn by the quality of school. I don't want to loose them! Hope to have my future grandchildren grow up with Medlock kids!

Looks like a good option. Keeps BVE in tact.

I don't see how this benefits

Most beneficial to our neighborhood district.

Seems to me Avondale Estates is growing more quickly than the rest of the area involved so their elementary school will see more enrollment.

Option 2 will mean less students transplanted and therefore less disruption of having to start new relationships with teachers and students and existing school programs. Only 231 students will be transplanted in Option 2 only 357 in Option 1 (over 50% more!)

Would align children throughout our neighborhood to the same elementary school.

Keeps Medlock & Springdale Heights neighborhoods together. Our kids have many close friends in Medlock area that will still be able to attend the same school. Fewer students are transplanted.

Springdale Heights stays with Medlock. Fewer students are displaced. No portables. No added traffic in Emory corridor.

Move Laurel ridge to Fernbank.

Fernbank will be receiving students from a more neighboring school, when receiving from LR.

Less students transplanted so less disruption - Only 231 students will be transplanted in Option 2 and 357 in Option 1 (over 50% more!). Less portables: 10 in Option 1 and only 8 in Option 2. Portables is not a solution for classrooms for our kids. These need to be avoided at all cost.

Keeps neighborhoods together; Keeps a neighborhood school open

The Medlock Park community is very involved in Laurel Ridge and I personally feel that being included as part of Medlock Park (as we always have been) would be in the best interest of Springdale Heights. Option 2 is my preferred choice as it keeps all of the Medlock Park neighborhood communities together.

Keeps neighborhoods together, manageable traffic.

Option 2 does a great job at recognizing the communities while ensuring that school size is moderated to a degree. It also prevents dangerous commutes from our area. This clearly seems like the more logical choice and should lead to better outcomes for all schools involved.

Keeps our students with the Medlock community that we have been with. Fernbank is much more convenient to get to than Avondale for our families. More efficiently fixes the enrollment imbalance that motivated the redistricting. Less likely to be redistricted again soon. Leaves room at Avondale for the students that will move to fill new developments

better use of transport

Take in consideration new residential/apartment building

Allows students to stay connected to their neighborhood and not commute an extensive amount to and from school allowing for strong student/parent participation in programs. More evenly disperses students to neighboring schools to not overburden staff as much and keeps children within their community..

There is bus transportation it is closer to our home

1. Retains the continuity, friendship and support network by keeping Medlock families and Church Street Manor together.

2. Much more favorable split, geographically, between the schools in the area.

Keeps neighborhoods together. Less students in Fernbank.

Students are kept closer to home.

Fewest students affected

This plan looks more balanced with children being more evenly dispersed.

My kids stay in Laurel Ridge and there's less crowding there

Keeps the BV neighborhoods together. Provides transportation to school.

Part A makes a lot of sense. Part B keeps a lot of Medlock Park neighborhood together and would not be challenging from a bussing/traffic standpoint.

Keep neighborhoods together

This option maintains our strong ties that we have established with other families.

- Our neighborhood can stay with our friends and neighbors in Medlock

- Less students, families, staff, and neighborhoods separated and disrupted

- Fewer portables

- Better utilization of school capacities considering development plans. Would avoid having to go through the process with more disruption in the near future.

-Less travel for BV kids

My child will receive an excellent education and all Medlock Park children will attend the same school.

Contiguous; Maintains school choice; Smart to move zone A to Fernbank since it is isolated from BVES with Atlanta annexation; Lower Fernbank enrollment projection than with Option 1, but still too high; Better traffic concerns, though Zone C is still far away from Fernbank; intact neighborhoods (except for Zone C, which is much closer to McClendon)

Geographic proximity; closer to realistic instructional capacity than Option 1; better safety and traffic; keeps neighbors together; less disruption of fewer schools and families; much more efficient for busing and families driving; fewer families forced to split their kids up to different elementary schools

N druid hills is a good dividing line for Laurel Ridge

Fewer student moves and disruption.

Increased Portable reduction

Accommodates the current and future redevelopment in the N. Decatur area, which will increase the demand on Laurel Ridge and McClendon

Smaller number of students moving to Fernbank than Option 1

ption 2 will mean less students transplanted and therefore less disruption of having to start new relationships with teachers and students and existing school programs. Only 231 students will be transplanted in Option 2 only 357 in Option 1 (over 50% more!).

We identify with Medlock not Avondale. We have many friends and in the Medlock neighbor

Does a better job of keeping neighborhoods together. This helps to shape community within the school.

Fernbank would welcome these new students. This is preferable to Option 1 BUT not ideal. DCSD should look at DH/Lakeside as a whole as the clustering doesn't appear logical given transportation (Eg, west Sagamore is a long way to Henderson MS; Fernbank/BV long way to DHMS) and capacity (Lakeside has under/over-capacity schools as well as DH).

This option seems to have less students traveling longer distances than option 1

- Moving less students
- less traffic burden on the Clifton corridor
- Springdale Heights would move with their current cohort
- no portables
- reduced burden on all schools

It connects closer communities with Fernbank

Moving students from LRES to equally ranked Fernbank elementary which maintains the property values of the homes effected.

Keeps neighborhoods and schools together. Less commute for Briar Vista students and bus times. Addresses future growth and less likely to have to continuously redistrict in the future.

Keeps neighborhood of Medlock together

Keeps neighborhoods together, particularly Medlock Park and Springdale Heights.

Spreads students out evenly. Leaves more room for growth.

Keep a community together in school and allow friendships that have already developed to continue to develop

Retains Briar Vista as neighborhood school

Keeps neighborhoods mostly intact

Much greater instructional capacity, fewer disruptions for students

Keeps Medlock neighborhood intact. Better traffic pattern to FE on Scott than via Clifton/Briarcliff.

From a Briar Vista perspective, it keeps the school largely intact, siphoning off only a small population for Fernbank.

more parent involvement, more spaces filled, growth in the communities

Preferred choice as it keeps all of our neighborhood communities together

It keeps Briar Vista open as a traditional school.

Alleviates over crowding at Laurel Ridge and opens spots at McLendon

Keeps Medlock Park community together and the small neighborhood behind DeKalb Medical won't be assigned to Avondale. They can just go to Fernbank with their Medlock friends.

Only Fernbank gets seats filled as it should be.

When we are discussing overcrowding in the cluster, to take one school offline (BVE) doesn't seem the right solution. Option 2 allows for future growth in all schools (which, if you look at area development is rapidly happening in all areas).

The large, tight knit Medlock neighborhood stays together at one school.

** keeps neighborhoods and LRES students together

- minimizes movement of families
- there is balance in utilization/capacity between the schools (all <90%)
- fewer portables in Option 2 than Option 1

Keeps Medlock neighborhood together. Makes more sense from a traffic perspective, as families are not required to navigate through Emory. Springdale Heights neighborhood asks that you permit us to remain at Laurel Ridge. If we must be moved, then we ask that we've redistricted with Medlock, as occurred with the previous redistricting.

This map takes into consideration keeping the community together

Better option than Option 1.

Leaves room for expansion at every school.

1. Option 2 unifies children in Medlock area around Willivee in attending Fernbank. 2. Bus and car-related traffic can be more readily absorbed coming to Fernbank from this direction than in areas surrounding Clifton Corridor

Keeps more neighborhoods together. Allows a slightly better buffer for continued growth of elementary students in the Fernbank attendance area.

Seems more balanced.

Keeps neighborhoods together including medlock area. Keeps enrollment lower at Lres for all the future developments coming

Provides a more balanced enrollment across all schools and removes more portables, neighborhoods stay together

Medlock neighborhood gets to stay together.

Medlock park kids would stay together

Most balanced for traffic and ease of transportation

Lindmoor Woods/Valley Brook stays at LRES.

Medlock Park stays together.

Briar Vista stays a public school/Montessori school.

The balance of student capacity is more even across all the schools, and provides for growth from new complexes.

Pulls in connected pieces of the Medlock and Clairmont Heights neighborhoods. Fills available spaces at Fernbank without over extending population and negatively impacting the quality of education offered.

Better addresses enrollment capacity with less disruption of students transferring to new schools, Keeps more intact communities together (i.e. Medlock, Manor Walk & Springvale,) gets rid of all portable units, doesn't add more students to Avondale, which is experiencing a surge in population as a result of development,

Option 2 allows students from Medlock Park and Springdale Heights to stay together. Option 2 also means that fewer students will need to relocate, which is better for both teachers and students.

I am part of the Springdale Heights neighborhood and prefer Option 2 as it keeps all of the Medlock Park neighborhood communities together.

Fernbank is a great school

Provides cohesive neighborhood alignment

Lessens commute for many

Fills extra capacity at Fernbank with children who live near the school and are neighbors to existing students

Neighborhood. Keeping enrollment down

None

maintains Medlock neighborhood feeding into one school; keeps Briar Vista available for students in the immediate neighborhood; maximizes available seats in an area experiencing explosive growth in families (Medlock homes, in particular, are turning over from older residents to younger families who are staying in the neighborhood after having kids)

Improves neighborhood cohesiveness, and reduces the number of students affected by the move.

This makes much more sense geographically, translates to better use of financial and time resources.

Keeping Neighbors Together

Bring down the population of Laurel Ridge enough for room for growth. Keeps more of Medlock Park together for the move to Fernbank.

Keeps most of Medlock intact

providing portable units.

Please allow rising fourth graders to stay at Laurel Ridge

Keeping the neighborhood together

Keeps neighborhoods together while offering necessary relief

Redistributes students so no schools are close to over capacity

All of Medlock Park joins Clairmont Heights to go to FB.

Least about of disruption most of the BVE population, and the few students who have to move are going to a good school. Opens up more space at BVE which could potentially be used for school choice seats.

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Option 2: Focus on Keeping Neighborhoods Together - **Cons**

Comment

Traffic - getting to Fernbank in the morning is a much harder prospect than Laurel Ridge, as school traffic mixes with commuters going to downtown Atlanta and Emory.

None

Go back to look at the original Medlock ES attendance zone. Draw the lines along the S. Peachtree Fork Creek, as they were. It's a natural boundary. Do not redistrict the students aligned to McLendon ES to Fernbank - WHY pull neighborhood kids from their schools? This particular area is full of parents & students who are helping McLendon.

As a stakeholder, I am satisfied with option 2.

Section C seems displaced from Fernbank

So many students from Laurel Ridge will be affected

My kids are doing great at Laurel Ridge and I want them to stay there. We bought our house so they could attend there.

None

will split existing neighborhoods of kids into different schools

I don't see any cons.

area C is a long reach to Fernbank ES.

I think that the creek that runs along the Medlock area provides a better natural boundary between FES and LRE than what this map shows. Using this boundary would keep more children at LRE, which is something that school desires. I think we really have to keep some buffer for new construction and think it could be underestimated.

Likely will need a lot more buses to get kids from Medlock Park to Fernbank (so many of us are car riders right now because we're so close to LRE). May cause more traffic. Potentially maxing out Fernbank long-term? I don't know all the predictions, but I wouldn't want FB to get to 100% capacity in just 1 year.

In 2-3 years most/all of these schools will be overcrowded.

Splitting up Briar Vista students AND Laurel Ridge students AND McLendon students.

None that I see

Students in C removed from their neighborhood school.

Unclear

That's a really big attendance zone for Fernbank. Some people in Medlock and Springdale Heights would have a long commute to the school.

Those poor 23 students

None

None.

McClendon students in area C would have a long way to travel to Fernbank and are more geographically tied to their neighborhood. I think it may be worth considering keeping those students in McClendon or Laurel Ridge in order to reduce traffic and keep that neighborhood in tact.

Lose the opportunity to expand BVE to a full Montessori school.

No cons seen from being a Fernbank parent.

None, it's a really good option for the cluster.

Traffic and commutes will still be an issue with option 2, but they will not be as bad as in option 1.

None
Does not overpopulate Fernbank to a high extent.
No cons..
Utilization and capacity of all schools seems balanced.
None!
none.
Didn't change for our address in section B
1) Lose additional Montessori capacity. Montessori is popular, but seems like losing those cluster seats will be counter to our long term best interests, so that may be a pro to this map!
none.
none
Splits the neighborhood for Briar Vista and Laurel Ridge.
Briar Vista is underenrolled yet loses students. Laurel Ridge loses a third of their students, despite their desire to remain.
'- has many kids traveling longer distances in traffic to get to their new school (fernbank) - does not utilize existing space at briar vista - fernbank may reach capacity sooner than expected with larger attendance zone
I can't really see much downside for my community. Maybe some of the McClendon students in Zone C's eastern-most section will have a fairly long commute to school.
Students in B (and probably A and C too) lose some SES and ethnic diversity of LRES and MES when moving to FES (based on previous years' data)
Many families who are moved from Laurel Ridge to Fernbank are going to have to fight more traffic on bigger, busier roads. Currently, Medlock Park can cross North Druid Hills and drive within neighborhoods. To go from Medlock to Fernbank is creating more traffic on major roads.
This does not keep the Sargent Hills neighborhood together. Jordan Ln. area should be with Hollywood/Orion.
It would take us twice as long to get to Fernbank as it would to get to LRES.
'-It is a long way for neighborhood such as Medlock to travel to Fernbank (3 miles) -This plan likely reduces the attendance at Laurel Ridge too much -A closer look at the new development in the cluster is need to make sure the the lines are drawn with this in mind.
Still are further drive to Fernbank than it is to LRE.
I don't like the idea of chopping off small parts of current catchment areas and sending them to a new school; I'd rather see large numbers of children from one school move together
by far the best of the 2 options
What happens to the Medlock local school (International school)
Nope
I don't know of any
None
The line shouldn't go so Far East, because McLendon is not a neighboring school to Fernbank. Receiving students from McLendon will cause a stress around parent and student involvement due to proximity to the school. Also, the two portables that McLendon currently have are not being utilized for classrooms, so McLendon is not overcrowded.
None that I can see.

Children displaced from the McClendon district and parts of Laurel Ridge would be commuting too far to get to school which may lead to parents withdrawing their children and placing them in private school.

make cause empty seats but we can get kids from school choice to attend BVS

None that I can think of.

More Medlock kids will be leaving LRE. I hate that this neighborhood is affected twice but at least Fernbank is a great school.

Takes too many from LRES. Move Part B N. boundary to S. Fork Peachtree Creek (a natural dividing line in the neighborhood). Move Part B S. boundary to Scott (a major artery and natural dividing line). Given McLendon projected enrollment is down in 2019 & can reduce School Choice, Part C is unnecessary. Open sibling preference for IB School Choice.

Traffic east of the Scott Boulevard, Medlock, and North Decatur intersection is very heavy. Bringing children from neighborhoods east of this intersection would result in long travel times for kids. Suggest keeping these children in Laurel Ridge, McClendon, and Avondale districts.

The student population may be less diverse.

Still too high enrollment for Fernbank, exceeding true instructional capacity given Fernbank's special needs programs. Need to be more realistic about projected spikes in Fernbank enrollment given new construction and likely higher rate of neighborhood students attending school now that enrollment will no longer be in flux.

Still too-high enrollment at Fernbank, which has a realistic instructional capacity of 800-850 because of special programs for special needs kids.

While students will move from their existing schools of Laurel Ridge and Briar Vista, they will be doing it as neighborhood groups.

Several large apartment developments are currently planned or under construction in the Avondale district. This needs to be accounted for with regard to future over capacity in that district.

May not do a good job of projecting future growth in this area, which is expanding exponentially.

Prefer K-8 at Fernbank

McLendon is split.

Capacity stated for Fernbank is too high (shouldn't exceed 800 - valuable special ed programs)
DCSD should focus on long-term plans in DH and Lakeside -- plan for future middle school crowding, make common-sense transportation plans. Fernbank and/or BV K-8 may be a good option to give more 6-8 seats, reduce travel time for kids.

I also do not see how this option is designed to keep neighborhoods together. Both alternatives create an unacceptably large catchment zone for FS.

'-no early childhood option available. In fairness, I view this has a limited con since only people in the direct area or parents that work in that area will have realistic access to the center located on the far left side of the district.

Potential traffic concerns for Medlock parents to get to fernbank

Again seems to redistrict too many students to Fernbank and will put the school over its functional capacity (which is around 800 students). Removing zone C from the redistricting plan could potentially alleviate this concern.

Leaves no option for early childhood center.

Large loss of students/families from Laurel Ridge ES

Still does not account for growth several years out. We want to know about long range plans, new or expanded school plans, etc.

Takes too much from LRE. Better geographic separation is Peachtree Creek. North is closer to N Druid Hills Rd and should remain at LRE for traffic patterns. Cuts into intact McLendon neighborhoods. ME not projected to be overcrowded. All new multi-unit development south of mall would be to FE so available capacity at FE needs to be planned for.

Not sure the change from Briar Vista to Fernbank accomplishes much, although if I'm counting on people's selfish nature perhaps more students from that zone would choose Fernbank over private school which could improve neighborhood cohesion (speaking as a parent of the only elementary-age student on our street who attends public school).

adjusting the northern boundary for the Laurel Ridge zone to S. Fork Peachtree Creek (providing overcrowding relief to Laurel Ridge without rezoning into 2 schools and creating a more intact neighborhood attendance zone for Fernbank)

adjusting the eastern boundary to exclude Part C (minimizing impact on intact neighborhoods within McLendon)

traffic concerns for the children coming from McLendon to Fernbank.

None.

Modifications needed for this option: area C, McLendon students should not be asked to move to FES. These are residential students and should remain at McLendon. If space is needed, reduce choice seats and/or non-residential students. Also, attendance lines for LRE to FES should follow the original Medlock ES attendance zone lines.

' - makes McLendon students move from close proximity to their school and travel a long way to Fernbank...this is disruptive for minimal change - only 23 students removed from McLendon

This increases traffic on scott blvd

If no transportation options, can be hard for some families

Moves too many students unnecessarily. Suggest adjusting northern boundary for Laurel Ridge zone to South Fork Peachtree Creek and adjusting the eastern boundary to exclude Part C.

Student capacity given for Fernbank is too high - need to lower to preserve quality programming.

It's too big of an attendance zone. McLendon students (area C) do not need to be redistricted to FES.

Will increase traffic density around North Decatur Rd/Emory area. Does not allow for as much of a buffer for future growth of elementary students in the Fernbank attendance area as I would like to see.

Long commutes for former LRE students in Medlock Park

that's a lot of laurel ridge kids to Fernbank

Huge geographic area for ES. Neighborhood feel is lost

Don't want to change schools

None

LRES loses involved parents.

This option still uproots many families that have strong ties to Laurel Ridge Elementary and the community.

Traffic

Some Laurel Ridge students will have longer commute

Distance issues to for Laurel Ridge students who are transferred.

does not expand number of Montessori seats; long distance for students at the eastern edge of new Fernbank attendance zone - possible issues with transportation

Fernbank already seems to struggle to balance use of common areas like the Gym and Playbround . How to add so many more Students ?!

Keep Medlock Park together and move more of Medlock Park to Fernbank.

In both options Medlock will be redistricted to Fernbank. While I know Fernbank is a great school, it does not feel like part of our community. It doesn't have that local neighborhood school feel that we get from Laurel Ridge or what we would have had with Medlock.

Could cause a lot of traffic on Scott Blvd which is already congested between the 5 way intersection and Claremont road.

Moves me out of Laurel Ridge :(

Traffic sucks on N Decatur and Scott every morning and afternoon, but since the school board has no control over that, it doesn't seem like a concern. What happens when FB fills up in 2 years? Will families in MP be split up again?

Keeps BVE with 2 academic tracks which is hard to manage. The traditional track isn't well regarded so keeping it doesn't help the reputation of BVE overall.