

John R. Lewis Cluster Elementary Redistricting Community Feedback

Meeting 2 Online Survey

**Additional Comments**

More opportunity for the students to get to know kids in their area that they had not gone to school with prior.

I like the 2 current plans

I am offering feedback on option 2. In terms of safety, it is much better for the E2 area to be assigned to Ashford Park. Students can travel through Briarwood Park and neighborhood streets rather than along Buford Highway, which has high fatalities. The same concern applies to option 1; however, the E2 area is not broken out in the same way.

Proximity to John Lewis seems like the best option to serve the students in the local areas. Transportation concerns and vast growing development in the area - Proximity to John Lewis makes sense in the long run of this soon to be established new school community.

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I think both Option 1 and Option 2 do a good job; they both are focused on relieving the main problem of overcrowding at Mont. & Woodward. Option 1 is slightly preferable b/c it optimizes proximity to JLES in a tighter, more logical geographic area, and it pulls some of the Tanglewood Cir area Montclair students where they want to be, at JLES.

Geography proximity makes the most sense as we can hopefully reduce carbon emissions and traffic via lower overall mileage by parents and buses. Additionally, the plan looks to keep neighborhoods mostly intact already, though there may be some small tweaks that could further that goal as well.

Due to the increase in traffic by the Children's Hospital of Atlanta it is very difficult to get all the way down to Montclair school. The traffic patterns would favor allowing the children that live on Tanglewood Circle and Gregory Run to attend the John are Louis school. This would be the closest go to the neighborhood.

More of current Ashford Park attendance zone should attend the new John Lewis elementary school. There should be no long skinny attendance zones primarily of Hispanic apartment kids getting bused long distances to schools that are not their closest school, dividing neighborhoods.

I think it is crazy that you are just portioning off a corner of the area south of Dresden to go to John Lewis. That will not serve the kids at John Lewis at all. If the school is not economically diverse, there is going to be no way for it to succeed.

While I feel the Geographic proximity option is the better option of the two presented, I think there is happy medium between the two. It provides a natural district whereas "intact neighborhoods" does not - it is gerrymandered and keeps only the Ashford Park neighborhood north of Dresden Rd intact, while splitting Clairmont Terrace and Gregory Run.

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Personally, I am more concerned with the ease of travel to my children's school. I am not so concerned that my neighbors' children share an elementary building with my children for 5 years.

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I appreciate that both options largely leave Drew Valley, Ashford Park, and Brookhaven Fields together. I support the Geographic proximity option, with the caveat that Dresden Road should be the boundary. Cutting this sliver oddly divides the neighborhood. I would also support a Spanish Immersion program, similar to German Immersion at Ashford Park.

\* JLES is going to be a fantastic addition to our community and neighborhood. Let's have more kids from the surrounding areas attend this school! This is a primary criteria!  
\* I would like to see more Brookhaven residents WEST of Buford Highway (i.e. Ashford Park) brought into JLES. Let's keep kids together in our new community school!

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JLES will be a fantastic addition! Let's have more kids from the surrounding areas attend JLES! We would like to see MORE students in AP join JLES. This will ensure strong community - Skyland Park is bringing these families together more, longevity for the future - aging AP means redistricting soon & involved parents - bring AP success to JLES!

We want to keep school district Ashford Park

Geographic proximity makes more sense. The closer people are to their school, the more they are able to congregate, walk/ride bikes to school and make the community more vibrant. Existing "intact" neighborhoods have been arbitrarily established. Why bus children farther away from a closer school? The new school ought serve those in proximity.

This option would be great if the portion of homes north of Dresden would be allowed to stay at Ashford Park. Otherwise this option sets up JLES the best for future success. I like how it incorporates a lot of the people on Clairmont ave east of Buford hwy. I like how it leaves drew valley and the Ashford Park community mostly intact.

The only problem with this map is it leaves off Brookhaven Renaissance neighborhood, which is truly part of the Ashford Park Elementary neighborhood community. We'd like to keep this neighborhood intact.

I think Brookhaven Renaissance and Skyland/Carlton/Bamby streets should stay in Ashford Park elementary school district. Ashford Park is the least overcrowded of the impacted schools. Spots at John Lewis should be given to students at Dresden elementary as they would like to have access. I don't think the students at Ashford Park should change.

The option for geographic proximity presents the best unified districting for JLE. The supposed "in tact neighborhoods" option cuts apart the Clairmont Terrace neighborhoods and appears to randomly clip out areas to meet political pressures. The intact option appears gerrymandered and disjointed and would seem to require additional transportation

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Students who are closest to the school should absolutely have the opportunity to attend that school over students who are farther away.

Intact Neighborhoods affects less children and keeping kids with friends and neighbors. We reside in area cherry picked out of our current neighborhood and school. The parks, the sports teams, and the areas the our children socialize in important to their development and we would like to remain in tact. Option 2 also affects less children.

The geographic proximity option will create traffic and safety nightmares, as South Bamby is a major artery for traffic to/from Ashford Park. Excising Bamby, Carlton and Skyland, which are in Ashford Park, from Ashford Park ES is an awful idea. We moved to the area (and to the Ashford Park neighborhood) to attend Ashford park ES.

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I really feel like Dresden should be the dividing line. Traffic, walking kids across Dresden, sidewalks, and in-tact neighborhoods are all at stake here for the Dresden Creek and part of Ashford Park communities. Pulling those kids out of Ashford Park would be bad as well, especially for those enrolled in the German immersion program.

I believe it is important to leave the existing neighborhood community school for Ashford Park intact as much as possible. I also think the Option 1 map makes sense geographically.

The overcrowding issue at Woodward, Montclair and Dresden should be addressed by the new school. It should have no impact on Ashford Park. AP should not be included in any Redistricting. Solve the overcrowding and don't include AP as it would also change the MS/HS route for AP students.

It doesn't make sense to split Ashford Park neighborhood as shown in option 1. You would be splitting a neighborhood. And to boot, houses pretty much next door to the new John Lewis are zoned to Ashford Park in options 1 and 2. So, the geographical proximity really isn't geographical proximity.

I support both current proposals for redistricting. Thank you for giving the public a forum to express any concerns.

People moved to the APES, Drew Valley, and Skyland to have their kids grow up together, go to school together and based on the sense of community. Moving children in these neighborhoods to the new school is not in the best interest of those families and kids to break them up, especially after politicians assured residents that was not the intent

I think it that keeping neighborhoods together is important because Ashford Park and Drew Valley have such a close relationship. My children currently go to PreK at a lottery funded site with AP and DV kids. Our kids also play at the same parks and pools, and play sports together.

Due to the fact that individuals buy houses in certain neighborhoods, I do not think it is fair to redistrict houses that are part of an intact neighborhood, like Ashford Park and Drew Valley.

It is extremely important to leave neighborhoods intact to attend the same elementary school. This will foster engagement within the neighborhood.

LEAVE APES ATTENDANCE ZONES AS IS ORIGINALLY. JRLE SCHOOL WAS BUILT TO RELIEVE OVERCROWDING IN THE CROSS KEYS CLUSTER (not APES).

I think that option 2 is a much better choice than option 1. Not only will neighborhoods stay intact, option 2 helps to decrease the amount of traffic flowing back and forth on Dresden. The 2 way traffic will be terrible for the traffic of our neighborhoods and will cause a major safety issue for our children.

Keeping communities together in nearby schools is important to foster those communities and to further solidify them

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Ashford Park Elementary has a strong group of parents volunteering their time to make the school as great as it is. Options 1 and 2 would drastically alter the makeup of this group as many of the volunteers live on the impacted streets. There is no reason to disrupt the neighborhood only to bring in an area that is not in the neighborhood.

The Ashford Park and Drew Valley neighborhoods have embraced and supported Ashford Park Elementary to become one of the Top 4% of all elementary schools in the state. Preserving the intact neighborhoods is vital to the continued success of APES.

Keep Ashford Park in Ashford Park! Do not rezone Skyland and South Bamby and Carlton out of Ashford Park. This would create a terrible traffic and safety nightmare for our neighborhood children.

Kids going to the same school as the other kids in their neighborhood creates a sense of community. This sense of community only helps public school. Parental involvement is one of many factors thatâ€™s helps schools thrive. Having a strong sense of neighborhood community fosters strong parent involvement and support.

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Intact neighborhood is important, Brookhaven Renaissance is a community that is engrained in the overall community of Ashford Park and Drew Valley. We feel that we absolutely should remain in the Ashford Park / Chamblee cluster since this is a part of keeping our overall neighborhood in tact.

It is hard to pick one or the other. I would prefer a combination of both.

As a resident of the Dresden Creek Townhomes, I believe intact neighborhoods best serve the J. L. attendance area. All residents north of Dresden Drive have a strong connection to Ashford Park elementary. It makes no sense to separate children who potentially live within a few houses of each other, by sending some to J.L., while others to A.P.

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Brookhaven Renaissance is very involved and part of the overall community of Ashford Park and Drew Valley. We feel strongly that the neighborhood should remain in Ashford Park/Chamblee cluster as this is part of keeping our overall neighborhood intact.

We have worked hard to make Ashford Park the school that it is today and do not wish to leave

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as a resident of caryle woods, i want to keep my elementary school Ashford Park ES.

We are zoned for Ashford Park and would very much like to stay here. We love this school and are very happy here.

We are one of 3 streets (S Bamby Ln) that is located in Ashford park and is part of the relocation discussion with JRL. Why would 3 streets be taken away from the rest of APE? I need to know why our 3? There is absolutely no reason that can be given that will make sense to me or anyone in our community. So now, we have kids crossing Dresden?

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We should be able to remain with our neighborhood and within the school districts of our friends and neighbors in Ashford Park/Chamblee district

I live in Skyland Estates. I have lived here over 5 years and plan to have many children God willing. Skyland is a part of Brookhaven and has been since I've lived here in 2013. Keeping this neighborhood together with Ashford Park and Drew Valley is critical to the success of my home. Skyland is Brookhaven. Please keep our neighborhood whole.

The current option one relocates our house to the new Lewis school. We are Ashford Park residents and would like to continue to attend Ashford Park. While we are close to the new school, we believe we should continue to be zoned for Ashford Park which aligns with the neighborhood we reside.

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It makes no sense to move the Brookhaven Renaissance neighborhood to John E Lewis the majority of the students are in a school choice program at Ashford Park and the ones that aren't want to stay at Ashford Park

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The issue is over crowding at other schools, not Ashford Park. It makes no sense to redistrict Ashford Park. Additionally we purchased our home because of the districting, our son has autism so the district is extremely important to us for his special needs.

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Would like our small neighborhood to stay in Ashford Park School, only 54 homes, many students in German program.

We purchased our home in AP specifically to enroll our children in the German program as part of School Choice. We have always been promised that the kids would stay together through high school regardless of redistricting. GI parents put in a ton of work for this program and it needs to remain as does sibling preference. Keep your promises!

I feel the streets north of Dresden are a part of Ashford Park should absolutely remain in the Ashford Park / Chamblee cluster. I also feel Brookhaven Renaissance is a tiny bit that feels carved out by their developer but functions as an intricate piece Ashford Park and Drew Valley.

Neighborhoods = community. Neighborhoods = your village, the people you're doing life with. The people who know your kids and will look out for them. This creates strong communities and schools.

Rezoning of Ashford Park would break up our community - one that has strong bonds for our children! Ashford Park is NOT overcrowded and should not be effected by the rezoning and overcrowding in other areas.

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Neighborhoods on the east side of Buford Highway were promised John Lewis and deserve a new, well maintained school. Neighborhoods currently zoned for Ashford Park should remain intact at Ashford Park Elementary



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We are very glad that Carlyle Woods, Drew Valley, and Brookhaven Fields are kept as one intact neighborhood feeding Ashford Park Elementary. Please do not change this.

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I want my child's relationships to be consistent and extracting "intact neighborhoods" may hinder that objective.

Brookhaven Renaissance is a community deeply embedded in the larger Ashford Park and Drew Valley area. I feel that we absolutely should remain in the Ashford Park/Chamblee cluster in order to keep our overall neighborhood intact.

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Ashford Park ES attendance zone did not have input in the location of the new school in our attendance zone, so proximity is a moot point. Our school (APES) IS our neighborhood. Our families are friends and colleagues inside and outside of the school building. We have worked tirelessly together to create the school we have today.

When neighborhoods are assigned to schools without remaining intact it tears the neighborhood apart. The support that a families give to the community school can thrive when families are all working toward the betterment of the education provided by the intact neighborhood. I think the neighborhood must remain intact when assigning school.

School communities should represent the communities they serve without artificially gerrymandering an attendance zone map to create a list of attendees that looks good on paper. Kids should be able to attend school with their neighbors, whom they already know. Drawing lines through the middle of a neighborhood needlessly divides communities.

Dresden Creek is an 85 unit townhouse community in the Ashford Park neighborhood. Our children attend AP, Chamblee Mid/High. We are very much a part of this community and our children grew up with the kids just a few blocks away. Together, we participate in neighborhood events, i.e.cultural events, sports, girls scouts, school fundraisers, etc.

The important thing for our children and our community is preserving the neighborhoods and the current alignment of the Ashford Park neighborhood to the Ashford Park ES should remain intact. There should not be a small part of the neighborhood carved out to attend a new school.

Strong opinion that the German immersion program needs to stay intact. Taking kids out of German immersion at such a young age will have detrimental impacts to their development and this needs to be strongly considered. I implore you not to take any streets in the Ashford Park neighborhood out of the Ashford Park elementary school.

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If I had to choose one, I would like to keep the impact to Ashford Park as minimal as possible. However, I think there are parts of both options I would keep. I think Bhaven Renaissance and the S. Bamby, Carlton, Skyland north of Dresden should all remain in AP. I like in option 1 how Tanglewood is in JLES and Parke Towne N. is split.

Neither of the plans help with the overpopulation of Dresden elementary the school is 122 % the schools need to be included there need to be changed because there is not enough space and enrollment does not seem to slow down. The population is growing too fast and the new school could help with that.

We would prefer the skyland neighborhood stay intact the APES. It is unfair that our children will not be able to go to school with all their friends that they currently play with. this is dividing our children, and parents as well. We all moved in the same neighborhood as our friends so that our children could grown up together.

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Neither. Both break apart the Ashford Park neighborhood. You are not addressing the fact that middle school children from the Ashford Park district will be moved from Chamblee Middle to Sequoyah Middle and then later to the new Cross Keys Middle. This is not acceptable to move children around like this out of their community

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As a resident of Ashford Park, Iâ€™d like to remain part of Ashford Park Elementary School. It doesnâ€™t make sense that parts of Drew Valley would be zoned for Ashford Park and to omit true Ashford Park residents and their children from Ashford ES. PLEASE LEAVE ASHFORD PARK IN TACT!

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