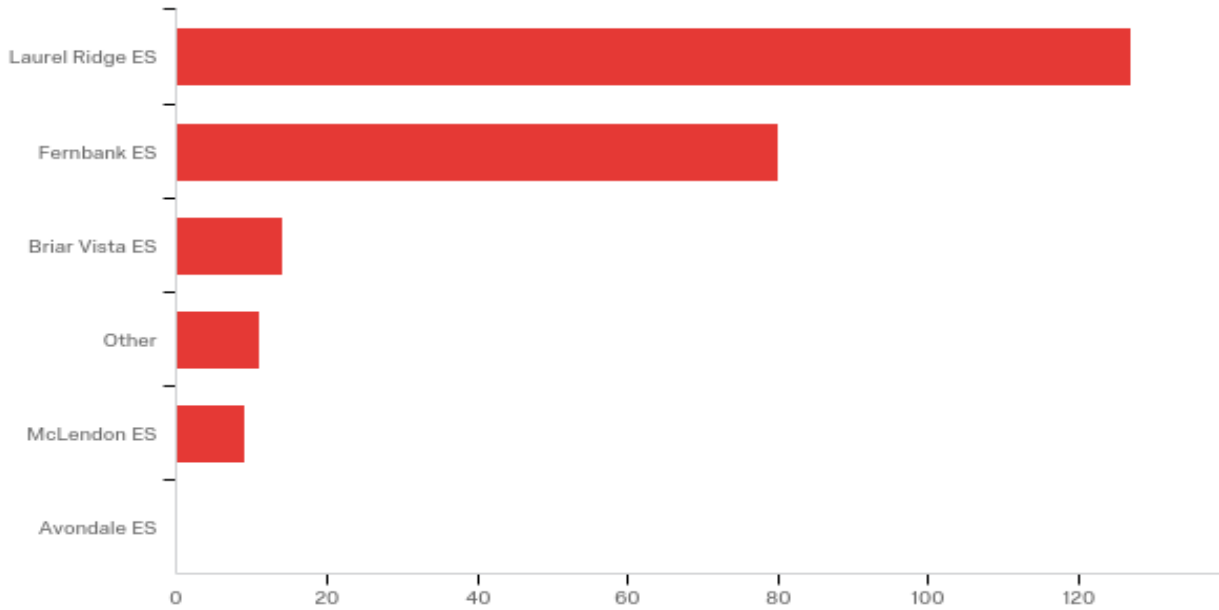


Druid Hills Round 3 Comments

Druid Hills Cluster Elementary Redistricting Round 3 Community Input

Which school community do you represent?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Which school community do you represent?	2.00	6.00	3.68	0.83	0.68	241

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Avondale ES	0.00%	0
2	Briar Vista ES	5.81%	14
3	Fernbank ES	33.20%	80
4	Laurel Ridge ES	52.70%	127
5	McLendon ES	3.73%	9
6	Other	4.56%	11
	Total	100%	241

Pros for Staff Recommended Plan

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This revised plan make a lot of sense. It keeps key communities together & is a better geographic utilization.

Accessibility for other clusters to join Into the druid hills elementary program.

My street will be rezoned for fernbank. The neighborhood primarily stays together.

Geographically, thematically and in terms of clustering, it makes the most sense to include the homes on Manor Walk in the Fernbank ES district.

Fernbank has a better facility. We hear Laurel Ridge is falling down and has had heating problems.

Keeps our neighborhood together - this is the best for the children and the families. We are all one community, and keeping the children in the same school is really important to us. Also better flow with commuter traffic, reduces need for future redistricting, and more effectively fixes the challenges motivating the redistricting.

Neighborhoods in tact

This plan keeps more neighborhoods intact, provides overcrowding relief, seems least disruptive to the least amount of people.

Briar Vista remains a neighborhood school. Helps balance enrollment throughout the cluster. Shows that sending all of Medlock Park to Fernbank would improve efficiencies for the entire cluster.

Relieves overcrowding where it is most significant Fills open seats at Fernbank Keeps Medlock community together Keeps Lindmoor Woods/Valleybrook together

Relieves overcrowding at Laurel Ridge and McClendon. Gets rid of all portables in the cluster. Allows for growth within the cluster. It keeps most of the Medlock neighborhood together. Appears to make the most sense geographically even though it is a long way for our family to go (redistricted to Fernbank in this plan)

All good!

Best plan for traffic.

This seems to be a strong plan that allows neighborhoods to be kept together. This does not significantly increase commutes for families. It allows Fernbank to be filled at a school while reducing overcrowding at other schools (reducing portables!). All in all, only ~200 students would be displaced.

I think this plan allows for the most cohesion in terms of how neighborhoods are currently set up. It involves no extreme commutes and it helps make a dent in the opening space at Fernbank Elementary. I think it reduces the number of portable units required.

Keeping our neighborhood together and maintain ties to the community that we currently support and interact with. Geographic proximity to Fernbank appears closer and more efficient route to drop off and pick up our children than the other proposed options. Provides the relief needed for current overcrowding at Laurel Ridge.

I approve of the lowering of the Laurel Ridge student population. It is over crowded and the trailers need to go.

Keeping all the neighborhood schools. Families like to have a school that is close to them with a neighborhood/community feel.

Keeps current contiguous attendance intact,

Keeps us at a good number of students (under 900)

I am happy with this plan as it relieves overcrowding in Woodward and Montclair, while also adding families to JLES who want to be there, be involved, and make the school the best it can be. I also like that there is minimal impact to

Ashford Park Elementary's attendance zone.

I like the staff recommended plan. I feel it allows for more neighborhood children to stay together, as our area of Medlock is currently a bit of an island.

Briar Vista remains a neighborhood school. Helps balance enrollment throughout the cluster. Shows that sending all of Medlock Park to Fernbank would improve efficiencies for the entire cluster.

This plan is a big improvement for our neighborhood. Keeps neighborhoods intact so children attend the same school as families in nearby neighborhoods. Also improves transportation with better and safer travel from our neighborhood to Fernbank.

Keeping neighborhoods together, more balanced approach to alleviating overcrowding in the schools, helps to eliminate portable classrooms, Doesn't eliminate an entire community school.

Keeps more neighborhoods intact, particularly those in Medlock Park and those near Dekalb Medical who identify as part of the Medlock Park community. Families in Springdale Heights have close relationships with the families and students of Medlock, which will make the transition to Fernbank together much easier.

Keeps more neighborhoods intact, particularly those in Medlock Park and those near Emory Decatur who identify as part of the Medlock Park area. Families in Springdale Heights have close relationships with the families and students of Medlock, which will make the transition to Fernbank together much easier. Less impact on traffic Less portables

Combining the Clairmont Heights neighborhood with some of Medlock Park since they are technically one neighborhood.

This plan looks great. I really feel like this district layout makes sense, based on proximity and access to schools. This will help make all of Druid Hills feel like one united community.

This plan reflects the top 3 criteria of geographical proximity, instructional capacity and projected enrollment. Looking at the map and knowing my neighborhood this map just plain makes sense.

-Expansion of Fernbank district to encompass immediately contiguous area to help preserve neighbors feel and traffic patterns. -maintenance of majority of other schools' districts

The Washington Park neighborhood (Area D) supports the recommended plan. Fernbank Elementary is a short distance from the area, and approximately the same distance as Medlock Park. The plan addresses the overcrowding issues at McLendon and Laurel Ridge. The area is experiencing tremendous growth, and the plan will balance the projected enrollment.

Come up with Medlock families and stay with Medlock families. Proximity

Laurel Ridge would get smaller

Helps with the current overall utilization of the schools Keeps the neighborhoods intact Minimizes the effects to traffic congestion

Great add of diversity to our current school community. Families invested in Fernbank do not lose that zoning and remain at Fernbank.

The connection with our neighborhood and Medlock Park are very strong, as we are adjacent. It would be great that the kids who socialize and play together would also attend the same school. It would also ease the commute - Fernbank would be more accessible, with several alternative routes available.

Keeps most of the Medlock neighborhood together, relieves overcrowding at LRES, removes portable trailer classrooms from all elementary schools in the cluster, provides for more even utilization across all schools in the cluster. Direct route of travel for buses from Medlock along Scott Blvd. to Fernbank. Keeps seats in Briar Vista.

Keeping current (districted) students and community together.

Geographically best solution

Redistricting Manor Walk, Springvale Heights & Medlock park to Fernbank Elementary school, which is great! Our children learn, play, worship & thrive together & we would like for our communities to stay intact! It also addresses overflow of Laurel Ridge ES & doesn't add more students to Avondale where there is a lot of development & traffic!

Reduced commute - Druid Hills Road traffic congestion bad and getting worse with town home construction. Fernbank ES has easier access and is along the same commute for parents in downtown or midtown.

Plan clusters the Clairmont Heights and Medlock neighborhoods into the same elementary school.

Will this redistributing make it impossible for kids outside of the zone the opportunity to attend through the schools choice program?

This plan does utilize the closest neighborhoods for the redistributing and therefore satisfies the top priority for Geographic Proximity. The plan is very favorable from that perspective.

Briar Vista remains a neighborhood school. Helps balance enrollment throughout the cluster. Shows that sending all of Medlock Park to Fernbank would improve efficiencies for the entire cluster

Provides more overcrowding relief. More of a sustainable, enduring solution particularly with the growth expected in the McClendon and Avondale districts (several large developments currently planned or in progress). Simplest solution in that focus is on filling capacity at the one school (Fernbank) that is losing close to 300 students.

We appreciate being heard from the last meeting! With the new suggested plan we are included in staying at Laurel Ridge because of being north of the creek running through Medlock Park! After tonight's meeting we learned there are a few families who are trying to keep Medlock Park together as a whole and sent to Fernbank but are not affected here!

This plan does help reduce the number of portable classrooms, and tries to keep kids at schools close to their homes.

Neighborhood intact

Eliminate overcrowding at LRE. Doesn't fill available seats with students from outside the attendance zone, therefore allowing each school available seats for growth due to future residential development within their zone. Is best plan to date regarding traffic patterns. Keeps neighborhoods intact.

Removes trailers, disrupts less families, keeps my neighborhood (Valley Brooks Estates) with Lindmoor Woods at LRE.

Reduces the number of portables to zero Takes the strain off overcrowded schools Keeps most of Medlock Park neighborhood together Keeps Briar Vista as a neighborhood school which is important for traffic reduction Clearly the preferred solution based on community feedback at rounds I have attended

I like the plan and keeps Laurel Ridge with more students instead of depleting the number of students and involved parents.

The reduction of portables!

More clear lines

Student capacity numbers are a big concern for me, given the likely growth of the Fernbank attendance zone in future years and the fact that higher student capacity numbers mean fewer opportunities to educate the "whole child" through Specials, ample opportunities for PE, etc. I appreciate that this plan keeps student number <900.

Overall it looks good. I'm excited to have kids at Fernbank who will be feeding into DHMS and DHHS! By giving us the opportunity to build a strong community that stays together all through high school, I think it will keep more kids on that track (instead of dropping out for private school).

I like that you took the northern part of Medlock. It makes no sense for those community members in the north to drive all the way down to Fernbank when LRES is so much closer. Those folks are part of the Laurel Ridge community

Keeps neighborhoods together. Keeps Springdale Heights together with sister neighborhood, Medlock Park. If this did not happen, our neighborhood would be a bit of an island with no kids around that attend same school. Allows for future growth. Less disruption for students. Better for traffic. Seems to be mostly supported by community.

This brings some relief to Laurel Ridge capacity. The Medlock area seems to be a natural fit.

All other aspects of plan is favorable.

Contiguous

Makes sense for Fernbank to take students with the Crosskeys students leaving

It is important to reduce the use of portable classrooms. This plan preserves neighborhood schools as a model.

Keeps neighborhoods intact and adds students to Fernbank in a way that makes the most sense

Makes use of extra space at Fernbank

I support the plan, in that it extends the contiguous school zone in a logical direction (encompassing the former Medlock Elementary zone), thus extending the school community into a neighborhood with which we in Clairmont Heights already feel connected.

You restricted our area in 2011 for NO reason, symmetry you told me along 285! You pulled us from an under enrolled, performing school to a massively overcrowded and under performing district. You should have never done this! MOVE US BACK, YOU HAVE SPACE!

Keeps communities relatively intact

For my family it's an easier commute to Fernbank from Medlock Park as it's on the way to work for us. Fernbank is a larger school, no trailers or overcrowding for the foreseeable future. Both schools are excellent, so it's a push for us, really, but we prefer Fernbank.

Keeps more neighborhoods intact, particularly those in Medlock Park and those near Dekalb Medical who identify as part of the Medlock Park community. Families in Springdale Heights have close relationships with the families and students of Medlock, which will make the transition to Fernbank together much easier.

Keeps Briar Vista a community school. I feel early education is very important, but not at the expense of closing schools. It also keeps the Medlock neighborhood almost together in the rezone.

Like that it keeps our medlock park neighborhood children together at the same school.

Moves the fewest number of students while providing the most relief to overcrowded schools. Reduces trailers. Doesn't increase emory traffic. Keeps Valley Brooke and lindmoor Woods with LRE

Makes sense to move some briar vista to Fernbank

Allows Briar Vista to stay open as a neighborhood school. Keeps the Medlock neighborhood almost completely together (but cuts off part of the neighborhood at north end- please fix this). These kids have grown up together since our whole neighborhood has been zoned for the same school since 2011. If they have to be rezoned, they should be together.

Laurel ridge needs some relief.

None

This seems to be a good plan. The zoning and lines make sense.

Expanding Fernbank's attendance zone by essentially extending our borders makes a lot of sense. It minimizes traffic disruption and allows students to be close enough to the school to feel a part of the community.

I think if we can keep our enrollment down so we can still keep specials and PE, it would be great.

Briar Vista remains a neighborhood school. Helps balance enrollment throughout the cluster. Shows that sending all of Medlock Park to Fernbank would improve efficiencies for the entire cluster.

Does not significantly increase commute. Mostly keeps neighborhoods together. Accounts for projected growth.

Keeping the neighborhood together.

I am happy with the plan. I like that there is minimal impact to Ashford Park Elementary School's attendance zone.

Best meets goals to address overcrowding while taking into consideration traffic and commutes.

distributes students well it seems. I certainly don't mind adding students to Fernbank where my two kids go.

Keeps the size of Fernbank manageable

None. This plan completely disregards the wishes of the Druid Hills Cluster Alliance, Medlock Area Neighbors Association, and parents like ourselves who live on the streets in Medlock Park which were arbitrarily excluded from rezoning to Fernbank based on a creek. It makes no sense, & it leaves LRE with too little available seats for new developmen

Keep as much of current neighborhood to provide carpool options

Contiguous neighborhood inclusion to Fernbank, including areas of growth that include multi-family housing and likely diversity of student body

Redistricting Plan Sections A and the Medlock Park portion of C mostly make sense to add to FES. Section D seems like too far with too much traffic congestion.

Like keeping neighborhoods together.

Redistricting Plan Sections A and the Medlock Park portion of C mostly make sense to add to FES. Section D seems like too far with too much traffic congestion.

Overall, this is a good option as far as maintaining geographically contiguous attendance zones and keeping neighborhoods together.

I completely agree with the staff recommended plan since they are the serving crew, they see the feasibility in action and not on a piece of paper. Its seems like Fernbank will be the only school serving a majority of the Druid Hills population. Running a school at full capacity with no buffer is poor project management, DCSD forecasting is key.

Increase diversity, and a better distribution of resources

I agree with the staff recommended plans in round 3 for both Druid Hills redistricting and John Lewis redistricting. They make the most sense of all of the plans and work well together. They reach the stated aims of the county by achieving optimal geographic proximity, utilizing existing instructional capacity, and handling projected enrollment.

- Provides more overcrowding relief. More of a sustainable, enduring solution particularly with the growth expected in the McClendon and Avondale districts (several large developments currently planned or in progress).
- Involves no extreme commutes. Even for those on the eastern end of the recommended Fernbank district this would be just as short

This plan keeps more neighborhoods intact - we in Springdale Heights strongly desire to remain with the friends and families we are close with in Medlock, which will make transition to Fernbank smoother. Less students being moved, less disruption. Moves students to the school of greatest capacity. Allows for growth expected in Avondale district.

Overall the plan keeps neighborhoods together and creates a balance of students at each of the elementary schools. I personally like that no children will be redistricted to Avondale ES. I am happy that if my child has to leave Laurel Ridge, he will be at Fernbank with many of his classmates that live around Medlock.

Keeps Springdale heights neighborhood (south of the hospital) with Medlock Park going to Fernbank. Better addresses overcrowding with lower capacity % at each school and no more trailers. Keeps all neighborhood schools as neighborhood schools (briar vista).

Keeps the neighborhood together

Good plan. Many positive outcomes for students and families. Commutes are fairly even.

I live in the northern portion of Medlock Park and am pleased with the current plan to keep us zoned for Laurel Ridge. This is due to traffic, as we would use no major roads and have a three minute commute instead of adding more traffic to Scott Blvd and Fernbank. Thank you for leaving us at Laurel Ridge!

Would love to be rezoned from Laurel Ridge to Fernbank.

Allows for growth in booming areas. Keeps neighborhoods together.

My neighborhood stays together and we are now connected to our adjacent friends of Clairmont Heights with Fernbank as our shared school.

Eliminates all portables at all schools, minimizes traffic concerns on the Clifton corridor, keeps Briar Vista as a neighborhood school, resumes the historic attendance lines in Medlock Park, balances enrollment numbers

I agree with medlock park merging into fernbank,

n/a

Looks good to me.

Keeps kids closer to home for school. Helps keep neighborhood kids together. Better for traffic patterns in neighborhoods

A large part of the Medwick neighborhood is able to stay together.

Highly recommend. This would be great for our family.

I would be happy with this move since Fernbank is an excellent school

Geography of affected schools, safety and preservation of community.

I think it would be a good thing for our neighborhood, and most of the people with kids I've talked to are in favor of it.

Balances enrollment. Keeps neighborhood's together. Essentially moves everyone that used to be zoned for Medlock Elem over to Fernbank, which is what was promised way back when.

Keeps communities mostly together.

I prefer the proposed staff plan since it will not turn Briar Vista ES into a Montessori only public school.

Keeps more neighborhoods intact, particularly those in Medlock Park and those near Dekalb Medical who identify as part of the Medlock Park community. Families in Springdale Heights have close relationships with the families and students of Medlock, which will make the transition to Fernbank together much easier.

Indicates that by sending all of Medlock Park to Fernbank there would be improvements to efficiencies for the entire cluster.

It allows McClednon and laurel ridge the ability to not be overcrowded

It lowers capacity for laurel ridge and McClendon! And removes cubicles

keeps the children moving from LR to move as a group, proximity to new assigned school is good. seems to allow for growth

Keeps a neighborhood school open. Reduces the number of portable classrooms at all locations. Provides for expected growth given the number of large developments that are coming online. Reduces traffic and increases safety for the children and families traveling to school. Keeps neighborhoods together (Springdale Heights, Manor Walk, and Medlock).

I agree with the Staff Recommended Plan to redistrict Medlock park south of Peachtree creek from Laurel Ridge to Fernbank ES. This new plan follows the natural flow of area residents commuting to the Decatur/Emory/CDC corridor. The new plan also properly reunites the previously split Medlock/Clairmont heights neighborhood to a single school.

Plan C or Option 2 which has students attending Fernbank. This neighborhood, Springdale Heights, is closely linked to Medlock Park. Children from these neighborhoods have been going to school and playing together for a long time. Fill the place for about 300 students leaving Fernbank

Springdale Heights moves with Laurel Ridge group C moving to Fernbank keeping them with their current peer group. Removes portables and lowers enrollment down to a level that will allow for growth. Also accounts for projects coming online in Avondale ES and McClesndon ES area.

Would strongly recommend C

Minimizes disruption by moving fewest number of students, reduces portables the most, keeps Medlock/Springdale Heights neighborhoods intact, minimizes commuting burden through Emory/CDC area.

Seems the simplest, least disruptive, most sustainable plan with a shorter commute for kids in my neighborhood

without adding to the traffic down North Decatur Road to Emory.

Keeps Briarvista a neighborhood school.

As part of the Druid Hills Cluster Alliance, I would like to recommend Option 2.

It is good, but Laurel Ridge's "Utilization" went up 5.3% to 86.5%. Would like to see that number go down. Like Option #2 showed 81.2%

Overall good option. I like that this keeps BVE open and it keeps both Manor Walk and Springdale Heights and other neighborhoods east of n. decatur as part of Medlock Park. It also better addressed the overcrowding in the district. This keeps enrollment the same for Avondale which is expected to see quite a bit of growth over the next 2 years.

It keeps the schools balanced and keeps LRE from being too crowded.

Much better than previous two options with respect to transportation (not increasing Clifton corridor traffic) and community needs (keeping ES seats in the cluster).

-Evens out CURRENT enrollment. -Valley Drive community remains at Laurel Ridge

1) Decreases the utilization rate at schools, providing more space for future growth in the area. 2) Generally keeps neighborhoods intact. 3) Keeps BVE as a neighborhood school. 4) Addresses traffic patterns better than earlier options. 5) Incorporates parent feedback. Of options 1-3, option 3 is the best option when all criteria are considered.

none

Most of the map seems to keep neighborhoods intact.

Maintains Briar Vista as a neighborhood school

I support the staff recommended plan because it would allow the children of my neighborhood to attend the elementary school closer to their homes and to reduce the traffic.

Thank you for listening to our opinions. The staff proposed plan looks like the best solution for redistricting for traffic flow. Thank you for placing the line in Medlock park to include North of the creek in Laurel Ridge! That line keeps our kids together with their friends!

Thank you for hearing our concerns after the last meeting. We're very happy with the line drawn in the new plan to keep the north of creek in Medlock Park at Laurel Ridge which we specifically bought our house for this year. We hope this plan is decided on as far as dealing with traffic and availability left in seats and is best for entire cluste

Pleased that more of Medlock neighborhood stays together than in previous plan but not pleased with boundary line at creek. Would be good to include Hunting Valley and Willivee Pl. in the Fernbank district to keep neighborhood in tact.

This plan keeps much of Medlock Park together, which is good, but still needs tweaking to keep the MANA area together.

Minimal shifting, keeps neighborhoods together

Redistribution to alleviate crowded schools. Increase of property values.

Plan keeps more n'hoods intact, particularly Springdale Heights with Medlock Park. It provides the most overcrowding relief, involves no extreme commutes (even n'hoods on eastern edge of new Fernbank district are just as close or closer than to other schools), minimizes disruption (only 223 students), reduces portables, reduces traffic around Emory

None.

It disperses students evenly (for now).

Better education opportunity for children, increased home value

Cons for Staff Recommended Plan

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None.

Traffic related problems Crowding the classrooms Taking away resources from druids hills community Adding more complex and challenging education issues for current administration at Fernbank. Will prevent more new families to move in the area if no space in school for additional students . Increased student problems Inadequate lunch times

there are none

Fernbank needs to be limited to 900 students (at almost 91% utilization). Bringing Fernbank to 950 would mean children eat lunch at 9:30 and PE and other such activities would be greatly reduced. These are hugely important. 900 needs to be the limit.

This plan seems best, no serious cons.

Unnecessarily and arbitrarily divides Medlock Park against the wishes of our neighborhood association, Druid Hills Cluster Alliance, and concerned neighbor/parent groups. Please keep Medlock Park boundaries intact and redistrict all of our neighborhood to Fernbank. This provides long term stability and ease of transition for our students & families

Divides the Medlock neighborhood. Unnecessarily lowers the attendance numbers at Briar Vista

None

None.

Cons for Staff Recommended Plan Unnecessarily & arbitrarily divides Medlock Park against the wishes of our neighborhood association, Druid Hills Cluster Alliance, and concerned neighbor/parent groups. Please keep Medlock Park boundaries intact and redistrict all of our neighborhood to Fernbank. This provides long term stability and ease of transit

N/A

I don't think there are too many negatives for this proposal.

Fernbank should have never been built as such a large school with such a small student population. Not many young families can afford to live in such an expensive are.

Too large of an area redistricted to Fernbank. From and instructional capacity and projected enrollment perspective, we will be shifting the overcrowding issue from one school to another. I'm sure parents would rather have their kids in trailers at a school close to their homes vs bused across town to be in taught in trailers.

Currently, my kindergartener at Fernbank has lunch at 10:30 due to the current size of the enrollment. While classroom capacity may be for 900+, the cafeteria, gym and playgrounds are not adequate for recommended size. Additionally, recommended option does not account for the tremendous growth and development occurring- particularly new areas

some kids will have to leave their beloved schools

The only con I see is that zone E consists of walkers to Woodward, and they would not be able to walk to their new school.

I do think 'cutting' Willivee in half is a bit odd. It seems more logical to me that entire roadways bein the same cluster as opposed to half the street.

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None from our perspective.

Traffic, uprooting children from their school community, disrupting the children's environment, Our community doesn't necessarily identify with the Druid Hills/ Fernbank community

I don't see any cons

You split the Medlock Park neighborhood in two. The numbers representing students North of Peachtree Creek is far off. There are lots of families on that side of the creek who want to stay with the families in their neighborhood over staying at LR. MANA and the Druid Hills Cluster sent in letters stating this. Please review and reconsider.

None

-Appears Fernbank could quickly become overcrowded in next few years given degree of real estate development in proposed areas to join zone. Students already start eating lunch before 11am, and expanding capacity beyond 900 students would require students to have "lunch" before 10am (amidst many other impacts on specialty programming at the school)

None, the staff recommended plan addresses the criteria set forth and the original concern of overcrowding at McLendon and Laurel Ridge.

I like the previous option of making BVE a Early Learning Center and Montessori school completely, and send all the traditional school to Fernbank. Currently the two different curricular system within one school does not benefit either and mostly take away resources and adding non performing Montessori to traditional affects school performance.

Fernbank would get bigger

The school is designed for max of 900 students. The proposed plan exceeds this. My understanding is that approving this plan would impact lunches (starting at 9:30A - not reasonable), less Specials, and potential loss of our "Wellness School" rating that Ms. Ray and many others worked hard to obtain.

None that I am aware of.

Doesn't include the entire Medlock neighborhood, as the district criteria suggests. Boundaries for Medlock extend from Willivee Dr. all the way to North Druid Hills and includes Hunting Valley Dr. and Willivee Place.

Increased car traffic from added area

It divides some of Medlock Park to LRES & FES.

You're exceeding Fernbank's functional capacity. School quality will measurably diminish. Lunch would have to start at 9:30 am! Please reconsider stretching our school's resources to the max with this many students.

Not keeping Medlock Neighborhood together - but boundary makes sense when considering school proximity

Fernbank's functional student capacity is 900, not 950, given the various programs provided to the students and the use of the rooms. With 950 students at the school, many of the programs and aspects about Fernbank that make it exceptional would be negatively impacted. Please keep Fernbank's programming as-is.

The staff plan does not factor in existing special programming in the utilization numbers. As a result of this, the recommended plan would take Fernbank up to a much higher utilization number. Also, given the growth and development that is going on in our area, it seems likely that the school will be over subscribed very shortly.

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None

Continued... we understand people in Medlock Park are worried about being separated but those people are zoned for Fernbank regardless and are south of the creek, therefore we hope our opinion takes precedent because it is us that it affects on this side not them! Our neighbors moved to this area for laurel ridge like us and we all want laurel ridge

I fear this plan does not adequately prepare for the increase in attendance with all the new developments happening in the area. You will be filling Fernbank too close to capacity, and are likely overestimating how many the new building can effectively serve. Fernbank's functional capacity should be 900 given current programming,

None.

Maya be not taking enough kids out of LRE? North of the creek in Medlock should move to Fernbank. Shoot, I'd be happy if my neighborhood moved to Fernbank. When you compare the resources available at Fernbank to anywhere else in the cluster it's outrageous. We can't keep the heating and cooling working and they have a foundation overflowing with \$

Medlock neighborhood is split (houses on Wilivee & side streets north of creek are Medlock - neighborhoods off North Druid are not) Moves students from Briar Vista (goes from 80% utilization to 76%) to Fernbank (changing it from 83% to 85.8%) - bad for instructional capacity equality McClendon students (D): very far from FB - move to Avondale?

The families of the Medlock Park neighborhood want to stay together. But I believe the creek is a natural dividing line for the split.

The utilization of Fernbank is planned to be extremely high 90%+, if we utilize the asked 900 instructional capacity number. The forecasted projection should also take into the long range plan of growth within all areas, Fernbank's zone will grow significantly and includes many areas that will become targets for new high density housing.

Overcrowding of Fernbank elementary and subsequent reduction in Specials to the children. There may need to be portables, which is less than ideal, and the school may have trouble maintaining a "wellness" status if we have to reduce PE due to overcrowding.

Fernbank's functional student capacity is 900, not 950, given the various programs we provide to our students and the use of our rooms. I think that if we move as many children as has been suggested, we might be overcrowded within a couple of years. I also think it isn't desirable to be over 900 from a logistics standpoint - lunch time, etc.

I am not sure why you don't redistrict the area for long term success. D should go to McLendon or Avondale

Fernbank's functional student capacity is 900, not 950. With 950 students, lunch would start at 9:30 am, PE time would reduce significantly, it would not be possible to maintain "Wellness School" status, classrooms used for pull out teaching assistance would be more crowded with more distractions, and there would be less special classes available.

Only con is that they will have to leave their current school.

The students coming from McLendon will be traveling a long distance over very busy roads. The proposed Fernbank area includes many areas that have potential for development. That could quickly put Fernbank numbers beyond capacity. I teach at Fernbank and live in the area. I'm concerned that overgrowth will keep us from serving students well.

The capacity should be lower in order to provide other programs. Otherwise, lunch with then start at 9:30. PE would be reduced significantly which would not allow us to maintain wellness school status. Having other programs available, providing lunch during normal lunch hours, as well as maintaining PE is important to a successful student. Fernbank has a capacity of 900, not 950. The current plan will result in less music, PE, and other valuable programs. With 4 kids under age 9, I will likely move of the district if the current plans are implemented. We live here because of Fernbank.

Concerns that it does not adequately anticipate growth in the new Fernbank areas, as well as overestimates the true instructional capacity of Fernbank, such that with expected growth Fernbank will be overcrowded soon.

Need to be careful of overcrowding

Plan doesn't leverage Avondale's capacity, which remains at 77.1%. Students in McLendon and L. Ridge attendance zones contiguous w Avondale's boundary should move to Avondale; this would be consistent w primary criteria. Fernbank's capacity is overestimated & projected enrollment underestimated=imminent crowding, decreased ed programs, other probs

could lead to over crowding at Fernbank long term if development of our area is not taken into account. Also, it seems that DCSD is overestimating the capacity of Fernbank by at least 50 kids.

The projected growth is large and will cause over crowding at Fernbank. Teachers become more stressed and unhappy, causing turnover and diminished instructional value. Teachers and staff are unable to maintain a safe classroom environment with overcrowding.

I am concerned that Fernbank's "capacity" set at 950 students will prevent maintaining robust Specials and Exceptional Ed programming, and compromise our status as a Wellness School, as daily PE for all students would no longer be possible. 950 students means lunch periods beginning at 9:30 AM, and possible need for portables in near future.

Does not accurately forecast Fernbank capacity. Thus, does not allow the school to maintain critical programs (specials, Wellness certification, etc) and would require lunch service beginning at 9:30AM—which is entirely too early for young kids. Also does not consider long-term area growth and development.

I could see some people not liking the added distance from Medlock to Fernbank. It's longer and not walkable for any students. But that's what car pooling and buses are for.

One of the major criteria is keeping neighborhoods together, and this plan almost gets it, but not quite. I feel if the map included Willivee Dr north to N Druid Hills Rd, roads off Willivee Dr to the west (Willivee Pl) and possibly roads off Willivee Dr to the east (Hunting Valley Dr), this map would be perfect. It would keep neighborhood identity.

McLendon students moving to Fernbank seem to violate the traffic pattern and intact neighborhood goals

Splits Medlock-tight knit community who strongly wish to remain as an intact group unified by elementary school. Please extend FBE line all the way to N Druid Hills Rd as in option 2 & keep Medlock together. This would also leave more room at LRE for kids from upcoming developments in LRE zone preventing need for more redistricting in 2-3 years.

It would be best to keep all Medock Park area students together at Fernbank for better economic synergies and sense of community.

Unnecessarily & arbitrarily divides Medlock Park against the wishes of our neighborhood association, Druid Hills Cluster Alliance, and concerned neighbor/parent groups. Please keep Medlock Park boundaries intact and redistrict all of our neighborhood to Fernbank. This provides long term stability and ease of transition for our students & families.

Involves extreme commutes Added traffic in congested Emory corridor Neighborhoods divided

None.

Fernbank's functional student capacity is 900, not 950, given our programs and the use of our rooms. To keep our current valuable programming in tact, we need to keep the max capacity at 900. At the projected 815 student enrollment and a total capacity of 900, Fernbank's utilization will be 90.6%. DCSD considers adding portables at 92% utilization.

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We happen to fall into the tiny section of Medlock Park that is being separated from the rest of the neighborhood which impacts cohesion. Most of classmates are separated by very major road so difficult to build connections with the families in our school.

Seems like the school will see some overcrowding - more kids will move into the area since Fernbank will be the new school. I don't want the school to be too overcrowded.

As a parent of a child who has benefited from the specialized programs at Fernbank I strongly disagreed with this re zoning. Children with special needs, such as mine, will suffer greatly. Most importantly, children who attend specialized classroom sessions may no longer be able to keep up with their peers and would destroy No Child left behind.

The only con I see is that zone E consists of walkers to Woodward, and they would not be able to walk to their new school.

This plan seems to be adding too many students to Fernbank and not allow for flexibility with growth from new housing or displaced families equivalents (from Avondale) coming back in with home sales.

I think it may make Fernbank's numbers just a little bit too high. I'm glad the county can utilize the space, but there needs to be some buffering and not squeezing in the max.

Fernbank capacity is not actually 950

I believe Dekalb County is overestimating the capacity of Fernbank Elementary. I feel that Dekalb County is not recognizing the land that has potential for large development (current Emory Woods Apartments) that may turn into a large residential dev (as with the John Weiland townhomes on Clairmont). Keep the school to 90% capacity or less. Unnecessarily divides Medlock against wishes of many community groups and families who live on affected streets. The arbitrary creek dividing line is less than .5 of a mile from the border proposed in the original option 2 which had the neighborhood stay together. Because it was the border 8 years ago when ME was open does not mean it is good now.

Travel to school requires a heavier route on more trafficked highways The exit for our neighborhood is entirely too congested and mismanaged due to the SR and other major roads that take priority over our neighborhood exit patterns. This will be disastrous

Overcrowding of a single elementary school (Fernbank) that does not allow for growth within its own neighborhood (many families moving into Fernbank neighborhood plan to go to Fernbank, but if its overcrowded, will continue private school enrollment)

DCSD should take a long-term perspective. The intent of process is to rebalance the utilization of schools & should include a buffer for expected future attendance. DCSD should therefore not propose to have FES and LRE with the highest utilization % of the DH Cluster schools since those school zones are expecting significant growth. Moderate #s!

Need to cut numbers at Fernbank. There will be growth. Do not want to redistrict again.

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Considering the size of Fernbank's cafeteria and gym as well as allocating classrooms for currently existing art, music and science classes, the student capacity for the building is closer to 900 than 950. Accounting for expected growth in its proposed attendance zone, the recommended plan makes Fernbank's attendance zone slightly too large.

Over crowded. Less time for extra carricular activities.

I don't see any cons, all the recommendations are suggested based on what the staff can pragmatically accomplish. I would want my staff to happily see this plan succeed than to run at full capacity and be strained and choked to perform.

I don't want to see the specials and extra wellness time taken away.

I don't see any cons to this plan.

I don't have any.

We won't get to stay with all of the families we are close with in the Medlock / Laurel Ridge community.

We want Option 2 that keeps the ENTIRE Medlock community together. We live on one of the streets in MP that, in Option 3, would stay at LRE, and we are NOT happy. We want our kids to stay with the rest of the neighborhood. Fernbank is already on our commute route for work. It's closer to my work, so I'd be able to go by school MORE often than to LR

Though it doesn't effect my family, it seems like a far commute for the students of McClendon to move to Fernbank. Wouldn't it be easier to shift students from McClendon to Avondale or not move those students at all?

People are resistant to change

Splits Medlock Park.

None.

None

We really need more neighborhood schools and less "mega" schools, so that students can walk to school and reduce the huge carbon footprint and traffic problems we are creating.

A small portion of the Medlock neighborhood isn't included... willivee and Hunting valley area. We have school friends who live there.

splits Medlock Park, though the neighborhood has historically been split in this manner (when Medlock Elementary was open)

Separates the kids in Medlock Park. All of our friends in the neighborhood would go to Fernbank and we prefer our kids to go to school with the kids they play with regularly.

None.

Splits my neighborhood. Don't want that.

None

n/a

None

The staff recommended plan breaks up the communities on willivee dr. I would like the fernbank section of the map to extend all the way up willivee dr until it meets north druid hills road. This would allow my kids to go to school with their friends on willivee dr.

There is currently no provision for upper elementary students to remain in their current school. Full implementation could be deferred for at least three years with little impact to the current long-range plan.

None

None. Although I WISH we could turn Briar Vista into a K-8 Montessori.

Fernbank may be too sprawling for efficient bus routes.

I respectfully ask that you keep Medlock Park boundaries intact and redistrict all of our neighborhood to Fernbank.

NA

NA

moving from LR-- it is a great school

None

None

Portable classrooms needed to house the number of students. Traffic along Emory corridor.

Moving a number of students, but it is needed.

I don't see any.

This plan has divided our Medlock Park neighborhood. Those of us North of Peachtree Creek prefer to be redistricted to FB with the rest of our neighborhood as proposed in Option 2 in the last round of this process. If it is not possible to extend the border all the way to N. Druid Hills we request that it is extended at least to include Willivee Pl.

I also recommend keeping the entire Medlock neighborhood together instead of splitting it in half. Keep the Medlock Park neighborhood together – I strongly support keeping neighborhoods together for the overall good of our Cluster. Medlock Park contains a close-knit community with a natural boundary of N. Druid Hills Road to the North, N. Decatur

It is good, but Laurel Ridge's "Utilization" went up 5.3% to 86.5%. Would like to see that number go down. Like Option #2 showed 81.2%

Would it make sense to keep section D at McClendon? The feedback at the meeting was that the portables at this school were not for classes so maybe not overcrowded? Not sure what the parent feedback is in that area.

It does not keep the Medlock Park neighborhood together as we'd all hoped. We live in the small sliver that would stay at LRE rather than move to FB, so my kids would attend a school that none of their other Medlock Park friends attend. This is a HUGE bummer to us.

artificially separating the Medlock Park neighborhood between two school is a con. I know the True, the creek boundary has been used in the past, but it is not how the neighborhood functions. North of the creek, south of NDH, is much more a park of the same community that is moving to FES than the parts south of North Decatur and Scot Blvd.

-SEPARATES a small portion of Medlock Park (north Willivee corridor), a very strong and tight community. -P'tree Creek is NOT a geographical boarder of separation, but a geographical feature that brings the community together via Path, playground, ball fields, nature, etc. -Divides the neighborhood kids, sets up for less community interaction
Medlock is split with the northern part of the neighborhood going to Laurel Ridge. I understand that this section is much closer to LRES than Fernbank, but I would prefer to keep Medlock students going to one school. With that said, if the Superintendent decides to split the neighborhood, option 3 makes MUCH more sense than option 1.

The current plan separates out a small section of the Medlock Park neighborhood. That separation may make sense for those already at LRE, but not those who have yet to enter elementary school. Keeping our neighborhood together, at the same school, and that is much preferred to being in the small sliver of a community the community that is left out.

Intact Neighborhoods --- why did you draw the line halfway through Willivee. It looks like you used the creek as a boundary? There are only 26 kids on Willivee Place / Hunting Valley/Homewood Court section - why not include this part of the Medlock area into Fernbank????

Excluding part of Willivee Dr, as well as all of Hunting Valley Dr and Ridgefield Terrace, breaks up Medlock Park, a tight-knit neighborhood with a strong neighborhood identity. Please adjust the map to accommodate this. In addition, traffic access to Fernbank is better than to Laurel Ridge in the afternoons.

None from my perspective.

None

Pleased that more of Medlock neighborhood stays together than in previous plan but not pleased with boundary line at creek. Would be good to include Hunting Valley and Willivee Pl. in the Fernbank district to keep neighborhood in tact.

The demarcation line between Fernbank and Briar Vista at the creek is not the right dividing line...it still separates a portion of Willivee Place/Hunting Valley area which is very much a part of Medlock neighborhood.

Many in our neighborhood would like to stay at Laurel Ridge, bur realizing this does not help the overcrowding issue in that district, we feel this is an acceptable and sensible solution. Redistricting is painful generally, but we feel this is the best solution for current needs.

We live in the Medlock Park neighborhood but under this plan, would be sending our child to a different school than the rest of the neighborhood. Willivee Dr. is cut in half, and a portion is left with LR. When my son attends elementary school (in about a year), I'd like him to go with the rest of our neighbors' children.

It breaks our neighborhood (MANA) into two schools. I don't understand why this is preferable. It seems those students would all fit well at one school (Option 2) and it would allow us to continue on as a community.

NONE. Parents will make the distance work in an effort to provide better education for their children.

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Utilization should be based on 900 student not 950 Inadequate lunch time Schedule which will cause student concentration issues No room for growth for the Fernbank Druids Hills area. Need to factor in atlanta's projected growth for intown residence. Druids hills is sought after for its school district. Significant traffic issues already exist Most children will attend Druid Hills High School after Fernbank, Druid Middle and this trajectory presents the most cohesiveness for students and families in the area. Thank you for taking this into consideration as you plan the optimal education for our children.

I hope the final plan proposed won't be modified from what is currently proposed. We are very happy with this option in our neighborhood.

Please consider that a previous redistricting closed Medlock Park ES 8 years ago. Sending all of Medlock Park to Fernbank maximizes utilization of Fernbank and LRES, lessening the chance of a 3rd redistricting. Traffic on N. Druid Hills is congested, dangerous, and will get worse as more develops on this corridor. See neighborhood letter for data.

I support this plan even though it means changing schools for our son. LRE is so crowded this year that it is impacting the quality of education. I prefer the boundaries for Medlock in option 2 where the neighborhood all transfers together. Speaking with parents living in this area and the majority prefer to move to Fernbank with the neighborhood.

The Druid Hills Cluster Alliance, and a number of Medlock families supported Option 2. The MANA Board requested that the neighborhood be kept together in one school. The changes to the Option 2 map arbitrarily break up the Medlock Park neighborhood, and do not meet the request these groups made to the county to direct all of Medlock Park to one sch

This seems to be a logical move that will disrupt the fewest families.

We know these decisions are not easy as it impacts many families across your community. Thanks for considering these items and for listening to previous community feedback.

I am very concerned that not enough thought has been put into the impact of the new Cross Keys HS and the close by DHHS. This area has minimum potential growth, as compared to the Brookhaven area, especially along Buford HWY. I am not sure what this BOE and staff has been thinking. It is ludicrous.

I'm sure the district doesn't want to go through this process again in 2-3 years. If we don't account for growth, Fernbank will be overcrowded and the district will be in the same situation they are now.

Proposed development that will drive population growth among families with school aged children; a growing push to keep children in public school through elementary, middle and high. Expect greater percentage of current households to send the children to Fernbank which will exacerbate crowding issues.

Fernbank needs to stay under 900 students as the prospective growth is the highest of all the schools. If too many students are rezoned for Fernbank we will be over our max capacity in the next year or two and our school will be largely affected. Larger classes, less specials, earlier lunch times (10:30 am is already too early for kids)

I think that it would be advantageous to explore a true dual immersion Spanish program at JLES. This would attract involved families to the school, as well as help the ESOL community. Dr. Brown would be a wonderful advocate for this program

I have no other suggestions.

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Allowing children on 504 plans & IEP plans stay in their present school

This plan would keep Briar Lake Elementary as a neighborhood school, which is important for traffic reduction and neighborhood cohesion. No added traffic in congested Emory corridor.

Grandfather option for upcoming 4th and 5th PLUS siblings, update the Fernbank school capacity to 900 not 950.

I think he should do everything he can to keep students out of trailers for classrooms. If a school has capacity...use it.

Impact of future growth (due to households displaced to private school by Avondale move cycling back into active Fernbank attendance) and local development to ensure we are not creating a situation that will require additional redistricting in the near future emit relieve overcrowding

The plan also keeps the neighborhood of Washington Park together, which is geographically separated from the other McLendon neighborhoods by Washington Memorial Gardens.

Through this redistricting process superintendent should get rid of one school with two systems that is place in Briarvista ES and turn the school into either full traditional or Montessori. Either all T students in BVE should go to Fernbank and make BVE full Montessori or make BVE a traditional school.

They're all overcrowded. We need another school. More housing is being developed all the time.

What is the long term outlook, is there a 7 year plan? There are a large number of housing being built and going to open near North Decatur Rd and the Dekalb Mall tear down project will add a large number of housing units.

Overcrowding at Fernbank might lead to a portable situation, which isn't good for anyone - especially the students.

This seems to be a good balance of students and utilization of available space. It's important to avoid overcrowding.

Make a plan to redistrict based on long-term planning and demographic data. Families and school staff do not want to go through a very disruptive redistricting process every two-three years based on demographic fluctuations.

Concern: too large a population reduces healthy school environment class sizes too large for physical activities that need space PE, wiggle, time outside. Can we continue our school's wellness culture w/ larger population: self-care, community involvement, connection/belonging seen, heard, & valued as individuals. Will there be space and time?

Please consider keeping all of Medlock together, as the map indicates in the Medlock Area Neighborhood Association, Inc (MANA) along with Springvale Heights. Please also consider moving the final decision from February up to a sooner date, as this greatly impacts whether we would apply for choice or charter schools & the deadline is in Jan 2019.

This plan does not allow for growth in the annexed regions. There is a lot of prospective growth in these areas and the school will no be able to accommodate any more students because we will already be exceeding capacity on the first day.

Please do not let Fernbank enrollment exceed 815. It may seem like there is "extra space", but that space is used for specials & things like the speech therapy my son receives. The cafeteria, gym, & playground would require unreasonable schedules for the students at a higher enrollment.

DCSD should take a long-range perspective to forecasting future development in the proposed Fernbank attendance zone. Fernbank areas are planned for significant future development. DCSD should therefore not propose to have Fernbank with the highest utilization percentage of the DH Cluster schools since we are expecting the most growth.

The impact on school choice opportunities??? Will this eliminate Fernbank as a school choice option? It has not been made clear why this is necessary, it appears that there is an underlining reason but it has not been stated out right. Who will benefit from these changes and what will tne benefit be?

It seems that a longer term view of the growth would be helpful to the cluster to prevent the need for additional redistricting too soon. There is a lot of growth expected in this cluster and moves between schools should be minimized to reduce disruption.

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Will sustain trajectory of our neighborhood (Springdale Heights) as an appealing place for young families.

Please look more closely at the functional capacity of Fernbank, and at the new developments that are being/will be built, so that the school can maintain it's wonderful programs for all the incoming students, and to avoid the need for more redistricting in the future.

Instructional Capacity- Due to the pull-out classes (EIP & other), Foundation-funded Specials & Wellness School program that make Fernbank such a great learning environment, Fernbank's functional capacity should be listed at 900. Projected Enrollment- County should share their long-range projection for future development, not just next year.

Letting kids with IEP's and 504's stay at their preferred school.

I would like to keep all the Medlock Park kids together in the schools, preferably Fernbank.

I believe the projected enrollment for students in (A) is low, given that many would choose to move from private school to Fernbank if this plan took effect. I am concerned that Fernbank will end up overcrowded in a few years if we're not careful about how many students we push into it.

The boundary should be the creek so Laurel Ridge ES will be maximized for it's use.

Please adjust Fernbank's instructional capacity to 900, given the variety of programs currently being supported by the school and special classrooms those require. Please utilize Avondale Elementary by allowing the school to provide some relief during this redistricting process.

1) Please recognize a lower school capacity number for Fernbank (900 or less) 2) Please consider the fact that there is likely to be considerable growth and development in the areas to be zoned for Fernbank - another reason not to max out student capacity

Please take a close look at the development happening and planned to happen throughout our cluster. We want to make sure that we are not in a situation where we have to redraw the lines in the next few years, by not taking all growth into consideration.

The original pre-k plan did not address existing pre-ks within the community. Georgia needs a public private partnership and the district should consider the larger early childhood system before just creating new 4 year old slots (to the detriment of providers who need the higher ratio of 4 year old classroom dollars for 0 to 3 support)

This redistricting process is intended to rebalance the utilization of school buildings and should include a buffer for expected future attendance. It should therefore not propose to have Fernbank with the highest utilization percentage of the DH Cluster schools since we are expecting the most growth.

Fernbank's functional student capacity is 900, not 950.

Fernbank already has long carpool lines. Some are neighborhood parents and others School Choice. Adding many more students will create potentially dangerous carpool lines stretching out on Ponce de Leon. Also, we serve many special needs children which require low classroom numbers. Please consider this as you look at Fernbank's capacity. Thanks

I have already provided feedback, but wanted to request for families being redistricted-in addition to allowing current 4th graders remain at their current school that their siblings already enrolled in school have the same option. Also children with 504 and IEP accommodations should be allowed to remain at their current school.

Many families with involved parents move to the area because of Fernbank. This plan endangers this reputation.

Further study and learn from school staff the true instructional capacity of Fernbank and expected population growth in the new and existing areas assigned to Fernbank.

What is the capacity of the Museum School? What are the capacities of any other elementary schools in the County? How are those capacities being leveraged to alleviate crowding at McLendon and L. Ridge? How can future enrollment estimations be strengthened further methodologically? For example, how can confidence intervals be applied?

Future development and forward planning, so that this doesn't happen every 5-7 years (this is the second time we've faced this in FES district in 7 years)

Future growth and limiting need for near future redistricting as a result.

Please take a longer-term view of the current redistricting with an eye on all the impending development of new housing. The Fernbank zone is expecting the most student population growth in the cluster, so it makes no sense to fill us to "capacity" now, with no room for growth later. Please be smart about this as you seek balance across the cluster

Future development along Briarcliff and Clairmont and N Decatur corridors. Areas B and C seem to align more closely with Laurel Ridge and McClendon than Fernbank.

I think splitting Medlock between Laurel Ridge and Fernbank will upset some families, but the fact remains that Fernbank needs to fill its slots and Laurel Ridge doesn't have the space for the growth coming from Medlock's younger families that are moving in.

- Simplest solution in that focus is on filling capacity at the one school (Fernbank) that is losing close to 300 students.

Be open to special case transfers, for example those close to a line that may be cutoff from neighbors or friends or those that have a case to stay at the school they are currently attending. Of course no transportation would be provided for these special cases.

Please consider the growth along the north druid Hills corridor.

Transition Fernbank to a K-8 school

There has been strong support from the beginning for keeping neighborhoods intact. The transition to a new school will be much easier for the kids if they are able to move with all of their neighborhood friends. Please also allow some options for families who wish to stay at LRE- (rising 4th, special needs etc.) since the space will be there.

Strongly consider area communities when drawing boundary lines.

Laurel Ridge area is so small....would that put us at risk for closing at a later time?

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Please don't have more than 900 students at Fernbank

The board should review the school choice program as well as allowing non-county residing staff allowing their children to attend county schools. Staff should have to apply for choice program and only allow for a percentage of staff children attend county schools, and staff with children over the age of 12 should not be allowed to enroll DCSS.

I think the board should consider a dual immersion program at JLES. It would attract involved families. The program was very successful at APES and I think it could be the same at JLES.

I understand that there were a number of former Fernbank students who elected private school versus being bused to Avondale during construction. How does the population demographic pre-construction compare to now and future? Is there a potential influx of students in pre-kindergarten ages that will be higher than projected?

For Fernbank to operate optimally, it is important not to be above 90% or so. I think it may end up being too crowded for all of the things Fernbank does well. I believe lunches would have to start very early which is just terrible for those children.

Fernbank capacity is not actually 950

The school is high achieving because of the Specials, pull-out capabilities for students, PE time, commitment as a "Wellness School" and other individualized attention our children need. Fernbank's community has a lot of room for growth through continued residential growth of the area.

Please consider that when ME was closed, the intent was to rezone all of Medlock to Fernbank. That should be the plan now. LRE will need as many seats as possible when the new developments come in. N. Druid Hills Rd. is such a traffic nightmare, it actually takes our family LESS time to get to Fernbank some days, and it is on many's commute anyway.

Something must be done about the deprioritization of roadways for neighborhood traffic now that the route to ES will require us to travel this. You are forcing an even higher number of vehicles through choked routes to go further to school. Doesn't seem like the service my taxes pay for.

Diversity, future enrollment of current Fernbank families

FES's functional student capacity is 900, not 950, given the various programs provided to students and the use of rooms (including, Art/Music/Spanish/Science Specials, gym and cafeteria capacity and utilization, Special Resource Rms, etc.). Keep current programming! With a 815 student enrollment & a capacity of 900, FES's utilization will be 90.6%.

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1. Parking Space at the School, currently there is absolutely no room to park. 2. Traffic and Roads are already congested in the neighborhood 3. Resources to cater to 900 kids?

If the class sizes go up I would like to see pull-out sessions for gifted students instead of "in-class", the likelihood is that it won't happen.

Functional student capacity is 900, not the proposed 950. This allows for space for Specials and the current P.E. class times, etc. Also, our zone has a lot of expected growth and we will be very close to capacity with incoming students and are concerned there is not much room as a buffer for future attendance. Thank you for consideration.

The members of our neighborhood are in agreement in that we strongly desire to maintain our close relationships with the families of Medlock Park. Several of us desire to remain at Laurel Ridge Elementary, but realizing this does not help with over capacity are willing to at least be moved with as many current members of Medlock/LR as possible.

Please please please keep all of Medlock Park together!! Splitting off a few roads is truly isolating for the students (like ours) who live on one of those few roads at LRE. We have so many friends in MP that we've made in our years here, and we want to stay with them!

Keep Springdale Heights with Medlock.

Allowing current students attending Laurel Ridge the option to continue attending

Fernbank has the facilities and capabilities to add more students.

It seems simpler in all regards to keep neighborhood kids together. Splitting up the neighborhood would be confusing for families and complicate day to day life including: carpooling, passing on relevant information regarding different schools, kids not being with lifelong neighborhood friends, etc.

None.

I would sincerely ask that LRE students who are rising upper elementary students be able to remain at Laurel Ridge through completion of the fifth grade. Redistricting these children now after bonds are built with teachers and fellow students is unnecessary and arguably destabilizing for our most sensitive and vulnerable kids.

All kids, regardless of neighborhood, deserve a top class education. Schools diverse in income, race and class are good for all kids, according to much educational research. Please attend to the inequities and uneven diversity in the Dekalb school system and not cater to complaining upper class parents when redistricting.

Traffic considerations of new plans.

the current recommendation is sustainable, enduring solution particularly with the growth expected in the McClendon and Avondale districts (several large developments currently planned or in progress). The PLAN is the

simplest solution in that focus is on filling capacity at the one school (Fernbank) that is losing close to 300 students.

I don't want to have to go through re-districting again in a few years. I think by sending all of Medlock Park to Fernbank there would be less of a need to redistrict in the future.

This is a great positive impact for our family as I have. Daughter going to kindergarten next year.

It would help our family tremendously. We have a 5 year old that would be headed to McClendon for 2019 school year and I would be very happy to have Fernbank as her elementary for next year!

if you have to move LR students have them all transferring to the same school

I think it's really important to consider keeping Briar Vista open for the impact its closing would have on the community. Schools bring residents together and help create strong sense of community within neighborhoods. I have a lot of friends in Medlock and it was devastating when their neighborhood school closed.

Please keep in mind that the Medlock/Clairmont heights neighborhood south of Peachtree Creek is truly a single community and splitting the area to 2 different school districts creates an artificial boundary.

As a retired person watching my neighborhood grow with children of all ages and having friends playing makes me understand the need for that sense of community I'd like to see left intact.

Please move Springdale Heights with Laurel Ridge peer group. In past redistricting this is what has been done and not doing so would isolate the children in Springdale Heights.

We want to be redistricted to Fernbank & stay with the rest of our neighborhood, Medlock Park. The boundaries of the Medlock extend along Willivee Dr & its side streets all the way to N. Druid Hills Road. Medlock Park is a cohesive and connected community & we strongly wish to remain in the same school district as our neighbors.

Moving this entire neighborhood as a whole from Laurel Ridge ES to Fernbank ES provides a solution that will alleviate overcrowding at Laurel Ridge, enable an efficient bus route down Scott Blvd. to Fernbank ES and most importantly, keep this thriving community together as a strong, vibrant neighborhood attending public elementary schools together.

Laurel Ridge ES building maintenance or lack thereof is a big issue and needs to be seriously addressed.

Continue to keep Medlock Park and the surrounding neighborhoods together especially those that border City Schools of Decatur to the southeast of Medlock Park.

If geographic proximity is a high priority for the district, you must stop building giant 900-student elementary schools because you'll need a large attendance zone that will be beyond a reasonable community boundary. Especially 900-seat ES at the edge of the district?!

-Please consider the north Willivee Rd corridor to be included with the remainder of the Medlock neighborhood. -another view into the impact of the residential redevelopment of N. DeKalb mall. -open seats at LR will seem to fill up the fastest, requiring portals again -THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME :)

This option (#3) is the preferred option of those that have been presented. It provides the best plan to address anticipated growth in the area over the next few years. I encourage the county not to split neighborhoods any further and to leave them as intact as possible, particularly in Medlock.

Think about if Medlock Park families advocating to stay in LRE should be treated as an exception, or the rule. Also consider allowing additional families to stay at LRE, if they choose to do so.

I strongly recommend that the Superintendent keep the Medlock Park neighborhood intact. People move here because of the neighborhood's reputation as a close-knit, inclusive, supportive community.

Traffic patterns and distance to home schools. This was my biggest concern for our family with the second round, and I'm glad to see that this will no longer be an issue. Would still want other families to feel geographically close to their home schools, particularly if there was an emergency that necessitated a parent needing to get their child.

The criteria used by the Superintendent and the Board are in line with the criteria I consider important.

Long term vision

Traffic and commuting

The most important thing is maintaining existing relationships - priority needs to be given to keeping neighborhoods together and minimizing disruption. The families of Springdale Heights want to remain with the families we are close with in Medlock. The current recommendation is also sensible because it accommodates for future growth in Avondale.

How would buses run, with only a portion of Willivee included in the district? Why is a portion of Medlock park gerrymandered for Laurel Ridge in this plan? It makes far more geographic sense to include the whole neighborhood. I don't see any benefit to leaving a small bubble of Medlock behind.

Community unity and this plan's result of separating neighboring families into different elementary schools is strongly opposed. Having school unity for the last 10 or so years has helped solidify our neighborhood immensely.