

Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Mon, Feb 07, 2011 8:23 PM  
From: leisha FLEMING <leishafleming@bellsouth.net>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Laurel Ridge Neighborhood to McLendon  
Attachments: Attach0.html 1K

This is ridiculous. Last week there was no problem with this area. McLendon is these children from the Laurel Ridge school to McLendon, it doesn't make sense.

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From: "Kelli Rice" <kelli@rice.net>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: New proposed plan  
Attachments: Attach0.html 2K

I am a mother of a 4th grader in super cluster 2. I just finished watching the board meeting with the pr  
your consideration of public input, the concern of many community members, and of course the time a  
stakeholders. I can appreciate what a difficult job this must be and commend you for listening, and im

I am very happy with the new proposal.

Thank you for your consideration and hard work.

Kelli Rice

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From: "Karen O'Leary" <karen.oleary@a-closer-look.com>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Medlock to Avondale? NINE students say NO!  
Attachments: Attach0.html 8K

Please help us understand this –to move the lines over two streets from the original recommended proposal, affec

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**From:** Karen O'Leary [mailto:karen.oleary@a-closer-look.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 07, 2011 8:17 PM  
**To:** 'THOMAS\_BOWEN@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us'; 'SARAH\_COPELIN-WOOD@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us'; 'JAY\_CUNNINGHAM@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us'; 'nancy\_jester@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us'; 'donna\_edler@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us'; 'EUGENE\_P\_WALKER@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us'; 'h\_p\_tyson@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us'; 'Ramona\_Tyson@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us'  
**Cc:** 'Tommy Housworth'; daisy whitaker; 'laurie cummings'  
**Subject:** Medlock to Avondale? NINE students say NO!

I live in the "Springdale Heights" neighborhood of Decatur, which is in the Medlock school district. We currently attend Decatur City Schools (which is to the north and east of our street to our east and the City of Decatur to our South) that attend Dekalb County Schools. On BOTH original proposals, we were excited about the new possibilities at Laurel Ridge. After just looking at the new proposals, we were disappointed to find out that we would be redistricted into Avondale. This makes absolutely no sense and does NOT align with any of Dekalb's goals for the future. We want to stay in the SMALL neighborhood back to the original proposals. It's literally NINE students and Laurel Ridge has the space for our enrollment. Unfortunately, we do not have the luxury of waiting for that school to get better, as our kids' education is being affected.

Thank you and I would very much appreciate a response to understand why this small change occurred.

Karen O'Leary

Medlock Parent

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From: Susan Harper <spd71@yahoo.com>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Chesnut Charter Elementary Enrollment Numbers  
Attachments: Attach0.html 2K

To whom it may concern,

My name is Susan Harper, and I am a member of the Chesnut Charter Council.  
I have a couple of questions regarding numbers for Chesnut based on Ms. Tyson's recommendations this evening.

1. By my count, on the attendance map provided to the public on the DCSS website, there were 688 students, grades K-! population for Chesnut of 430. Is that intentional?
2. Are projected enrollments for the Dunwoody schools including the current 4th grade students at DES who are allowed Vanderlyn, and Austin as well?

Thank you for your clarifications.

Best regards,  
Susan Harper

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Mon, Feb 07, 2011 9:16 PM  
From: "Beck, Christopher" <cbeck@emory.edu>  
To: redistricting Mailbox

Subject: Medlock Elementary School

Under the proposed plan, will Medlock Elementary be closed and the property maintained by the school mentioned at the meeting that it would be decommissioned. If decommissioned, what will happen to the

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Tue, Feb 08, 2011 3:32 AM  
From: leisha FLEMING <leishafleming@bellsouth.net>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: DO NOT MOVE LAUREL RIDGE KIDS TO MCLENDON. What are you thinking?  
Attachments: Attach0.html 4K

I live in the Lindmoor Woods neighborhood off of McLendon off of Lawrenceville I

It is close to 3am after you have announced the new plan. I can't sleep. I am at Medlock and McLendon ES. Ms. Tyson sat in meeting at Shamrock Middle School the recommendations were made by the public. What she did not hear was that the Ridge was a vibrant part of the community, accepting new students from Medlock

some real closure to the closure issue.

AS of this evening, you have effectively put Laurel Ridge on a collision course with Ridge, move some Laurel Ridge to McLendon and lower the overall amount of enrollment that just received kids from a closed school.

Why on God's green earth would you move our neighborhood out of its current enrollment number, even with the influx of kids from Medlock. Is it your intention?

If you keep the Lindmoor Woods neighborhood and surrounding streets north of Elementary, enrollment will be 412 students 93% utilized. As it currently stands suddenly having to fight?

I, along with my neighbors, feel it is unacceptable for you to move students from to you to "rob Peter, to pay Paul" with this stuff. Why are you threatening to change McLendon ES as is at the Hwy 78 and leave Laurel Ridge neighborhoods in tact. enough room for growth.

What is really upsetting me is the lack of notice. We now have less than one month. Other areas like Sagamore, Lakeside, Livsey, Evansdale have had plenty of time to voice their opinions at Charrette after Charrette and they have. You sprang this on our backs. We listened to all of those folks tell you about their schools and their desires for what we defend itself. How could you sit in the middle of this cluster and not relate such faith. WE sat in meetings, listened, spoke calmly and went about the business of

The changes you have proposed to this cluster are awful. You have moved children who were previously only positively affected, and created a problem where none existed before.

Please reconsider this action. This neighborhood is being needlessly shuffled to the side. we talking about transportation costs? Please insert all the reasons Sagamore, Lakeside, their area and seem to enjoy the fruits of their labors now. I know I am being a bit

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Tue, Feb 08, 2011 8:47 AM  
From: Amy Pelissero <a\_pelissero@yahoo.com>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: upset in Forrest Hills  
Attachments: Attach0.html 4K

Dear Dekalb County Leaders:

I must say that the proposed redistricting for Dekalb County and particularly for my neighborhood is one more insult all of my adult life and have watched the Board and CEO make promises to listen to their constituents' complaints and one VERY small part of Dekalb County, but we pay taxes, support businesses and schools, and take part in the demo what happens to us. Not only have you taken our neighborhood school away from us and left it empty for years, but 1 of the neighborhoods around us are being redistricted to Shamrock and Druid Hills, while our children are expected to School for years, only to find that by the time I had my own two daughters the school would be closed. I am just appa excellent schools with their neighbors and friends. We want to be heard. Please reconsider your plans! All of my neigh

Thank you for your time!

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*Washing one's hands of the conflict between the powerful and the powerless means to side with the powerful, no*

*Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.--MLK, Jr.*

*Be not afraid of growing slowly, be afraid of standing still. --Chinese Proverb*

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Tue, Feb 08, 2011 8:57 AM  
From: "Siegel, Paul Z. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP)" <pzs1@cdc.gov>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Question  
Attachments: Attach0.html 1K

Do you have an estimate of whether/how much the number of students at Lakeside will change next year compared to th

Thank you.

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Tue, Feb 08, 2011 9:09 AM  
From: JudyMcmillan@comcast.net  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Forrest Hills Neighborhood  
Attachments: Attach0.html 3K

Hello,

I watched the redistricting meeting last night on TV. I hope you will consider my proposal.

I live in Forrest Hills, a small neighborhood west of Avondale Estates, north of Columbia, east of City o Drive and two others. Please include us in the group going to Druid Hills and Shamrock. We tried to r gone to meetings. We have tried to get into the Clty of Decatur and many of us feel defeated with eve Towers. We are a Middle Class neighborhood of teachers, ministers, social workers, architects, and o association. No one has fought for the neighborhood this time because we have gotten shot down so

If you look at the map, you will see that we are carved out of the neighborhoods going to Shamrock an the number going to these two schools.

Please look at the map. I feel like we have been singled out by the school system. It makes me very middle or high school.

Thank you so much for your consideration of this matter. I am presently a teacher in the Dekalb Count

Sincerely,

Judy McMillan

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From: Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Tue, Feb 08, 2011 9:31 AM  
To: beth laing <laingbeth@gmail.com>  
Subject: redistricting Mailbox  
plan questions  
Attachments: Attach0.html 3K

Thank you for all the endless hours and effort put forth by so many people in crafting and editing this plan. It's a presentation last night did a great job of providing information and moving quickly; another difficult task.

Based on the presentation I have a couple of questions. I understand that some may be addressed by the addition they are not included.

I. Current Facilities.

What use will the information gathered during the school evaluation tours completed earlier this year be put to an art room is being used as a classroom the goal would be to return that to an art room. When will this 'proper use' (which has been empty for several years).

II. Details on current plan.

Will there be a more detailed explanation of the financial and how the saving amounts are being calculated? While it has been promised that no one will lose their job due to redistricting, will everyone be 'kept whole' with how will they be treated?

III. 2020 plan.

What information is available at this time?

Is the plan to have most or all elementary schools serve around 900 students? If so, why? What inputs are being (Fernbank, Oak Grove, Briarlake...) be utilized?



Thank you again for all your work.

Best Wishes,

Beth Laing, Dekalb concerned parent

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From: Molly Paschal <molly.paschal@gmail.com>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Please Clarify, Henderson Middle and Lakeside HS  
Attachments: Attach0.html 1K

Hello,

I am a homeowner in the new development of Frazier Walk, off of Frazier Road. Please clarify to me the meaning on your website. Will this be a "redistricting" where the lines will change, to where my neighborhood may no longer be from other schools that are closing or are possibly closing.

I would appreciate any specifics that you can give, as I am a little confused on the meaning of these phrases and I

Thank you,

Molly Paschal

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Tue, Feb 08, 2011 9:38 AM  
From: Lauren Albanese <tallgal819@yahoo.com>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Forrest Hills Resident  
Attachments: Attach0.html 2K

To whom it may concern:

I am a resident of Forrest Hills neighborhood and just received news of the recent redistricting. I am also an attorney and specifically singled out for some reason, as our community is the only one this side of town going to different middle and was closed last year. The proposed redistricting will be the main force in our relocating away from Dekalb county. I am concerned that our children suffer because the county refuses to look out for their educational interests. I know that we will not be the only one

Lauren Bryant

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Tue, Feb 08, 2011 10:52 AM  
From: Sue Weinshenker <sueweinshenker@bellsouth.net>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Cc: David Weinshenker <dweinshenker@genetics.emory.edu>  
Subject: 2 Questions Re: Dunwoody Cluster  
Attachments: Attach0.html 3K

Dear DeKalb Schools Representative,  
I'd like to first thank you for what I'm sure has been a very difficult process.  
You have provided great opportunities to get public input and to share progress to date on the redistricting plan.  
I am encouraged to see that a plan will be implemented for this fall to help alleviate our overcrowded schools.

I have two questions:

(1) What consideration was given for using existing road topography in determining redistricting lines (especially for main roads)? We were originally in the Austin zone for the decentralized plan and are now in the Vanderlyn zone for the recently announced plan. I wondered how some of the natural road boundaries were incorporated into the decision process.  
For example, I am curious about the use of Mt. Vernon Road as a natural southern boundary and Mt. Vernon Way as a natural northern boundary. These seem to be natural break points that would be clearer to the public, as opposed to more random looking lines.

Similarly, what about the region between Mt. Vernon Road and Womack Road as Vanderlyn district boundaries (for the Vanderlyn zone)? I honestly feel it would be easier to get buy-in for your plan using these major roads as your basis for attendance lines. Plus, it would make it easier for homeowners and realtors to understand the school zones.

(2) With the new projected enrollment numbers of 551 for Austin and 654 for Vanderlyn, will these schools be under their building capacity? In looking at the Vanderlyn numbers, the 654 number still seems to exceed building capacity of 538.  
I am concerned that these new attendance lines do not fully address the overcrowding concerns.

Thank you for your time and effort. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


Sue Weinshenker


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From: Mitch Price <gmitchp@corp.earthlink.com>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Cc: "angwit@mindspring.com" <angwit@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Laurel Ridge ES to McLendon ES  
Attachments: Attach0.html 40K

Why were 70 children from the current Laurel Ridge ES district moved to McLendon ES under the new redistricting plan? It seems to be far less disruptive to leave these 70 students at Laurel Ridge. Taking 70 children from a strong performing elementary school to a less performing school seems like a bad idea.

seems shortsighted at best. I'm using the 2010 CRCT scores as a measure of performance, and the numbers aren

<u>District</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u> 	<u>% passing Reading</u>	<u>% pass</u>
Dekalb County	Laurel Ridge	1	90.3	77.4
Dekalb County	Laurel Ridge	2	86.6	79.1
Dekalb County	Laurel Ridge	3	81.3	71.9
Dekalb County	Laurel Ridge	4	89.5	94.7
Dekalb County	Laurel Ridge	5	94.5	94.5

<u>District</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u> 	<u>% passing Reading</u>	<u>% pass</u>
Dekalb County	Mclendon Elem	1	65.9	55.7
Dekalb County	Mclendon Elem	2	68.1	57.7
Dekalb County	Mclendon Elem	3	71.9	67.4
Dekalb County	Mclendon Elem	4	74.7	75
Dekalb County	Mclendon Elem	5	73.7	72.7

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Tue, Feb 08, 2011 3:17 PM  
From: JudyMcmillan@comcast.net  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Forrest Hills Neighborhood  
Attachments: Attach0.html 2K

I live in Forrest Hills and beg you to include us in the group going to Avondale, Druid Hills and Shamrock. We want to send our children to these schools. They are all dangerous schools. I am a teacher and have worked in schools for 20 years.

I do have another insight. As I viewed the map, I discovered that Derrydown has been gerrymandered. This is a dangerous situation. It has happened. Is there anyone on the redistricting group that lives on this street. It is totally unfair.

I also need to have you explain why you show zero students from my neighborhood going to these schools. This is a dangerous situation. Would you want your middle class child to be in a dangerous situation. I wouldn't.

I wish I didn't have to pay taxes to this school system that has taken away Forrest Hills School and is now sending students to other schools. I am 67 years old and have lived here for 23 years and am deeply hurt by how our neighborhood has been treated. I will be heard if this happens to my neighborhood. I will not let my taxes go into this school system.

Please reply.

Judy McMillan

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Tue, Feb 08, 2011 4:08 PM  
From: Rebecca Oh <moxiesoup@gmail.com>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Why are you destroying Laurel Ridge?!?!  
Attachments: Attach0.html 1K

We moved to this neighborhood, on Flamingo Dr. in Decatur, SPECIFICALLY so my kids could attend Laurel Ridge. We are now told we will have to change schools. How does it make any sense to take 70 kids out of Laurel Ridge or McClendon instead of destroying both schools?!?!?

Please make some changes. It's not that far that the Medlock kids couldn't mostly move to McClendon. You're serious as well!!!

Rebecca Oh

Parent of a Laurel Ridge Kindergartener, a Shamrock Middle-schooler, and was hoping to have 2 more kids to send

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From: "Mamaghani, Kris Hollstrom" <kris.hollstrom@genon.com>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Dunwoody!!!  
Attachments: Attach0.html 2K

The only take away you received was to make DES a PreK-5!!!! What about the fact that you have CL offended and disgusted certain voices in the Austin school district openly advocating they do not want prejudice! Appalling.

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From: "Veronica DeHart" <vdehart@fcci-group.com>  
To: redistricting Mailbox DON McCHESNEY  
Cc: <vt\_dehart71@comcast.net> "Tim DeHart" <Tim.DeHart@rmiondemand.com>  
Subject: Please read! Medlock Closure/Redistricting  
Attachments: Attach0.html 15K

Hello,

I am a long term resident of DeKalb County. I live at 449 Eastland Drive in Decatur, GA 30030. We have a daughter in pre-school. We live very close to the City of Decatur line (star marks the spot on the map but I understand the recommendation to close Medlock knowing that it was a very low capacity school, even a neighborhood school over the past year. I did participate in the effort to save Medlock from closing and because I convinced myself that we were being moved at the betterment of my daughters education, to I

I was shocked and very disappointed when the Interim Superintendent's recommendations came out yesterday. We are in a new school. I highly object to this plan for many reasons and so need for my voice to be heard. This was never mentioned we are already in-between neighborhoods in an essence. The Medlock neighborhood is where we are currently using Scott Boulevard as the drawing line it appears. We live in the area of Scott Boulevard, it is our main concern. Avondale Estates is not my neighborhood. Moving us to Avondale will require us to travel through the congested (

The goal should be to improve the educational opportunities for the children effected. I don't see how the Laurel Ridge would be about the same level, even a bit better score wise compared to Medlock. Which w

The Superintendents plan will still leave Laurel Ridge under capacity. Also, Avondale Estates is a further distance from Medlock, Laurel Ridge is 2.7 miles and Avondale Estates is 3.8 miles away. As a side note we are only 2.5 miles from our home make any sense?

Please tell me why the changes to our redistricting plan were recommended.

What more can I do to ensure we are not moved to AE?

As a concerned parent and resident of DeKalb County I will reluctantly support the initial plan of closing Medlock, in any way support the Interim Superintendent's plan to shift us to Avondale Estates ES.

Please take this heart felt plea into consideration.

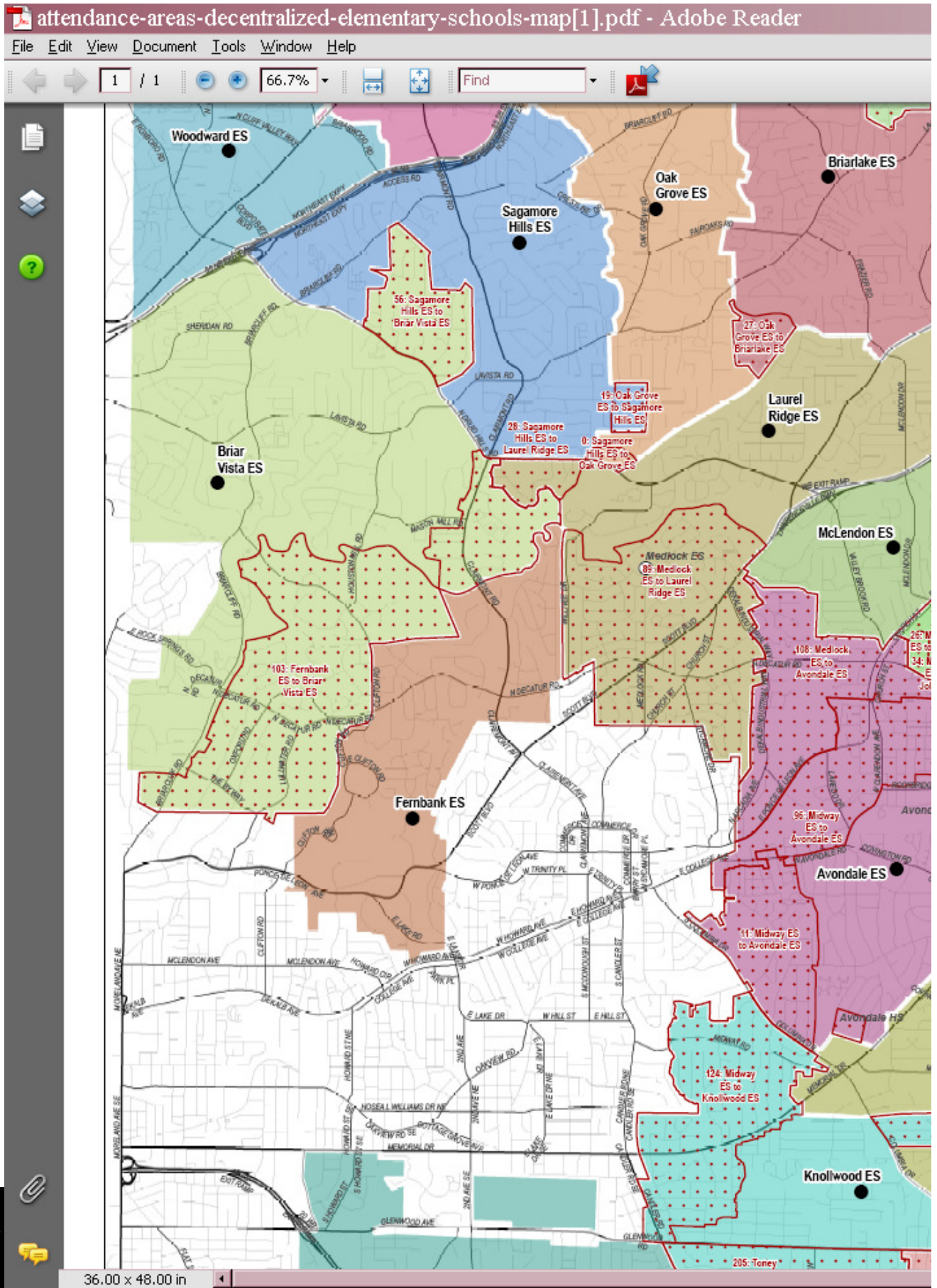
Sincerely,

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From: Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Wed, Feb 09, 2011 6:54 AM  
To: Tanya Myers <tanya.r.myers@gmail.com>  
Subject: redistricting Mailbox bcarnes@mgtamer.com **Daniel E. Drake**  
Attachments: Disposition of Medlock Elementary property  
Attach0.html 2K

Dear all -

During the meeting Monday evening, some very specific language was used regarding the Medlock Elementary property to be decommissioned.

I am seeking clarification on whether it is planned to decommission the property. I am an active Medlock parent redistricting/consolidation proposals. Additionally, I live within walking distance of Medlock and, as a resident of the school closes. Please understand that our community (both within the school and within the residential neighborhood) is much larger elementary school. Therefore, I want to be very clear that those of us at Medlock Elementary and with the disposition but we would like to better understand your future planning for this property.

Respectfully,  
Tanya Myers, Ph.D.

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Wed, Feb 09, 2011 10:25 AM  
From: Traci Sargent <tracisargent@earthlink.net>  
Traci Sargent <tracisargent@earthlink.net>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Laural Ridge Redistricting

Is there something other than the map that has more details to which streets are being redistricted?

Thank you  
Traci

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Wed, Feb 09, 2011 10:49 AM  
From: "Claussen, Angelika (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD)" <bhv6@cdc.gov>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: information about streets to be added to Evansdale Elementary  
Attachments: Attach0.html 7K

Dear Sir or Madam,

Would you please share a list of the street and street numbers that Evansdale ES will gain from Pleasantdale ES? It appears that the following streets are currently in Pleasantdale ES:

Ashwood Lane

Part of Henderson Reserve (please indicate the house numbers that do shift).

Hampton Green Way

Embry Downs Ct

Henley Park Ct and Dr

Old Chamblee Tucker Road

Please confirm these streets and add any I may have missed.

We are also maintaining Henderson Walk and Savannah Square (those children currently attend Evansdale already).

Thanks,

Angie Claussen,

Evansdale PTA Welcome Committee

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Urgent: Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_Wed, Feb 09, 2011 11:40 AM  
From: "Monty, Marissa J." <MMonty@WilmingtonTrust.com>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: redistricting concerns  
Attachments: Attach0.html 4K

Has anyone given any thought or consideration to the "traffic" issues that are already in place along Briarcliff road going S the morning and evenings on Briarcliff Road between North Druid Hills and Clifton Roads, and also on EVERY STREET that pass through – to my knowledge, to get to Briar Vista. What is the rationale behind making these kids sit in that level of traffic the need to re-appropriate funds, and at times, in general, redistrict. But the infrastructure needs to support these changes the most recent proposal. I would appreciate more information regarding these issues. Thank you. Sincerely, Parent of S

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Wed, Feb 09, 2011 12:33 PM  
From: asmelton <asmelton@bellsouth.net>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Redistricting of Laurel Ridge Students  
Attachments: Attach0.html 6K

## To Whom it May Concern

As of Monday night, the Laurel Ridge community became aware of a new redistricting plan that would move 70 students from Laurel Ridge Elementary to McClendon. This plan, quite frankly, came out of the blue.

### 1. **LRES does not meet the county's own criteria for redistricting:**

According to the district's frequently cited criteria, DeKalb County schools at or below 75% building utilization. Laurel Ridge is currently at 80% utilization. Under the county's own requirements, therefore our current attendance lines have been drawn to remove Lindmoor Woods students from the Laurel Ridge attendance area. The redrawing of these lines was not introduced in either of the two initial plans. What has inspired it now?

### 2. **Removing the students reduces facility utilization:**

Removing these 70 students from LRES will bring the school's utilization down to 77%--dangerously close to closing. To bring a school's enrollment up to 450, why is it taking Laurel Ridge in the opposite direction?

### 3. **Removing these students represents NO COST SAVINGS TO THE COUNTY:**

State funding for schools is based on county-wide enrollment, not on how many seats at a particular school are used. Closing schools costs money. But since LRES will remain open, moving these 70 students **DOES NOT SAVE** money. It will ruin our community's cohesion and school leadership and destabilize the educational experience for the remaining students.

### 4. **Moving the students destroys community cohesion and school leadership:**

The area most affected by this plan -- Lindmoor Woods, has been attending LRES for twenty-two years. Lindmoor Woods students were redistricted before. This proposed redistricting (for a second time) is in slide #5 of the presentation at the January 3 meeting. The traditional flow of this community, two generations in the same school, is being destroyed. The traditional flow of this community, two generations in the same school, is being destroyed. Moreover, moving students from LRES under the current plan, and the school's leadership would be destroyed. We need that leadership to guide the community through this crisis.

### 5. **Keeping these students at Laurel Ridge makes only a minor change to enrollment at McClendon:**

Under the current proposal, LRES would have a 77% capacity enrollment. Keeping the Lindmoor Woods students at LRES makes only a minor difference between the two schools, yet the disruption to an established community and displacement of students is significant.

### 6. **Moving these students is premature:**

Since the county has yet to reveal any long-term plan for the affected schools, removing these 70 students now is premature. The plan which is scheduled for 2/24.

### 7. **Our alternate plan:**

Leave the currently enrolled Lindmoor Woods neighborhood students in the Laurel Ridge attendance area. Disrupting that interconnected network of churches, scout troops, places where we eat, shop, and have fun together. Disrupting that interconnected network of students

from a school where they have been attending, most for several years. The students of Medlock are forced to move no matter what, they do not need to take the place of children already entrenched in our schools

Thank you for your consideration,  
Staci Melton  
Parent

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Wed, Feb 09, 2011 1:01 PM  
From: Laura Blackmore <lblackmore@bellsouth.net>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Proposed redistricting of Laurel Ridge Elementary School  
Attachments: Attach0.html 26K

Dear Superintendent Tyson and the Board of Education:

I am writing to you to express my great concern about the Superintendent's proposed redistricting of Lindmoor Woods subdivision.

As a family we are very active and involved in the Laurel Ridge Community, and are firm supporters of public education. Closing Lindmoor Woods has not been a beneficial or logical choice. Nor would its closure have matched the stated goals of Dekalb County Schools.

We have participated in the public meetings, surveys, all the different ways that you the Board have used our money to plan for the Vision 2020 planning process. At NO TIME in that process was the prospect of redrawing the Laurel Ridge attendance area properly presented. We have effectively responded. You will find that we will make every effort, using YOUR GOALS, to hold you accountable to them, and to the community.

The Superintendent's proposed redistricting fails to meet the stated goals of the Vision 2020 process.

**Schools at or below 75%, or at or above 110% building utilization are eligible for redistricting**

Laurel Ridge is currently at 80% utilization, and therefore is not eligible for redistricting.

Further, there has been NO SUGGESTION, NO WARNING, NO REASON GIVEN, for redrawing the lines to redistrict the plans previously presented, was this presented as an option. IT SHOULD NOT BE an option, by your own guidelines.

**Bring elementary schools' enrollment to 450**

The proposed student movement reduces Laurel Ridge's utilization to 77% and reduces its total number of students, in doing so it reduces the quality of education for all students in the district.

**Reduce costs to the county**

Laurel Ridge is not closing. It and its students will continue to receive funding on a student by student basis. No costs (for the Ridge) does not reduce costs to the county, but it does incur MANY costs to the children.

**Support community cohesion, maintaining intact neighborhoods**

The Laurel Ridge community is STRONG, as evinced by our powerful response to the proposed closure last year. We care about the neighborhood and community, but the conduit to our community services; we shop at Publix, Home Depot, my hair dresser. We are members of the Pangborn (Laurel Ridge) Swimming Pool, because our neighbors and community are present there. The proposed for redistricting; there is one link, the bridge on McLendon, over the very real boundary of Highway 78. We do not want to lose our neighborhood, not our community.

Lindmoor Woods, Valley Brook and the other subdivisions affected by the proposed redistricting have attended Laurel Ridge community services in the Laurel Ridge area, and sent their children to Laurel Ridge. Their children have moved back to the Ridge. The proposed does not respect the flow of the community, the historic boundaries of the Laurel Ridge community, and in no way benefits the community.

McLendon as a school faces large changes under the proposed redistricting, with a large portion of its students affected by the proposed redistricting at Laurel Ridge would have a very minor impact. In fact that moving these kids makes NO SENSE at any rational level, the impact on McLendon would be minimal. The impact on the community is not warranted by that slight shift.

**Make short-term decisions that are strategically coordinated with long-term capital improvement**

Finally, the stated goal of creating 900-student elementary schools in the next few years, under a long-term capital improvement plan, and is a short-term (very) decision that does NOT coordinate with a long term plan for the very reason that there IS NOT a long term plan for their community, school, safe and known school in DIRECT CONTRADICTION to the very goals that the County asserts.

**What to do instead?**

We as a community have been active and forward in our participation in the process of Vision 2020, we are passionate about education and look forward to continuing in the process of creating top quality schools and education for our children. Arbitrarily moving the end of a long process of community participation in direct contradiction to both community wishes, and the stated goals of Vision 2020.

**We propose, as members of the Lindmoor Wood subdivision within the Laurel Ridge community, that you maintain Highway 78 as a connector, a conduit, not a dividing line, the different subdivisions within our community share friends and family, and the services provided by the businesses in the community. Disrupting our community is both unnecessary, and a disservice to the community.**

With great concern,

Laurie Blackmore

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Wed, Feb 09, 2011 2:11 PM  
From: Tommy Housworth <tommy@7course.net>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: a sincere request for your consideration  
Attachments: Attach0.html 10K

Dear Redistricting Team,

I know this has been a tough period for the board, and for all of us parents. As the PTA President at Medlock, I desire to keep our school open, I understood a good deal of the reasoning. We fought the good fight, and I can a

The silver lining in all this was that, based on the consulting team's recommendations, our neighborhood would l Medlock.

Then, Monday night, our tiny neighborhood of seven elementary age kids was recommended to be moved to the unnecessary move, and one we are eager to change back to the original plan of Laurel Ridge.

I sent Ms Tyson a note yesterday ago outlining the specifics of the situation, and am including it below for your c

I am hopeful you can guide me toward the proper channels to get our voices heard so that we can have an impact

We're one tiny neighborhood amid a sea of changes, and I know you've said that the often unspoken axiom is, 'ch reality of our school being closed, but the one-two punch of then being moved from a better school to a school th get this changed back, because thus far, we are in agreement that we will either succeed in our endeavors to get b for any of us.

I'm grateful for your time and - for all the flack I know the Board takes - am grateful you're willing to make tough

Tommy Housworth  
Medlock PTA Co-President

Dear Superintendent Tyson,

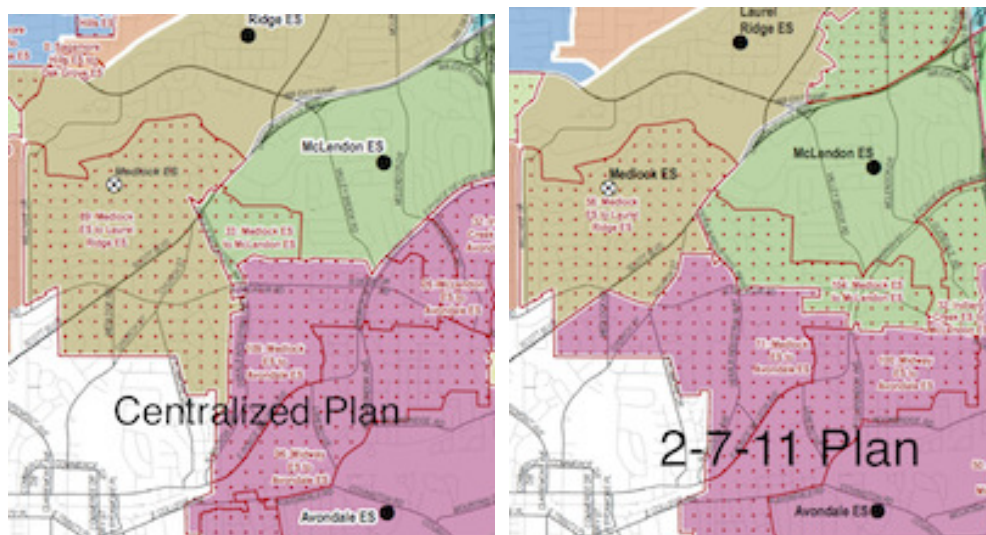
My family lives in the "Springdale Heights" neighborhood of Decatur. We are in the Medlock sc to our North and the City of Decatur to our South.

In our neighborhood are 9 children currently attending DeKalb County Schools. This neighborhood have been involved in their school for many years. We understand that changes are necessary. Decentralized proposals our children were to be transferred to Laurel Ridge Elementary. While we support and involvement to Laurel Ridge. I do not understand how, in your recommended plan we are redistricted into Avondale Elementary. This is an unacceptable change for us.

**We implore you to please move our neighborhood back to the Laurel Ridge district.** With us as close to Laurel Ridge (and Shamrock, our feeder Middle School) as we are to Avondale now being moved from Laurel Ridge (a school that is performing on par or better than Medlock experience for these children.

Ultimately, we will not send our kids to Avondale. Avondale Elementary does not meet the standard benefit from our enrollment and we will have to explore other options.

We have attached two map images so you can easily recognize the needed adjustment.



Gratefully,  
Tommy Housworth  
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From: Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Wed, Feb 09, 2011 2:52 PM  
To: "Edgar C. Torbert" <ACAECT@langate.gsu.edu>  
Subject: redistricting Mailbox  
comment on recommendations

As an educational administrator for 33 years, I genuinely empathize as you tackle the budget crisis, redistricting, and the 2020 Vision.

I especially appreciate the attention given to the future of Livsey ES. It would be extremely helpful in responding to the recommendations for 2012 made by Ms. Tyson to know what the 2020 master plan envisions for delivery of elementary education in the Livsey area. I am offering these comments under the assumption that a "900" size elementary school will be built to serve the Livsey area plus some combination of the attendance zones of Midvale and Pleasantdale, and perhaps Smoke Rise.

If the new school will not be located on the site of Livsey ES...

I would urge retention of the entire current attendance zone of Livsey along with the addition of students from Pleasantdale until Livsey is decommissioned. This will reduce the number of students affected by the 2012 recommendations and not negate the announced cost savings. Livsey has sufficient trailers and empty seats now to accommodate approximately 50 Pleasantdale students without splitting the current Livsey attendance zone. When the new school is built, all students would move directly to that school. This would reduce the number of Livsey students/households having to go through two (2) transfers by 50% or more.

If the new school will be located on the site of Livsey ES...

I would again urge retention of the entire current attendance zone of Livsey along with the addition of Pleasantdale students as described above. In this case all students would have to move at some point to interim schools and then back to the new "Livsey", but it would reduce the number of Livsey students/households having to go through three (3) transfers by 50% or more.

The above suggestion will not impact the number of schools less than 75% filled in 2012 since Midvale ES is already over 85% capacity. Likewise the above suggestion will not negate the desired relief for overcrowding at Pleasantdale ES in 2012. Fewer moves will create a much more favorable climate for going back to these same households (and their neighbors) for voter support of the SPLOST needed to make the 2020 Vision reality.

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From: "Victoria Seahorn" <runnergirlz262@comcast.net>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Laurel Ridge Elementary-We love our school!  
Attachments: Attach0.html 8K

### **Laurel Ridge Elementary Redistricting Arguments:**

The proposed removal of 70 students from Laurel Ridge Elementary to McLendon Elementary is in direct conflict

### **1. Our alternate plan -- Leave these students at their neighborhood school where they belong and are thriving**

Keep the currently enrolled students in the Lindmoor Woods and Valley Brook neighborhoods in the Laurel Ridge attendance area. These students have built strong connections with their schools, churches, scout troops and places where we eat, shop and have fun together. Disrupting that traditional connectedness would be a loss for the community.

### **2. Moving the students destroys community cohesion & school leadership**

The neighborhood of Lindmoor Woods and Valley Brook, which is the area's most affected, has been attending Lindmoor Elementary for decades. **This proposed *second* redistricting of the Lindmoor Woods and Valley Brook neighborhoods is in contradiction to the [presentation](#) of the January 3 meeting.** The traditional social flow of this community, two generations strong, neighborhood school and community centerpiece for more than two decades. Leadership is especially necessary in this time of change. The current standing and incoming PTA Executive Board would be removed from the school under this current plan.

### **3. LRES doesn't meet the county's own criteria for redistricting:**

According to the district's frequently cited criteria, DeKalb County schools at or below 75% building utilization are considered for closure. Lindmoor Elementary is currently at 80% utilization. Under the county's own requirements, our current attendance area should not have been changed. Moving Lindmoor Woods and Valley Brook students from the Laurel Ridge attendance area and send them to McClendon Elementary would be a loss for the community. Why is it taking Laurel Ridge in the opposite direction?

### **4. Removing the students reduces facility utilization:**

Removing these 70 students from LRES will bring the school's utilization down to 77%--dangerously close to the threshold for closure. Enrollment up to 450, why is it taking Laurel Ridge in the opposite direction?

### **5. Removing these students represents no cost savings to the county:**

State funding for schools is based on county-wide enrollment—not on how many seats at a particular school are unused. Removing students would not save the county money on facility operational costs from closures. But since LRES will remain open for all the rest of its attendees, **moving students to other schools for the affected families exacts a significant human cost, but doesn't save the county or its taxpayers a single penny.**

**6. Keeping these students at Laurel Ridge makes only a minor change to McClendon's enrollment.**

Under the Interim-Superintendent's proposal, Laurel Ridge would have a 77% capacity enrollment. Keeping the enrollment to 79%. That leaves a minor difference between the two schools, yet you are disrupting an established

**7. Moving these students is premature:**

Since the county has not revealed the details of its long-term plan for any of these affected schools, removing the visit, scheduled for 2/24, so how many other parts of this decision are being made prematurely?

Thank you for listening to us.

Sincerely,

Victoria Seahorn

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**RAMONA TYSON** redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Vanderlyn Redistricting as of 2/7/11  
Attachments: Attach0.html 10K  
Vanderlyn Map.pdf 451K

Good Evening Dekalb County Board Members and Superintendent Tyson,

I am emailing all of you to discuss the "new" redistrict lines that have been redrawn as of 2/7/11. My wife and I

Brookhaven became too small, so we knew we needed to move into a bigger home. The absolute determining factor was Vanderlyn Elementary.

We bought a house on Vernon Oaks Drive. Before you read on, if you haven't already, please open the attachment and walk to Vanderlyn at about 7:25 every morning. It takes a mere two and a half minutes to walk to school. That is the reason we are in conversation and enjoying everything about our choice to live on Vernon Oaks Drive. For this reason, we found it difficult to leave Vanderlyn.

I beg you, please do not cut our street out of the Vanderlyn school district. First of all, it defies all logic that we and families that are farther away from Vanderlyn than us must drive through and past our neighborhood to get to school. It is not fair to exclude our street or neighborhood. Rather than explain why these changes occurred, I plead with you that you keep our street in the Vanderlyn district.

I understand that many lives will be affected by the new district lines, but folks, please show some compassion and concern for our homes and the well being of our children.

Thank you so much for reading. Please feel free to call me if you like. We look forward to a future at Vanderlyn.

Richard Thatcher

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To: Shannon Adams <shannonhadams@gmail.com>  
Subject: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: LAUREL RIDGE ELEMENTARY  
Attachments: Attach0.html 4K

After Monday's meeting, our school learned that Ramona Tyson's outline for redistricting included 70 students for the stated goals. I have several points to make on this topic.

One of the county's goals for redistricting was the percentage of utilization and those over or under were considered utilization. We have been slated to receive 56 students from Medlock Elementary, but are losing 70 of our own students because it would put us on the radar for closing. I understood from the numerous meetings I have attended that this would conflict with that goal.

Also, there is no cost saving for moving these students from our school. State funding for schools is based on a per student basis and this change is disruptive and destabilizes the educational experience for the affected families. This change represents neither a gain nor a loss.

One of the stated goals was to not disrupt the community cohesion. Again, the proposed redistricting is in direct conflict with this goal. Inside the Laurel Ridge community has been redistricted once before. The proposed second redistricting in is core area has been a Laurel Ridge neighborhood for over two generations. The community cohesion is strong and viable. Lead Elementary. Most of the Laurel Ridge PTA executive board would be removed from the school under this current plan.

Moving our students to McClendon makes a minor change to McClendon's enrollment. Under this proposal, McClendon's disruption of the neighborhood is unnecessary.

This move is premature. The county has not made known the 2020 vision and thus omitting any long-term plans of this decision are being made prematurely?

Our school has worked hard to make an alternate plan---LEAVE THESE STUDENTS AT THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. This is more than an elementary school. We share families, friends, sports, churches, scout troops, small businesses, and a community where they will live, learn, and give.

Shannon Adams

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From: "SHERILYN D. NARKER" <SHERILYN\_D\_NARKER@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Laurel Ridge Attendance Zone

Dear Redistricting Committee,

This message concerns the alarming news I received today about the plan to rezone my home for the McClendon School District. The original elementary school redistricting plans DID NOT show my home being redistricted. Therefore, I NEVER had the opportunity to comment during the public session because I had no warning that this was going to happen to my home.

In August of 2008, I left my house on Hollywood Drive in the McClendon district and purchased my home on Francine Drive to ensure that my children could attend Laurel Ridge. I could have purchased a much larger and cheaper home in the McClendon district, but chose a tiny (950 sq ft for a family of 5 people) home just to have my children in a high performing school.

As you know, since 2008, the property values in our area have dropped

significantly. I am now underwater on my mortgage by \$20,000. The change in district for my home will cause another dramatic decrease in home prices in our already struggling market. Like me, many of my neighbors with elementary school students will be forced to abandon our underwater mortgage homes to foreclosure and move to rental homes in other districts that will meet the needs of our children. This mass exodus will ultimately decrease DeKalb County tax revenues and cause our school system budget to be further strained. Please do not add the relatively stable area of McClendon Drive between Lawrenceville Hwy and 78 to the list of high foreclosure rate neighborhoods in our county. It is not in anyone's best interest.

Sincerely,

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"The first lesson of economics is scarcity: There is never enough of anything to satisfy all those who want it. The first lesson of politics is to disregard the first lesson of economics."

- Thomas Sowell

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From: Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Wed, Feb 09, 2011 10:22 PM  
To: Stephanie Hur <stephanieahn@mac.com>  
Subject: redistricting Mailbox  
rezoning (currently at Austin Elementary)

Hi, we live at 522 Perimeter Walk Dunwoody GA. Can you let me know whether my children will continue

It is impossible to figure out from the maps provided (including one from Feb. 7th) which school we are

Many thanks,  
Stephanie Hur

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Thank you so much for your time. I really appreciate it and your service to better the education of DeKalb County childrer  
Laura Mixson

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Subject: Protect Laurel Ridge Elementary  
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February 10, 2011

Dear Dekalb County School Board:

Please take a moment to consider Laurel Ridge and its community in your redistricting plans for Dekalb County. The neighborhood of Lindmoor Woods and others attends Laurel Ridge Elementary. Superintendent [redacted] and places it at McClendon Elementary. This is a change that must not happen, nor does it make sense to do so.

Most simply, moving this neighborhood of 70 students does not provide any cost savings to the county. Rather, it provides no cost savings to Dekalb County taxpayers.

Removing these students reduces school utilization from 80% to 77% rather than increasing it, one of the stated goals of improved school utilization; keeping these 70 students works towards the county goals.

Lindmoor Woods has a 22-year history with Laurel Ridge. The traditional social flow of this community, two generations ago, was centered around Laurel Ridge, its neighborhood school and community centerpiece for more than two decades. Leadership is especially strong at Laurel Ridge standing and incoming PTA Executive Board would be removed from the school under this current plan. [redacted]

There is negligible benefit to McClendon by gaining the students from Laurel Ridge. By leaving the 70 students at Laurel Ridge, however, it would cause a great disturbance in the affected community.

Deciding to move this section of our community to another school is premature and lacks long-term vision. Laurel Ridge is determined. It is very possible that this move would be very unnecessary and very harmful.

I am asking you to propose and approve changes to the current redistricting proposal that will keep the Laurel Ridge community engaged together. We also educate our community together. Please act to preserve the amazing Laurel Ridge community.

Most Sincerely,

Angela Wittenauer

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From: Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Thu, Feb 10, 2011 9:55 PM  
To: Shannon Adams <shannonhadams@gmail.com>  
redistricting Mailbox

Subject: LAUREL RIDGE ELEMENTARY  
Attachments: Attach0.html 4K

I am extremely concerned with the current redistricting proposal presented by Ramona Tyson. Our school has be

First, Laurel Ridge has not been on either the decentralized or centralized redistricting options presented in the n  
Elementary and we have gone to the meetings in a general concern for our area and the children affected. Once a  
not given time to prepare and publicly counter this new proposal. Other schools that have been affected have had  
7th. We need the same amount of time considered for other schools for this to be a fair process. Laurel Ridge pa  
for redistricting had the opportunity to provide counter proposals to the suggested redistricting. The effect of this  
significant redistricting in the current proposal by Ramona Tyson. This short time frame has left the Laurel Ridge

Second, the stated goals of the county have not been met by redistricting neighborhoods in the Laurel Ridge com  
Moving students from Laurel Ridge, where 82% of the students have exceeded the math goals in the CRCT (200  
access in my opinion. Another stated goal is to improve the utilization of the school. The current proposal would  
dangerously close to the 75% utilization that would qualify our school for closing. Why would you decrease the

If the proposal to redistrict Laurel Ridge is to increase the number of students at McCledon, there are several oth  
north of North Decatur and east of Church Street from Avondale elementary to McClendon. This would shorten  
Medlock students in neighborhoods south of Scott Blvd west of Sycamore Drive and north of North Decatur Rd  
shifting the McClendon zone slightly south and west into areas already affected by the consolidation proposal, re  
by not redistricting Avondale ES students to Midway (which would still be at 89% utilization.

I feel the Laurel Ridge community has not been given adequate time to respond to the proposed redistricting plan  
substantially lower achieving school. This redistricting does not meet the stated goals of the county. The propose  
Ridge community when the goals and criteria are not met?

Shannon Adams

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Fri, Feb 11, 2011 11:33 AM  
From: Sarra Kell <sarrajkgmail.com>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Proposed Laurel Ridge Redistricting Feedback  
Attachments: Attach0.html 2K

Dear Board Members and DCSS Administrators,

My name is Sarra Kell and I am a parent of a kindergartner who is currently zoned for Laurel Ridge Elementary s

I have been following closely the District's plans for re-zoning in my area, and was very surprised by the Superin  
comment.

I am against the plan to re-zone Laurel Ridge and move the 70 students in the Lindmoor Woods and Valley Broo  
believe that these concerns are valid and shared by the other parents in the impacted neighborhoods.

Changing schools is very stressful for young children. As children go through their school careers, they build rel  
children to a new school, these relationships would be severed.

Leaving these 70 children where they are would not put Laurel Ridge over capacity. All of these children live over from moving these children.

I understand that DCSS is facing challenges, and action needs to be taken for the good of all of the children in this sense to me at all.

I appreciate your time and attention.

Thank you,

Sarra Kell

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Fri, Feb 11, 2011 2:36 PM  
From: "Jason Stephenson" <jason-ryan@periapsis.org>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: FW: School Redistricting Update  
Attachments: Attach0.html 8K

Hi,

I'm a member of the Briar Vista school neighborhood and wanted to echo a concern raised by our PTA President greater number of poor students in one school (Briar Vista), then I think he's right to be concerned, and I'd urge school location is not what's most helpful, and I do not wish to see Briar Vista become a Title 1 school.

Respectfully,

Jason Stephenson

Matt Huey's Letter:

Ms. Tyson, Mr. Drake,

I am very concerned about the departure from the redistricting plan recommended by MGT and the plan suggests the highest percentage of both economically challenged and ESOL students. The proposed plan takes no significant area of single home residents to an area densely populated with apartments. It is a fact that the majority of the students reside in rental communities. What happens to a school struggling with these issues if they are lopsidedly laden with economically challenged students further dilutes the attention of instructors already struggling with an existing population of students INCLUDED EITHER ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED, ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS OR BOTH

At Sagamore Hills the opposite is true. Teachers who now have a lower density of challenged students are free to

While I agree that the county needs to fill seats I do not think, at least in this instance, the full effect of this decision can be remedied. The population demographic of this area is available to the school system and the Board. I strongly urge I am not suggesting that these students are not to be educated. I am suggesting that it is unfair to any one school to have neighboring schools reap the benefits. If this is the case shift the redistricting line back to what was originally planned. If there will be no significant impact then proceed as planned.

Your primary duty is to provide a quality education to our children. Everything else is secondary. This decision is a decision for the school that, by its very make up, is destined to underperform you are simply putting off the inevitable, a policy that is the desire to keep vocal, "high performing" schools whole you are doing so at the expense of those who have been overlooked and get worse if you do not.

Finally, the county has to wake up to the fact that the huge ESOL population will continue to grow. To date the county is a lot like telling a manic depressive to cheer up. As long as this country allows undocumented and unchecked immigrants and children, both ESOL and otherwise, who have to be educated. What is the county going to do to help the schools? The test scores at Briar Vista and Fernbank are 95% due to the high ratio of ESOL and economically challenged students at or above superior education but we all know the truth. What is the county plan to correct this?

Respectfully yours,

Matt Huey

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Sun, Feb 13, 2011 11:00 AM  
From: Todd Hagley <thagley@gmail.com>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Cc: Myra Hagley <myra.hagley@gmail.com>  
Subject: Please Reject The Proposal To Redistrict Laurel Ridge Elementary Students  
Attachments: Attach0.html 9K

Dear DeKalb County School Board:

I am writing to urge you to reject Interim-Superintendent Tyson's proposal to redistrict 70 students from Laurel Ridge Elementary. In light of the failings of the proposal, I would also like to say that as a parent of a child who would suffer from this move, this

Logistically, financially, and for the benefit of 70 families, this proposal does not make sense. My daughter is a student of Laurel Ridge Elementary. Her potential is limitless right now and to move her to a school that in my opinion is a proposed "new" school indicates that this would be a huge step backwards for her. That McLendon's averages are a cause for concern with dread. The property and resale value of my home remains high because I can cite Laurel Ridge Elementary as a source of satisfaction. I will in fact consider moving my family out of DeKalb County if this proposal is approved.

Do not approve this measure. You cannot allow 70 children to be forced into another school that cannot meet the needs of the community and family into consideration when making difficult choices; remind us that you are parents too and :

Thank you,

Todd Hagley



## **Laurel Ridge Elementary Redistricting Arguments:**

The proposed removal of 70 students from Laurel Ridge Elementary to McLendon Elementary is in direct conflict with the district's frequently cited criteria, DeKalb County schools at or below 75% building utilization ; currently at 80% utilization. Under the county's own requirements, our current attendance area should not have b

### **1. LRES doesn't meet the county's own criteria for redistricting:**

According to the district's frequently cited criteria, DeKalb County schools at or below 75% building utilization ; currently at 80% utilization. Under the county's own requirements, our current attendance area should not have b Lindmoor Woods students from the Laurel Ridge attendance area and send them to McClendon? The redrawing o

### **2. Removing the students reduces facility utilization:**

Removing these 70 students from LRES will bring the school's utilization down to 77%--dangerously close to the enrollment up to 450, why is it taking Laurel Ridge in the opposite direction?

### **3. Removing these students represents no cost savings to the county:**

State funding for schools is based on county-wide enrollment—not on how many seats at a particular school are facility operational costs from closures. But since LRES will remain open for all the rest of its attendees, **moving for the affected families exacts a significant human cost, but doesn't save the county or its taxpayers a single**

### **4. Moving the students destroys community cohesion & school leadership**

The neighborhood of Lindmoor Woods, which is the area most affected, has been attending LRES for 22 years, s

***second* redistricting of the Lindmoor Woods neighborhood is in contradiction to Board Policy AD Second meeting.** The traditional social flow of this community, two generations strong, would be significantly disrupted centerpiece for more than two decades. Leadership is especially necessary when new students from Medlock are would be removed from the school under this current plan.

**5. Keeping these students at Laurel Ridge makes only a minor change to McClendon's enrollment.**

Under the Interim-Superintendent's proposal, Laurel Ridge would have a 77% capacity enrollment. Keeping the enrollment to 79%. That leaves a minor difference between the two schools, yet you are disrupting an established

**6. Moving these students is premature:**

Since the county has not revealed the details of its long-term plan for any of these affected schools, removing the visit, scheduled for 2/24, so how many other parts of this decision are being made prematurely?

**7. Our alternate plan -- Leave these students at their neighborhood school where they belong and are thriving**

Keep the currently enrolled students in the Lindmor Woods neighborhood in the Laurel Ridge attendance area. ( troops and places where we eat, shop and have fun together. Disrupting that traditional connectedness is both un-

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Mon, Feb 14, 2011 8:39 AM  
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Subject: Redistricting map lines  
Attachments: Attach0.html 4K

Good Morning,

My son's home school is currently Columbia High School, a school that has not made AYP for year that is performing worst than Columbia High. If the system is trying to save money why would you away.

Columbia High 30034 from home address: 5minutes 1.87 miles

McNair High 30316 from home address: 12 to 14 minutes 6.83- 6.50 miles way.

Before Columbia MS was built the home was South West DeKalb: 6 minutes 2.70 miles

I ask that you do the math over and recheck the areas. Where is the logic? As parents **we are no** other Board members as well as the Interim Superintendent.

My son is currently a student a Champion Theme MS. He is doing very well. It really would benefit would not feel so lost during transition.

Thanks

Stan Edwards

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Mon, Feb 14, 2011 9:47 AM  
From: <CTMarketingResearch@comcast.net>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: redistricting protest  
Attachments: Attach0.html 4K

To the DeKalb County School Board:

Please reconsider the plan to move the children in the Ridgeland Park neighborhood (Eastland Drive) to Avondale ES w/ appropriate.

Thank you.

Celia Till

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Mon, Feb 14, 2011 2:39 PM  
From: Yesim ALTAS TAHIROVIC <yesimaltas@hotmail.com>  
To: redistricting Mailbox DON McCHESNEY H PAUL WOMACK  
EUGENE P. WALKER  
Cc: **RAMONA TYSON** **ROBERT G. MOSELEY II** TERRY M. SEGOVIS  
**Daniel E. Drake** NANCY JESTER THOMAS BOWEN  
<sarah\_copelin\_wood@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us> JAY CUNNINGHAM  
DONNA EDLER PAM SPEAKS  
Subject: Redistricting of Laurel Ridge Students:  
Attachments: Attach0.html 6K

Dear Board members,

As of last week Monday night, the Laurel Ridge community became aware of a new redistricting plan that would come out of the blue, and is in direct conflict with DeKalb County Schools' stated goals and criteria:

**1. LRES does not meet the county's own criteria for redistricting:**

According to the district's frequently cited criteria, DeKalb County schools at or below 75% building utilization are currently at 80% utilization. Under the county's own requirements, therefore our current attendance area should not remove Lindmoor Woods students from the Laurel Ridge attendance area and send them to McClendon in direct violation of two initial plans. What has inspired it now?

**2. Removing the students reduces facility utilization:**

Removing these 70 students from LRES will bring the school's utilization down to 77%--dangerously close to the current enrollment up to 450, why is it taking Laurel Ridge in the opposite direction?

**3. Removing these students represents NO COST SAVINGS TO THE COUNTY:**

State funding for schools is based on county-wide enrollment, not on how many seats at a particular school are filled or not. School closures. But since LRES will remain open, moving these 70 students **DOES NOT SAVE THE COUNTY OR ITSELF** it will destroy cohesion and school leadership and destabilize the educational experience for those kids whose school is not closed.

**4. Removing the students destroys community cohesion and school leadership:**

The area most affected by this plan -- Lindmoor Woods, has been attending LRES for twenty-two years since the students were redistricted before. This proposed redistricting (for a second time) is in contradiction to Board Policy adopted at the January 3 meeting. The traditional flow of this community, two generations strong, would be significantly disrupted.

community centerpiece for more than two decades. Moreover, most of the Laurel Ridge outgoing and incoming leadership would be destroyed. We need that leadership especially now when new students from Medlock will b

**5. Keeping these students at Laurel Ridge makes only a minor change to enrollment at McClendon:**

Under the current proposal, LRES would have a 77% capacity enrollment. Keeping the Lindmoor Woods stude difference between the two schools, yet the disruption to an established community and displacement of 70 stude

**6. Moving these students is premature:**

Since the county has yet to reveal any long-term plan for the affected schools, removing these 70 students from L scheduled for 2/24.

**7. MINOR Adjustment to the currently proposed plan: PLEASE leave these students at their neighborhood**

Leave the currently enrolled Lindmoor Woods and Valley Brook Estates neighborhood students in the Laurel Ridge teams, churches, scout troops, places where we eat, shop, and have fun together. Disrupting that interconnectedness from a school where they have been attending, most for several years. The students of Medlock are forced to be what, THEY DO NOT NEED TO TAKE THE PLACE OF CHILDREN ALREADY ENTRENCHED IN OUR SCHOOLS

Thank you for your consideration,

Yesim Altas Tahirovic, Ph.D.

Parent from Laurel Ridge

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Wed, Feb 16, 2011 7:39 AM  
From: "Conley, Ayanna DDS Stone Mountain" <Ayanna.Conley@ssa.gov>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Start-up Charter School  
Attachments: Attach0.html 2K

Why are all the start up charter schools listed with 0 enrollment on the updated school enrollment table?

*Ayanna Conley*  
*Supervisor, Unit 52*  
*678-639-2640*

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Subject: NOT LEGAL TO ZONE BY HOUSING TYPE  
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IT IS NOT LEGAL TO ZONE BY HOUSING TYPE.

Return to professional consultants map restoring guidelines, goal and criteria originally set by the school board of education

Return VERNON OAKS/VERNON SPRINGS: North of Womack, West of Vermack, South of Mount Vernon to VANDERL

AS IT ALWAYS HAS BEEN UNTIL FEB 7.

Thank you,  
Laura Mixson

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redistricting Mailbox NANCY JESTER **RAMONA TYSON**  
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To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: VANDERLYN DES REDISTRICTING - NOT LEGAL TO ZONE BY HOUSING  
Attachments: Attach0.html 4K

I am very concerned by the recent plan to redistrict Vanderlyn.

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Chris

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eugene\_P\_Walker@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us  
Subject: WOMACK MAJOR ROAD - ES WALKERS SHOULDN'T CROSS  
Attachments: Attach0.html      1K

Womack Rd is major traffic way and should not be crossed by Elementary School Walkers.  
Keep North of Womack walking North of Womack - walking to vanderlyn  
JAN 7 MAP SHOULD BE FOLLOWED NORTH OF WOMACK RD.

Thank you

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Thu, Feb 17, 2011 2:15 PM  
From: "Chris Valentine" <Christopher\_Kirk\_Valentine@yahoo.com>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Donna Edler conversation re: safety and proximity concerns for Vanderlyn redistri  
Attachments: Attach0.html      6K

I had the chance to speak with Donna Edler last night who recommended contacting you with my concerns regarding (blocks) from Vanderlyn and considerably further from Dunwoody ES and do not understand why, at least based on areas on the proposed map; particularly the far south western portion that are closer to Dunwoody but are district criteria in any way for the redistricting plan? When you take into account the Dunwoody Village Commercial Zone transfer students from one overcrowded school to another - seems counterproductive to your stated objectives of **'island' in the Vanderlyn school district - neither in close proximity, nor in anyway contingent to other students in Vanderlyn?** Let me know if there is a convenient time we might speak on the phone. My contact info is below.

Best,

Chris

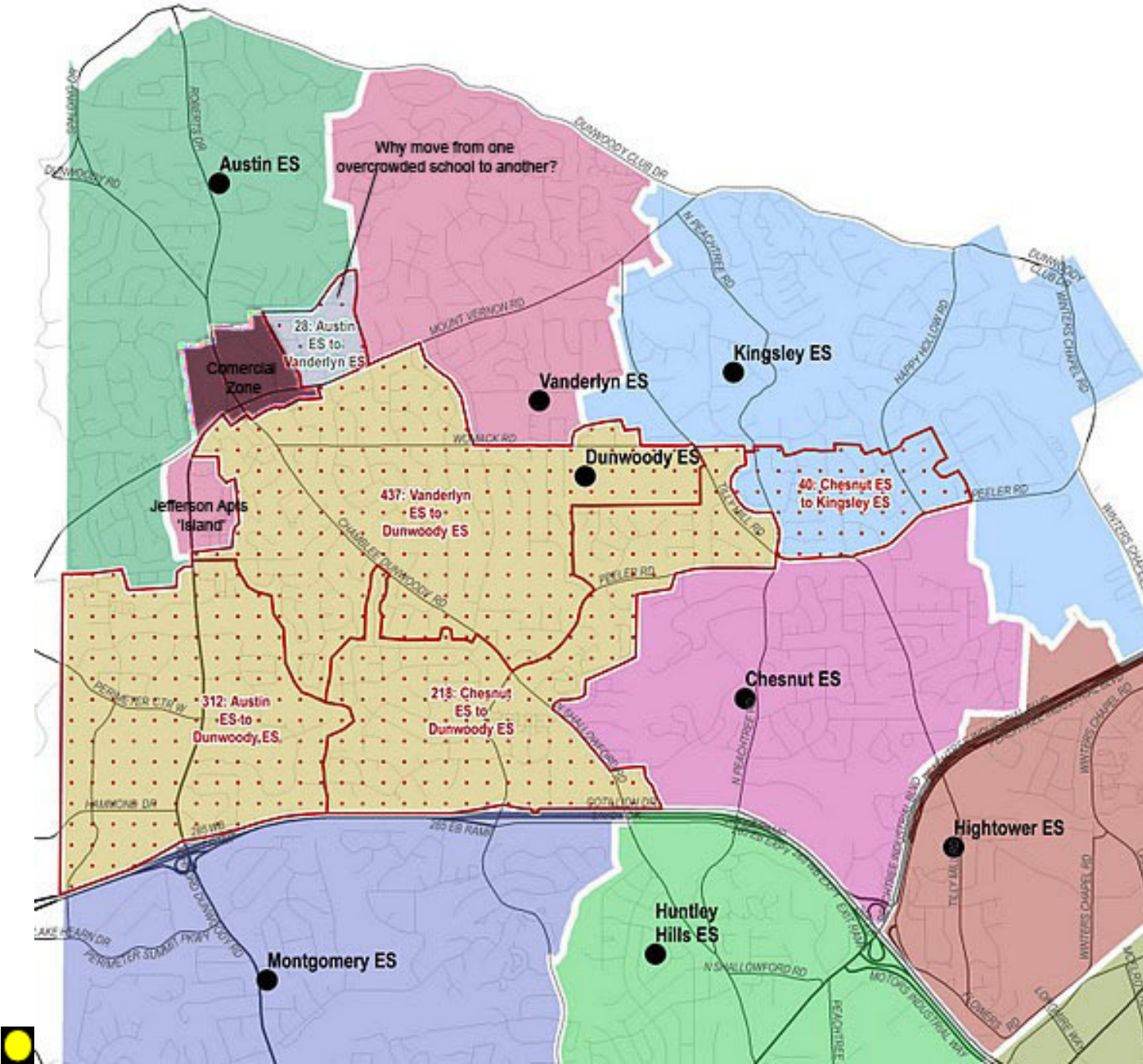
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eugene\_P\_Walker@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us  
Subject: KEEP N OF WOMACK GOING N OF WOMACK. SAFETY 1ST  
Attachments: Attach0.html 1K

Dear Ms. Tyson,  
By what criteria did you redraw lines on Womack Rd?  
As an elected official, I hope you are following criteria set forth by your board. Just as a judge is to follow the law, not their  
Please follow your consultants guidelines and return North of Womack to Vanderlyn, North of Womack. It is safer for my

Thank you,  
Laura Mixson

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Thu, Feb 17, 2011 5:17 PM  
From: "Mixson, Jeff" <jmixson@HolderProperties.com>  
To: THOMAS BOWEN H PAUL WOMACK SARAH COPELIN-WOOD  
redistricting Mailbox NANCY JESTER **RAMONA TYSON**  
JAY CUNNINGHAM DONNA EDLER DON McCHESNEY PAM SPEAKS  
EUGENE P. WALKER  
Subject: North of Womack relocation  
Attachments: Attach0.html 4K

Dear Ms. Tyson, Thank you to you and the Board for all of your difficult work in finding the correct solution to the  
Dekalb County and went to county schools growing up (Sagamore Hills Elementary and then Briarcliff High School)

I now live in Dunwoody and have my kids in Dekalb County Schools. In every plan I've seen to date until the 2010 plan was  
removed at the last minute. I understand there are some very tough choices and have respected the criteria with no  
definitive answer from anyone as to why our neighborhoods north of Womack were switched to Dunwoody Elen  
were switched to Vanderlyn. DES is a great school too so it's not a school concern but a safety and distance concern  
the Board. Again, thank you and the Board for all of your hard work and tough decisions and I hope you can provide  
plan and criteria for change.

Thank you,  
Jeff Mixson

Jeff Mixson

**Vernon Oaks Drive Resident**

404-451-1954 (cell)

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Thu, Feb 17, 2011 8:58 PM  
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To: edlerd6100@att.blackberry.net THOMAS BOWEN H PAUL WOMACK  
SARAH COPELIN-WOOD redistricting Mailbox NANCY JESTER  
**RAMONA TYSON** JAY CUNNINGHAM DONNA EDLER  
DON McCHESNEY PAM SPEAKSEUGENE P. WALKER  
**Daniel E. Drake**  
Subject: Redistricting North of Womack  
Attachments: Attach0.html 11K

I am very disappointed with the latest redistricting plan. When interested parties review the school attendance lines, I think you feel you have achieved this goal?

Like many of my neighbors, my husband and I chose to buy a home in the heart of the Vanderlyn district after visiting area and Decentralized plans, we were not surprised that our location ½ mile from Vanderlyn kept us within the school's boundaries.

I must say that we were baffled when we saw that a modified, 3<sup>rd</sup> plan was recommended by Ms. Tyson. This plan moved Jefferson Apartments which were previously designated as Dunwoody Elementary in both plans. This last minute plan change is disappointing.

### **Goals**

1. **Provide students with equitable access to quality programs** - *What is equitable about promoting a distant apartment complex as a choice?*
2. **Minimize the distance non-choice students travel to school** – *My children have a 1/2 mile walk to Vanderlyn. This is not a safe substitution.*

### **Primary Criteria for School Attendance Areas**

1. **Geographic proximity** – *Not met per goal #2 above. In fact, if Geographic proximity is the leading criteria, which s Elementary, which lies 1.7 miles away.*
2. **Instructional Capacity** - *Under the "recommended plan", Vanderlyn will start the year at 127% capacity. Dunwood to 100% of capacity.*

### **Secondary Criteria for School Attendance Areas**

1. **Safety and Traffic Patterns** - *Womack Rd. is one of Dunwoody's major thoroughfares. The original two plans were across Womack, Traffic flow is going to suffer and our children's safety is unnecessarily threatened.*

I would appreciate a response to explain to me the rationale for making this last minute substitution in light of the fact tha

Sincerely,

Kathryn Wilson

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From: Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Fri, Feb 18, 2011 11:04 AM  
To: "Charlie Tutt, Jr." <kingtutt@bellsouth.net>  
Subject: redistricting Mailbox  
Redistricting

Attachments: Attach0.html 5K

Redistricting team,

My children attend Vanderlyn Elementary school. When I saw the new Decentralized Option that was presented is to alleviate the overcrowding at our schools. With this new option Vanderlyn will be at 1 I understand that you received feedback from a vocal minority of the Dunwoody cluster cc the Dunwoody Elementary attendance lines. Just like in elections, sometimes only a small received by our leaders. It is mainly the parents whose children would be moved out of Va our community liked the old Decentralized Option.

I don't recall a percentage of multi family homes being a factor in the Dekalb County Scho listen to a small group of parents that complain the loudest. This same small vocal group prevented redistricting This has brought about a lot of headaches for the community and the school system. Please don't let histor time before redistricting will take place again. The recommendations that your company r made sense. The plan followed the established criteria for redistricting and alleviated over sense to now throw away the plans and gerrymander to appease a small percentage of ou over from Austin to Vanderlyn just to make the map look contiguous when the Jefferson a

Again, I would like my kids to attend a school that is not over capacity. The new Decentra than the ratio of multi family homes that attend a school. Both Vanderlyn and Austin Elem attendance lines. Both schools have excellent parent participation and test scores. This inv apartment complexes within their district. My question is, if your child was to attend a sch percentage of kids from apartment complexes attending their school, how would you feel ; reconsider the new recommendation for Dunwoody's elementary schools. The old Decentr schools.

Please feel free to call or e-mail me to discuss.

Sincerely,  
Charlie Tutt, Jr.  
404-838-8582  
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EUGENE P. WALKER  
Subject: Redistricting Vernon Oaks out of Vanderlyn  
Attachments: Attach0.html 1K

I live within a safe walking distance (two blocks) from Vanderlyn and considerably further from Dunwoody ES a Dunwoody ES when there are clearly areas on the proposed map, particularly the far south western portion that a

being sent to Vanderlyn if overcrowding is truly the reason behind the new plan?

I would like to know what the criteria was for redistricting was?

I can be reached at any time at 401-663-5862.

Best,  
Cedar

Cedar Valentine  
1679 Broughton Ct  
Dunwoody GA 30338

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"Joyful Noise"

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Fri, Feb 18, 2011 2:18 PM  
From: Laura Blackmore <lblackmore@bellsouth.net>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: proposed redistricting of Laruel Ridge Elementary attendance area  
Attachments: Attach0.html 2K

Dear Superintendent Tyson and our School Board Members;

As you are no doubt aware, the proposed redistricting of the Laurel Ridge Elementary attendance area, specifically the p Ridge to McLendon Elementary, has met with surprise and a host of other reactions. We are working very hard to comm opportunities to actually meet with you and see you and communicate with you.

I would like to thank you for the work you have done on this massive and often thankless task of re-organizing the massi these are only early days in the undertaking. I wish you strong nerves and the patience of Job!

Having which said, I do hope that you will hear and respond positively to the very specific and relatively small (in terms o **children, and our neighborhood school attendance, at Laurel Ridge Elementary where our children and communi**

I look forward to continuing in the process with Dekalb County! Please know that along with all the posturing and politick will continue to be made to allow all the children in Dekalb County to receive an excellent education!

Sincerely,

Laurie Blackmore

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Sat, Feb 19, 2011 12:25 PM  
From: leisha FLEMING <leishafleming@bellsouth.net>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Laurel Ridge Elementary redistricting  
Attachments: Attach0.html 3K

Please keep the Lindmoor Woods and Valley Brook Estates neighborhoods in  
The line should remain at Hwy 78.

- a. Keeping these students at Laurel Ridge Elementary is important to the area changes to this area regarding a super school, no money attached, no vision in
- b. If the neighborhoods remain attached to LRE, enrollment at the two school utilization).
- c. Keeping these neighborhoods attached to LRE saves what would have been
- d. Even though LRE was given no notice of these proposed changes prior to the month process of meetings and charrettes. Our neighborhood cares about the Hills) Middle and DH high school. Our area celebrated that our school was for community. Many good things are happening here. With the name change at
- e. Not that this matters much to the numbers but, we have two swim teams in each season in the Dekalb Swim League sponsored by the county. The kids take Even after the school year ends, teachers so dedicated and involved in their children. These are teachers who recognize that this is what community is all about. Even this is the human cost to the numbers, this is the what we are fighting for and :

Please keep the LRE school district line at Highway 78. Include the Lindmoor district.

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Sat, Feb 19, 2011 5:36 PM  
From: Cedar Valentine <cedarvalentine@gmail.com>  
To: THOMAS BOWEN H PAUL WOMACK SARAH COPELIN-WOOD  
redistricting Mailbox NANCY JESTER **RAMONA TYSON**  
JAY CUNNINGHAM DONNA EDLER DON McCHESNEY PAM SPEAKS  
EUGENE P. WALKER **Daniel E. Drake**  
Subject: I want Facts and Criteria  
Attachments: Attach0.html 2K

I would like to know under the current plan what percentage of students from Apt bldgs and single family homes Austin?

My husband has spoken to almost everyone on the school board and to date not one person has been able to tell me

This is what we have been told:

Safety in terms of walking to school is important - this is not reflected in the plan  
Carbon foot print is not important  
Housing type was absolutely not a criteria  
Community was - but when asked what community was he was told an apartment bldg

In the end my husband was told that the way the lines were drawn up was SUBJECTIVE. I find this to be a very

Please contact me at 678 292 6661 I would like some clarification on all of these matters.

Best  
Cedar Valentine

Cedar Valentine  
1679 Broughton Ct  
Dunwoody Ga 30338

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Sun, Feb 20, 2011 7:39 PM  
From: Sarah Brosnan <sbrosnan@gsu.edu>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Proposed Laurel Ridge redistricting

Dear DeKalb redistricting committee,

I write to you with regard to the proposed redistricting of 70



**Lindmoor Woods**

students (including my children) from Laurel Ridge elementary school (LRE) to McLendon elementary school. I am extremely concerned about both the impact on both our neighborhood and Laurel Ridge elementary. This reorganization will greatly harm Laurel Ridge elementary by reducing the student body to a critically low level and removing some of the most active elements of the parental leadership (half of the PTA board would be impacted by the redistricting). Worse, the move provides no benefit to McLendon, which is well above the minimum threshold. In short, this redistricting seems to provide far more harm than good to the students of DeKalb county, and leaving the Lindmoor Woods and Valley Brook children at LRE would greatly benefit Laurel Ridge elementary and my community without harming any other districts or requiring additional changes. Moreover, leaving these children in their elementary school is a minor change which does not impact other aspects of the redistricting, nor require additional changes to bring other schools up to full utilization.

My major concern is that this proposal is counter to DeKalb County's expressed goals and criteria for redistricting as indicated in the criteria cited throughout this redistricting process. Moving Lindmoor Woods and Valley Brook away from LRE decreased utilization of LRE to very close to the 75% cut-off that triggers consolidation. Leaving these students at LRE would give LRE a comfortable margin for fluctuation. On top of this, McLendon is actually quite well utilized, and even with the removal of these 70 students will remain close to 80% utilization. It is also not clear why these students even needed to be redistricted. Given that both McLendon and Laurel Ridge have incoming students from Medlock, why not leave the students who don't need to be moved in their home elementary schools? In short, this proposal will tear apart a long-standing community elementary at no fiscal gain to the county and no benefit to any other elementary district.

I hope that the school board will reconsider this proposal, and will leave the Lindmoor Woods and Valley Brook students in their home elementary school, Laurel Ridge. This move harms the students and Laurel Ridge, both of which are unnecessary and counter to DeKalb's stated goals. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,  
Sarah F. Brosnan, PhD

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**\*\*New Phil Trans issue on "Cooperation & Deception: From evolution to mechanisms" edited by Sarah Brosnan & Redouan Bshary**  
[http://rstb.royalsocietypublishing.org/site/2010/cooperation\\_deception.xhtml](http://rstb.royalsocietypublishing.org/site/2010/cooperation_deception.xhtml)

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Mon, Feb 21, 2011 10:18 AM  
From: Laura Mixson <lsmixson@yahoo.com>  
To: redistricting Mailbox nancy\_jester@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us  
ramona\_tyson@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us  
Cc: thomas\_bowen@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us H\_Paul\_Womack@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us  
sarah\_copelin-wood@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us  
jay\_cunningham@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us donna\_edler@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us  
don\_mcchesney@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us pam\_speaks@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us  
eugene\_P\_Walker@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us  
Subject: WOMACK DRIVERS TEXTING - HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE ENTRANCE  
Attachments: Attach0.html 3K  
Mr Maloof Saftey letter to parents0001.pdf 431K

Ms, Tyson, Mr. Drake and Ms. Jester,

Attached is Mr. Maloof's letter to parents, sent home this week because he is so concerned with safety regarding traffic. I and from school everyday, along with my toddler. Please remember what it is like to walk with 5 year old and younger siblings North of Womack, at least with in walking distance to Vanderlyn, can remain North of Womack, you will allow us continue

Womack Rd is the entrance to a college and high school within 1/4 mile and parents on the way to work, ALL TEXTING / is not possible to keep all neighborhoods from crossing main thoroughfares, but in this case you can and the reason you

Safety is a primary reason major thoroughfares are kept as boundaries and not to be crossed.  
Please keep North of Womack walking North of Womack to Vanderlyn.

Proportionally, the majority of families North of Womack are NOT in favor on Ms. Tysons Feb 7 change compared to the However, if you would like a win/win, please zone North of Womack back into Vanderlyn and the odd section North of M

I realize you area facing real change throughout DeKalb closing schools. Active Dunwoody parents also are active public

Thank you for your consideration,  
Laura Mixson  
Vernon Oaks Dr

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Mon, Feb 21, 2011 11:00 AM  
From: "Daniel E. Drake" <Daniel\_E\_Drake@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us>  
**MARGARET C. FRANCOIS**  
riley@gatech.edu  
riley@gatech.edu  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Fwd(2): You Tell Us!

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----- Original Message -----

Message Tue, Feb 15, 2011 8:55 PM  
From: MARGARET C. FRANCOIS  
George Riley <riley@gatech.edu>  
George Riley <riley@gatech.edu>  
To: Daniel E. Drake  
Cc: Dee Brown ALICE A. THOMPSON ROBERT G. MOSELEY II  
Myra Y. Burden  
Subject: Fwd: You Tell Us!

FYI ~

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----- Original Message -----

From: George Riley <riley@gatech.edu>  
George Riley <riley@gatech.edu>  
Tue, Feb 15, 2011 5:13:49 PM  
Subject: You Tell Us!  
To: board-of-education MailBox

BackURL: /tellus/thanks.html  
Name: George Riley  
Address: 1394 Montevallo Cir.  
City: Decatur  
State: Georgia  
Zip: 30033

Phone: 404-325-8750  
Email: riley@gatech.edu  
Comments: I strongly support the revised redistricting plan submitted by  
the Interim superintendent on Feb 7, 2011. Please pass it as is.  
Submit: Finished - Submit

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RESOURCES USED FOR SUBMISSION:

Recipient of Email: board-of-education@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us  
HomeCom Mail version 1.03  
Referring URL: <http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/tellus/>

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Mon, Feb 21, 2011 12:21 PM  
From: "lbjwright" <lbjwright@comcast.net>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: unable to open current maps  
Attachments: Attach0.html 2K

Hi – the maps on the internet are way too large to be downloaded and opened on my home computer. I would ap  
Ms. Tyson. Many thanks – Jennifer Wright

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Mon, Feb 21, 2011 9:16 PM  
From: Gil Hearn <gilh@kudcom.com>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Cc: PAM SPEAKSNancy Jester <nancyjester@gmail.com> **RAMONA TYSON**  
**Daniel E. Drake**  
Subject: Chesnut: Where you learn inspires how you learn  
Attachments: Attach0.html 11K  
Chesnut Trailer Photos.pdf 1.2M

We've become aware that Chesnut Elementary's Charter Council is requesting that the area north of Tilly Mill Rd. (predominantly Chesnut district rather than be moved to Kingsley Elementary *as has been shown* on all three plans presented (i.e., Optic

We believe that Chesnut should be rightsized as currently shown in the superintendent's plan, and this area of 40 should

If the 40 are maintained in Chesnut's district, the chances that homeroom trailers will have to be used in the near future in itself to trailer usage for the following reasons.

- 1) Isolation -- Because Chesnut sits on a hill, the low lying playfield area behind the school where the trailers are currently school's upper level (street level). They are isolated from the school by elevation, trees, and two fences. There is a clear staff who can escort the children all day for this distance.
- 2) Safety -- The distance of the trailers from the building during any adverse weather conditions that make the trailers unusable.
- 3) Lost Instruction Time -- The time required to walk to the building to the restroom or to access other classes takes away from instruction.
- 4) Weather inconvenience -- Once again, due to the distance from the permanent structure, students are forced to carry umbrellas through numerous low spots in the paths that create large puddles.

We speak from experience. Our daughter spent 2 weeks in a homeroom trailer at the start of the 2010-11 school year at Chesnut. She had to carry an umbrella, climb 20 steps, and then sometimes use a key to get into the building. In the mornings, the students had to leave in a timely manner. In the past I'm told that 5th graders served as escorts. This is not an acceptable solution to mitigate the issues.

While we acknowledge that services such as art and music are important, they should not come at the expense of being isolated from the school's community. Other area schools are apparently better suited to using trailers without the associated issues. To sum up our concern, we believe "Where you learn inspires how you learn."

We believe that both short and long term goals are fulfilled by moving the 40 to Kingsley where there is currently spare capacity. Over the years Chesnut's enrollment has been higher than projected, and given the economic environment and the continued enrollment growth to be related to too many rather than too few students.

DCSS should explore mitigating Chesnut's concerns about too few students as follows:

- if necessary, allow Chesnut to accept nonresident students via the lottery even if the building capacity is technically exceeded (in an emergency situation).
- making some type of accommodation for Chesnut's physical size in the funding formula. Apparently smaller schools use

The above options will provide a more flexible approach that can react to the situation in real time as compared to a hard be solved by redrawing district lines in the very near future. A third way to mitigate concerns, though not as flexible, is m district, back to Chesnut's district. This neighborhood is closer to Chesnut and is walkable via sidewalk, a rare condition option.

Finally, we are concerned that any "last minute" changes to the redistricting plan would not have the opportunity to be full Kingsley district in the recent redistricting plans, a change this late in the process would catch many by surprise.

Thank you for your consideration of these thoughts. We are on year 2 of our DCSS elementary school experience and w concerned, just as you and many others are, that the *right* changes be made *now* that consider both the short and long te

To help assist in your understanding of our concern of having an overcapacity enrollment at Chesnut, we've included sor assist in explaining why we have this level of concern regarding this issue.

We will be happy to answer any questions about our concerns via email or phone.

Sincerely,

Gil & Kelda Hearn  
4918 Firth Ln.  
Dunwoody, GA 30360  
<tel:404-580-3211> *mobile*

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Tue, Feb 22, 2011 12:46 PM  
From: Janice Harlee <jcharlee@gmail.com>  
To: redistricting Mailbox RICK WILLIAMSON  
Subject: plea for including Ashford Condominium neighborhood into Varderlyn district  
Attachments: Attach0.html 2K  
superintendent\_recommendation\_presentation-(2011-02-07).pdf 213K

Greetings

Please refer to the map attached which was presented on page 7 of the "Superintendent Recommendation Present touches Ashford Dunwoody Road on the original map and is set to be redistricted to Dunwoody ES under the cu community there are currently 3 elementary children attending Vanderlyn. Our neighborhood is more of an "emp System. These three children share the school bus with the children from the Jefferson Apartments community w community has been included in Vanderlyn ES district under the recommended plan.

The email message is to plea with you to consider keeping our neighborhood in the Vanderlyn ES district. If for 1 Jefferson Apartment community under the current bus schedule. This inclusion would have a minimal effect on t

(One of the three is my granddaughter. My daughter purchased her own condominium in this community in orde

plays soccer, attends worship, childrens' chorus, etc within the Vanderlyn School community.)

Please accept my sincere thank you for reading this and considering this plea.

Janice Harllee  
678 481-3900

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Tue, Feb 22, 2011 2:10 PM  
From: Kathryn Wilson <kathrynhwilson@gmail.com>  
To: edlerd6100@att.blackberry.net THOMAS BOWEN H PAUL WOMACK  
SARAH COPELIN-WOOD redistricting Mailbox NANCY JESTER  
**RAMONA TYSON** JAY CUNNINGHAM DONNA EDLER  
DON McCHESNEY PAM SPEAKSEUGENE P. WALKER  
**Daniel E. Drake**  
Subject: Primary Criteria Ignored in Redistricting  
Attachments: Attach0.html 2K

Primary Criteria : Geographic Proximity and Instructional Capacity

These criteria are clearly ignored in the newest plan for redistricting Vanderlyn Elementary. The centralized and both of these by removing the neighborhood North of Womack and West of Vermack from Vanderlyn and replac Jefferson is 2 miles away and does not in any way connect to the rest of the Vanderlyn district (unless you count moved from Austin to Vanderlyn was done so only to try and connect the pink color on the map to include the Je And, in this plan, Vanderlyn goes from 104% capacity, the highest in either previous plan, to 127% at the beginn

The county's primary criteria for drawing district lines has been ignored. I would greatly appreciate a response e.

Thank you so much,  
Kathryn Wilson  
770-350-0139

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Tue, Feb 22, 2011 8:05 PM  
From: Matt Murphy <mwmurphy73@yahoo.com>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Redistricting Plan

Dear Sir or Madam,  
I am writing to express my support for the current Superintendent's Redistricting Plan as presented to the board. I am a future Evansdale Elementary parent and though I remain concerned about overcrowding at Evansdale,

I was impressed that the plan found a way to help relieve overcrowding at Pleasantdale Elementary without severely overcrowding Evansdale Elementary while also allowing Livsey Elementary to remain open to do their part to assist with the Pleasantdale overcrowding as well.

I fully support the fact that the magnet programs will be maintained in diverse geographical regions so that all district students can have equitable access as compared to a centralized location. The Evansdale Magnet Program provides educational opportunities for students throughout our region. I also support the effort invested in the plan to maintain current high school feeder patterns, such as Evansdale Elementary's longstanding relationship with nearby HendersonMillsMiddle School and LakesideHigh School. I feel the superintendent's group did work hard to listen to community comments and utilized updated data to make informed decisions to address district goals.

In summary, please do not change the Superintendent's plan and thank you for your efforts during this difficult redistricting period.

Sincerely,  
LCDR Matthew Murphy

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From: Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Tue, Feb 22, 2011 8:34 PM  
To: Druid Hills <hillsdruid@yahoo.com>  
Subject: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Redistricting Plan Suggestion  
Attachments: Attach0.html 6K

Dear School Board,

The current redistricting plan presented to the board was a big improvement over the other two plans. It was clear that keeping the magnet programs where they currently are seemed an obvious choice as it provides expanded educational opportunities for all students. I am recommending this plan as well.

Being from the Druid Hills High School area, my only problem with this plan is that it appears Sagamore Hills Elementary School kids would come to Druid Hills High School feeder pattern, but now suddenly the entire elementary school data shows that Druid Hills can accommodate more students than Lakeside High School so why not send the entire elementary school to Lakeside High School? This would result in less student disruption for Sagamore Hills children. Please support our Druid High School community!

Thank you,

Rashida Evans



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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Wed, Feb 23, 2011 2:23 PM  
From: Amanda Ginn <amandaginn@me.com>  
To: DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com  
Subject: Chesnut Charter

February 23, 2011

My name is Amanda Ginn and I have a daughter, Macy Ginn at Chesnut Charter.

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants: Charter Elementary School  
Under the current plan put forth by Ms. Tyson on February 7, Chesnut Charter Elementary School is in  
calculates staffing levels.

Chesnut is the ONLY school in the Dunwoody cluster with capacity numbers low enough to jeopardize  
minimum 450 FTE enrollment number by comfortable margins and two of those schools are currently doing so.  
Today, we house 535 students within the building, with all homerooms IN the building. We do not have a gymnasium  
center. Students visit trailers only to access art, Discovery, and EIP classes.

Currently, we provide the following services by using our discretionary FTE points: Music, CELL (Creative, Enrichment, Learning, and Leadership) classes, and kindergarten classes. (We would provide more paraprofessionals if we could, but we would have to cut other services.)

Chesnut is NOT looking for demographic changes to their enrollment; in fact, we are happy that we are not  
asking to retain students in Chesnut's area in order to keep the services we currently have today.

One of the goals of redistricting SHOULD BE to improve the quality of education for all of our children. We want  
access to current programming when drawing enrollment lines. The impact of the new lines for Chesnut is a  
administration. I am requesting the following:

1. Written assurance that this redistricting plan will not result in a loss of resources for the students  
still attending Chesnut – specifically the services we provide from our discretionary points that are asked for by  
specialists, and paraprofessionals.
2. If written assurance cannot be given, then Chesnut's enrollment numbers must stay at today's levels to ensure  
instructional services benefitting all students (paraprofessionals, specialists, and pull-out Discovery) as in the  
behalf.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

Sincerely,

Amanda Ginn

Amanda Ginn  
amandaginn@me.com

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Wed, Feb 23, 2011 2:26 PM  
From: Sarah Borcharding <slborcherding@hotmail.com>  
To: <dekalbboe@chesnutcharter.com>  
Subject: Chesnut Redistricting Concerns  
Attachments: Attach0.html 12K

Dear Ms. Tyson, Ms. Jester, Dr. Speaks, Mr. Drake and other members of the Board of Education,

My name is Sarah Borcharding and I have two children at Chesnut Charter Elementary and one at Peachtree Mid that are listed with the current redistricting plan.

I very firmly believe that if the current plan is left in place, Chesnut's enrollment numbers will be too low to secure levels.

Additionally, please consider the following facts:

1. Chesnut is the *only school in the Dunwoody cluster* with capacity numbers low enough to exceed the minimum 450 FTE enrollment number by comfortable margins and two of those points for more services).
2. €Today, we house 535 students within the building, with **all homerooms** in the building. cafeteria or media center. Students visit trailers only to access art, Discovery, and EIP classes.
3. €Currently, we provide the following services by using discretionary FTE points: Music, CE for 7 kindergarten classes. (We would provide more paraprofessionals if we could, but we v
4. €Chesnut is NOT looking for demographic changes to their enrollment; in fact, we are happy plan. We are simply asking to retain students in Chesnut's attendance zone in order to keep near the 500 mark which we consider ideal.
5. One of the goals of redistricting SHOULD BE to improve the quality of education for all of programming when drawing enrollment lines. The impact of the new lines for Chesnut will administration.

In conclusion, I respectfully request the following:

1. *Written* assurance that this redistricting plan will not result in a loss of resources for the our discretionary points that are ask risk are art, music, dedicated pull-out gifted instruction
2. If written assurance cannot be given, then **revise the plan** so that Chesnut's enrollment "Specials" (music, art) and instructional services benefitting all students (paraprofessionals,

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue for Chesnut.

Sincerely,

Sarah Borcharding  
Chesnut Charter Council Chair 2010-2011

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Wed, Feb 23, 2011 3:01 PM  
From: "Guthrie's of Dunwoody" <guthriesofdunwoody4474@gmail.com>  
To: DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com  
Cc: Smithlg9@bellsouth.net  
Subject: Chesnut Issues  
Attachments: Attach0.html 8K

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Laurie Smith, and I have a son at Chesnut Charter Elementary School. We have had a wonderful year

Under the current plan put forth by Ms. Tyson on February 7, Chesnut Charter Elementary School is in danger of calculates staffing levels.

- Chesnut is the ONLY school in the Dunwoody cluster with capacity numbers low enough to jeopardize full FTE enrollment number by comfortable margins and two of those schools are currently drawn to exceed their capacity
- Today, we house 535 students within the building, with all homerooms IN the building. We do not have any Students visit trailers only to access art, Discovery, and EIP classes.
- Currently, we provide the following services by using our discretionary FTE points: Music, CELL (art), dedicated classes. (We would provide more paraprofessionals if we could, but we would have to cut one or more of the other
- Chesnut is NOT looking for demographic changes to their enrollment; in fact, we are happy that our demographics retain students in Chesnut's area in order to keep the services we currently have today.
- One of the goals of redistricting SHOULD BE to improve the quality of education for all of our children, other current programming when drawing enrollment lines. The impact of the new lines for Chesnut will likely result in

We are requesting the following:

1. Written assurance that this redistricting plan will not result in a loss of resources for the students still attending are at risk are art, music, dedicated pull-out gifted instruction, reading specialists, math specialists, and paraprofessionals.
2. If written assurance cannot be given, then Chesnut's enrollment numbers must stay at today's level so that services benefiting all students (paraprofessionals, specialists, and pull-out Discovery) as we have in the past--in

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

Sincerely,  
Laurie G. Smith

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From: Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Wed, Feb 23, 2011 3:04 PM  
To: "Kassinger, Dionne M." <DMKASSIN@southernco.com>  
Subject: "DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com" <DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com>  
Chesnut Charter redistricting

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Dionne Kassinger and I have a daughter in Kindergarten at Chesnut Charter Elementary School. Under this plan, Chesnut Charter Elementary School is in danger of losing key resources due to the ONLY school in the Dunwoody cluster with capacity numbers low enough to jeopardize full funding for enrollment number by comfortable margins and two of those schools are currently drawn to exceed the

Currently, we provide the following services by using our discretionary FTE points: Music, CELL (art), dance classes (we have too many full kindergarten classes as it is, with only 1 paraprofessional between them, it is NC

Chesnut is NOT looking for demographic changes to their enrollment; we are simply asking to retain staff

One of the goals of redistricting SHOULD BE to improve the quality of education for all of our children. The impact of the new lines for Chesnut will likely result in a loss of FTE points. This is not in the best interest

I am requesting the following:

1. Written assurance that this redistricting plan will not result in a loss of resources for the students still attending that are at risk are art, music, dedicated pull-out gifted instruction, reading specialists, math specialists
2. If written assurance cannot be given, then Chesnut's enrollment numbers must stay at today's level so that services benefitting all students (paraprofessionals, specialists, and pull-out Discovery) as we have in the past--in
3. I would like to see additional resources added for more paraprofessionals for Kindergarten classes -

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

Dionne Kassinger

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Wed, Feb 23, 2011 3:16 PM  
From: "Melissa Marion-Landais" <melissa@marion-landais.org>  
To: <DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com>  
Subject: Keep services at Chesnut Charter Elem.  
Attachments: Attach0.html 9K

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Melissa Marion-Landais and I have a third grader and a rising kindergartner at Chesnut Charter Elementary School. As part of Charter Council, I have reviewed Chesnut's FTE budget sheet each year, so I am very familiar with after year, we are forced to try to "rob Peter to pay Paul" for services in our school, based on two criteria (capacity and FTE

Under the current plan put forth by Ms. Tyson on February 7, Chesnut Charter Elementary School is in danger of losing key school was built decades ago – its small capacity combined with the way the county calculates FTE points means that Chesnut is in the Dunwoody cluster, because the other schools are all large enough to earn plenty of points to cover their specials, Discovery, low enough to jeopardize full funding for specials--ALL other Dunwoody elementary schools exceed the minimum 450 FTE

- Today, we house 535 students within the building, with all homerooms IN the building. We do not have any logistical access art, Discovery, and EIP classes.
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- Chesnut is NOT looking for demographic changes to their enrollment; in fact, we are happy that our demographics remain in order to keep the services we currently have today.
- One of the goals of redistricting SHOULD BE to improve the quality of education for all of our children – otherwise, redrawing enrollment lines. The impact of the new lines for Chesnut will likely result in a loss of FTE points. This cannot be

I am requesting the following:

1. Written assurance that this redistricting plan will not result in a loss of resources for the students still attending Chesnut – dedicated pull-out gifted instruction, reading specialists, math specialists, and paraprofessionals.

2. If written assurance cannot be given, then Chesnut's enrollment numbers must stay at today's level so that Chesnut continues to provide services (paraprofessionals, specialists, and pull-out Discovery) as we have in the past--in other words, Ms. Tyson's plan must be made to meet their capacity numbers (meaning more points for more services) – this should be done for Chesnut, as well.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

Sincerely,

Melissa Marion-Landais

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Wed, Feb 23, 2011 3:38 PM  
From: Kathryn Wilson <kathrynhwilson@gmail.com>  
To: edlerd6100@att.blackberry.net THOMAS BOWEN H PAUL WOMACK  
SARAH COPELIN-WOOD redistricting Mailbox NANCY JESTER  
**RAMONA TYSON** JAY CUNNINGHAM DONNA EDLER  
DON McCHESNEY PAM SPEAKSEUGENE P. WALKER  
**Daniel E. Drake**  
Subject: short-sighted substitution in redistricting Dunwoody  
Attachments: Attach0.html 2K

One of you gave me one of the reasons that my neighborhood, north of Womack and west of Vermack, was swapped. You were afraid of how many rising 5th graders might opt to stay at Dunwoody Elementary next year instead of going to any school, especially the new one. I understand that thought. But, this is a very short-sighted plan. If the 5th graders go off? Trailers at DES for one year or Vanderlyn with overcrowding and modulars for eternity. If you keep it the way it is, and DES will be back to 88% capacity and very underutilized.

The currently proposed plan does not meet the primary criteria: geographic proximity and instructional capacity.

Thank you,  
Kathryn Wilson

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Wed, Feb 23, 2011 3:54 PM  
From: thepolk3@aol.com  
To: DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com  
Subject: Chesnut Charter School and REDISTRICTING  
Attachments: Attach0.html 12K

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Terri Polk and I have a son who is currently a Kindergartner at Chesnut Charter Elementary the other elementary schools in Dunwoody.

One of the goals of redistricting SHOULD BE to improve the quality of education for all of our children - otherwise programming when drawing enrollment lines. The impact of the new lines for Chesnut will likely result in a loss of

Chesnut is the ONLY school in the Dunwoody cluster with capacity numbers low enough to jeopardize 450 FTE enrollment number by comfortable margins and two of those schools are currently drawn to be

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Currently, we provide the following services by using our discretionary FTE points: Music, CELL (art), dedicated paraprofessionals (We would provide more paraprofessionals if we could, but we would have to cut one or more of the other services)

What we are requesting is fair treatment for our students:

1. Written assurance that this redistricting plan will not result in a loss of resources for the students still attending Chesnut. If written assurance cannot be given, then Chesnut's enrollment numbers must stay at today's level so that the services benefiting all students (paraprofessionals, specialists, and pull-out Discovery) as we have in the past--in
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Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

Sincerely,  
Terri Polk

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Wed, Feb 23, 2011 4:08 PM  
From: "Thomas O'Brien" <thomas@feilerandassociates.com>  
To: <DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com>  
Cc: "Lauren O'Brien" <lauren.obrien@investshare.com>  
Subject: Input from a Chesnut Charter Elementary parent  
Attachments: Attach0.html 6K

February 23, 2011

Thomas C. O'Brien  
4260 Huntington Circle  
Dunwoody, GA 30338

Dear DeKalb County Board of Education and Re-Districting Team:

My name is Thomas C. O'Brien. My child is currently in the Discovery Program, and I also have a soon-to-be kindergartner who will be at Chesnut and is very pleased with the learning experience provided thus far. I am writing to express my concern about some ancillary **request that you please do not endanger the existence of art, music, gifted, reading and math specialists, and**

Under the plan described by Mr. [redacted] because of the school's small capacity and the staffing calculation models used. Chesnut is the only school in the district large enough to jeopardize full funding for "specials". Under the proposed plan, the remaining Dunwoody elementary schools' margins, with two of those schools exceeding their capacity from the outset.

Despite being currently considered a "specials" school, Chesnut has a current plant and facilities, and every homeroom is located within the main structure. Though room to spread out students such as my son and shortly my daughter are sent to portable classrooms only for art, Discovery, and individualized instruction, Chesnut is currently able to provide a number of important instructional opportunities as a result of the FTE points that it currently has. Chesnut has a para-professional for kindergarten classes. Under future enrollment levels, it would appear that these opportunities will be lost.

This redistricting effort is being implemented and is currently occurring. As such, it would seem antithetical to the purpose of this effort to erode the quality of educational features of the Chesnut educational experience. As such, I restate my request above. Please do not endanger the educational experience of the students and para-professionals at Chesnut.

Your consideration is appreciated.  
770-451-6646.

Very truly yours,



Thomas, Lauren, Nolan, and K  
A Chesnut Family

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Wed, Feb 23, 2011 4:20 PM  
From: "Orrell, Sara" <SORrell@arthritis.org>  
To: <DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com>  
Subject: Chesnut Charter Elementary School  
Attachments: Attach0.html 12K

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Sara Orrell and I have a son, Braxton Orrell, in kindergarten at Chesnut Charter Elementary School.

I was made aware through other parents at our school that under the current plan put forth by Ms. Tyson on Feb 23, 2011, the school's small capacity and the way the county calculates staffing levels. I am very concerned about the possible impact on our **specialist**. These specials enrich our children's educational experiences and are so important to our school.

- Chesnut is the ONLY school in the Dunwoody cluster with capacity numbers low enough to jeopardize full funding for specials--our current capacity is 450 students, which is well below the comfortable margins and two of those schools are currently drawn to exceed their capacity numbers (meaning more points for more funding).
- Today, we house 535 students within the building, with all homerooms IN the building. We do not have any logistical problems with our current enrollment. We have a Discovery, and EIP classes.
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We are requesting the following:

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2. If written assurance cannot be given, then Chesnut's enrollment numbers must stay at today's level so that Chesnut continues to provide the same level of services.

(paraprofessionals, specialists, and pull-out Discovery) as we have in the past--in other words, Ms. Tyson's plan must be modified on

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

Sincerely,

**Sara Orrell**

sorrel@arthritis.org

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Wed, Feb 23, 2011 4:28 PM  
From: Julie Porter <julie@julieporterlaw.com>  
To: DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com  
Cc: Gregg Porter <itsnotthebike@gmail.com>  
Subject: Chesnut Charter Elementary  
Attachments: Attach0.html 1K  
BOE Letter 2-23-11.pdf 41K  
Attach2.html 19K

Please see the attached letter regarding the Feb. 7 plan and its impact on Chesnut Charter Elementary.

Thanks,  
Julie Porter

Julie Sonenshine Porter  
2488 Madison Commons  
Atlanta, GA 30360  
Home: 770-986-8226  
Cell: 404-219-6113

February 23, 2011

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Julie Porter and I have a son, Max, in kindergarten at Chesnut Charter Elementary School. Some background on me: I have been a Dekalb resident my entire life. I grew up at Briar Vista Elementary and Briarcliff High School prior to moving to Peachtree (then high school) in 10th grade. I graduated from the first graduating class of the Dunwoody/Peachtree Merger in 1989 so I am aware of the changes that have happened in Dekalb County over the past 25 years and am also very familiar with the strong emotions of parents and communities when what might be considered unpopular choices occur. I am aware that many of the Dunwoody families did not want the Peachtree students at Dunwoody. In the end, the merger went well and the transition smooth. Some of the current redistricting issues and strong emotions remind me of the conflict back then.

That being said, I have been extremely pleased with the Chesnut community and am very proud of how the school, including the Administration, Parents Group and Charter Council, have well represented both our school and our community, looking out for the best interests of all of the Dunwoody High School feeder schools and not just Chesnut itself, which I truly believe is in the best interests of Peachtree Middle and Dunwoody High School. However, I also firmly believe it is time for the Chesnut community to voice our opinions and protect the excellent school that many parents, teachers and administrators have spent many years developing.

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comfortable margins and two of those schools are currently drawn to exceed their capacity numbers (meaning more points for more services). Why should one school be under capacity with less services and another be over capacity with extra services?

Today, it is my understanding that Chesnut houses 535 students within the building, with all homerooms IN the building. We do not have any logistical problems with common services such as the cafeteria or media center. Students visit trailers only to access art, Discovery, and EIP classes.

Currently, we provide the following services by using our discretionary FTE points: Music, CELL (art), dedicated pull-out Discovery, math specialist, and 1 paraprofessional for 7 kindergarten classes. We would provide more paraprofessionals if we could, but we would have to cut one or more of the other services to do so.

As a kindergarten parent, I was very disappointed at first that there was only one paraprofessional. But, after having been at the school since August and learning about FTE point allotments, I understand why there is only one paraprofessional as it would have negatively impacted the other services. Our son has excelled despite only one para in the hands of a terrific teacher and phenomenal services such as CELL and music. I can only hope that these excellent services continue for the entire school.

Chesnut is NOT looking for demographic changes to its enrollment. We are happy that our demographics remain essentially unchanged under Ms. Tyson's plan. We are simply asking to retain students in Chesnut's area in order to keep the services we currently have today and keep Chesnut as a strong school in Dekalb County.

To avoid losing any critical resources, I respectfully request the following changes to the February 7, 2011 plan: Please keep Chesnut's enrollment numbers at or above today's level so that Chesnut continues to earn resources for "Specials" (music,

art) and instructional services benefitting all students (paraprofessionals, specialists, and pull-out Discovery) as we have in the past. One way to achieve this specifically would be to keep the students that are slated to move to Kingsley and Dunwoody Elementary (that are in the Dekalb Highlands neighborhood and Camden apartments respectively) in the Chesnut district. The benefits of keeping these students in Chesnut Charter Elementary and not having them move to other schools are as follows:

- 1) Keeps Chesnut closer to capacity so we are not subject to redistricting in the future;
- 2) Allows Chesnut to stay within the ideal enrollment boundaries so we won't be subject to budget or program cuts;
- 3) Keeps a strong group of parents in the parents group that are vital to the financial and volunteer base at Chesnut; and
- 4) Keeps diverse students and families together with the current community that they have already successfully learned with in the past.

I very much appreciate all of your time and consideration for this extremely complicated issue that significantly impacts both the Chesnut and Dekalb County communities.

Sincerely,  
Julie Sonenshine Porter

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Sincerely,  
Julie Sonenshine Porter

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Wed, Feb 23, 2011 7:50 PM  
From: M Feeney <maggie.eckard@gmail.com>  
To: "DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com" <DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com>  
Subject: Chesnut Elementary concerns  
Attachments: Attach0.html 4K

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Maggie Eckard and I have a one child in kindergarten currently at Chesnut Charter Elementary School.

Under the current plan put forth by Ms. Tyson on February 7, Chesnut Charter Elementary School is in danger of staffing levels.

☐ Chesnut is the ONLY school in the Dunwoody cluster with capacity numbers low enough to jeopardize full enrollment number by comfortable margins and two of those schools are currently drawn to exceed their capacity.

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☐ Chesnut is NOT looking for demographic changes to their enrollment; in fact, we are happy that our demographic is changing in Chesnut's area in order to keep the services we currently have today.

☐ One of the goals of redistricting SHOULD BE to improve the quality of education for all of our children – other than cutting services. Programming when drawing enrollment lines. The impact of the new lines for Chesnut will likely result in a loss of resources.

I am requesting the following:

1. Written assurance that this redistricting plan will not result in a loss of resources for the students still attending Chesnut. The resources at risk are art, music, dedicated pull-out gifted instruction, reading specialists, math specialists, and paraprofessionals.
2. If written assurance cannot be given, then Chesnut's enrollment numbers must stay at today's level so that Chesnut can continue to benefit all students (paraprofessionals, specialists, and pull-out Discovery) as we have in the past--in other words, no loss of resources.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.



Sincerely,

Maggie Feeney Eckard

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Wed, Feb 23, 2011 8:16 PM  
From: kirsten@barelyfitz.com  
Kirsten Fitzgerald <kirsten.fitzgerald@gmail.com>  
Kirsten Fitzgerald <kirsten.fitzgerald@gmail.com>  
To: dekalbboe@chesnutcharter.com  
Subject: Chesnut Elem Redistricting

Dear Members of the BOE, DCSS Staff and MGT Consultants,

My name is Kirsten Fitzgerald and I have 2 students currently at Chesnut Charter Elementary School in Dunwoody. One student is in Kindergarten and one student is in second grade, so I will continue to be at Chesnut for quite some time.

It is inconceivable that you could redistrict the schools around us and leave this school without the basic specials each school should have (music, art, Discovery, reading specialist, math specialist). These are fundamental educational needs. I also expect that with the return of 4th and 5th grades that the band program will return to this school as well, along with all of the instruments sent to DES when that school was formed. If these basic functions are not provided, I can assure you that there will be a mass exodus from public school and you will have to close this school the following year and send the remaining students to area schools that are already overcrowded.

I am against bringing 4th and 5th graders back into these very small "neighborhood" schools. They are not large enough to appropriately segregate older students from younger students. You have chosen this path. Now you must find a way to make things right. You allow Vanderlyn to stay overcrowded so they get more points, simply because they are annoying. Yet Chesnut causes you no grief and this is what we get. The message you are sending is that the squeaky wheel wins, not the logical wheel. This point system is seriously flawed.

Sincerely,  
Kirsten Fitzgerald  
(who may be a private school parent next year if this is not resolved)

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Kirsten Fitzgerald -- kirsten@barelyfitz.com

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Wed, Feb 23, 2011 8:30 PM  
From: "JERMAINE AGATHA WALKER" <walkerjao@bellsouth.net>  
To: <DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com>  
Subject: Letter Writing Campaign Redistricting  
Attachments: Attach0.html 5K

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

Our names are Jermaine & Agatha Walker and we have a 1st grade student at Chesnut Charter Elementary School.

The special services are an essential part of her education. Chesnut Charter should not be penalized for providing these services.

Under the current plan put forth by Ms. Tyson on February 7, Chesnut Charter Elementary School is in county calculates staffing levels.

- Chesnut is the ONLY school in the Dunwoody cluster with capacity numbers low enough to jeopardize the minimum 450 FTE enrollment number by comfortable margins and two of those schools are currently over capacity.
- Today, we house 535 students within the building, with all homerooms IN the building. We do not have a gymnasium or cafeteria center. Students visit trailers only to access art, Discovery, and EIP classes.
- Currently, we provide the following services by using our discretionary FTE points: Music, CELL, and kindergarten classes. (We would provide more paraprofessionals if we could, but we would have to pay for them.)
- Chesnut is NOT looking for demographic changes to their enrollment; in fact, we are happy that we are simply asking to retain students in Chesnut's area in order to keep the services we currently have.
- One of the goals of redistricting SHOULD BE to improve the quality of education for all of our children by ensuring access to current programming when drawing enrollment lines. The impact of the new lines for CDEA and DCSS administration.

I am requesting the following:

1. Written assurance that this redistricting plan will not result in a loss of resources for the students still at Chesnut who are at risk for not receiving art, music, dedicated pull-out gifted instruction, reading specialists, math specialists, etc.
2. If written assurance cannot be given, then Chesnut's enrollment numbers must stay at today's level to ensure that instructional services benefitting all students (paraprofessionals, specialists, and pull-out Discovery) as a result of the redistricting.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

Sincerely,

Jermaine & Agatha Walker, Concerned Chesnut Parents

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Wed, Feb 23, 2011 8:44 PM  
From: lori Hummel <wlhummel@att.net>  
To: DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com  
Subject: Chesnut Charter Elementary School  
Attachments: Attach0.html 4K

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Lori Hummel and I have Kindergartener at Chesnut Charter Elementary School and a 4th Grader at

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I am in favor of redistricting and fixing the over-crowded schools in the Dunwoody Cluster, but I also think that Discovery programs are a basic requirement for all primary educations.

Sincerely,

Lori Hummel

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Sincerely,

Lori Hummel

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Wed, Feb 23, 2011 9:50 PM  
From: Mat Winer <matodance@hotmail.com>  
To: <dekalbboe@chesnutcharter.com>  
Subject: School Redistricting and Its Impact on Chesnut Charter School  
Attachments: Attach0.html 4K

February 2011

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Mat Winer and I have a first grader at Chesnut Charter Elementary School. Under the current plan we are losing key resources due to the school's small capacity and the way the county calculates staffing levels.

Chesnut is the ONLY school in the Dunwoody cluster with capacity numbers low enough to jeopardize full fund enrollment number by comfortable margins and two of those schools are currently drawn to exceed their capacity building, with all homerooms IN the building. We do not have any logistical problems with common services such as art classes.

Currently, we provide the following services by using our discretionary FTE points: Music, CELL (art), dedicated paraprofessionals would provide more paraprofessionals if we could, but we would have to cut one or more of the other services to keep our demographics remain essentially unchanged under Ms. Tyson's plan. We are simply asking to retain

One of the goals of redistricting SHOULD BE to improve the quality of education for all of our children – other programming when drawing enrollment lines. The impact of the new lines for Chesnut will likely result in a loss encompasses more than just reading, writing, and arithmetic, and Chesnut is in danger of losing the needed servi

I am requesting the following:

1. Written assurance that this redistricting plan will not result in a loss of resources for the students still attending risk are art, music, dedicated pull-out gifted instruction, reading specialists, math specialists, and paraprofessionals
2. If written assurance cannot be given, then Chesnut's enrollment numbers must stay at today's level so that Chesnut benefitting all students (paraprofessionals, specialists, and pull-out Discovery) as we have in the past--in other w

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

Sincerely,

Mat Winer

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Wed, Feb 23, 2011 10:39 PM  
From: "Susan Tallent" <sbtallent@bellsouth.net>  
To: <DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com>  
Subject: Redistricting in Dunwoody  
Attachments: Attach0.html 4K

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Susan Tallent and I have two children that currently attend Vanderlyn Elementary School. I am in support of most of the changes that were made in the [redacted] the more I am concerned about our community, especially Chesnut and Vanderlyn.

Under the current plan put forth by Ms. Tyson on February 7, Chesnut is in danger of losing its county calculates staffing levels. In addition, Vanderlyn will continue to be overcrowded campus. The capacity at Vanderlyn is a problem because the enrollment is reduced (Principal), but not enough to keep all homerooms in the building. This seems to be with capacity numbers low enough to jeopardize full funding for specials--ALL other number by comfortable margins.

In talking with people from the Chesnut community, their main concerns are losing 1 dedicated pull-out Discovery, Math Specialist, and 1 Paraprofessional. These spec not seem fair for all of the other elementary schools to have the resources they need students in Chesnut's area in order to keep the services they currently have today.

One of the goals of redistricting SHOULD BE to improve the quality of education for the business of limiting access to current programming when drawing enrollment lines

points. This cannot be the intention of the DCSS administration.

I am requesting the following:

1. Written assurance that this redistricting plan will not result in a loss of resources from the discretionary points. The services at risk are art, music, dedicated pull-out paraprofessionals.
2. If written assurance cannot be given, then Chesnut's enrollment numbers must stay below capacity (music, art) and instructional services benefitting all students (paraprofessionals, special education). Tyson's plan must be modified on Chesnut's behalf.
3. Reduce Vanderlyn's enrollment to a capacity that is more in line with the other Dunwoody schools in the Jefferson Apartment Complex. By doing this, all students will have homerooms and administrators on campus.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for the Dunwoody Community

Sincerely,

Susan Tallent

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From: Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Wed, Feb 23, 2011 10:42 PM  
To: Carol McCloskey <carol.mccloskey@yahoo.com>  
Subject: DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com  
Attachments: Chesnut Charter School and the Proposed Redistricting  
Attach0.html 9K

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Carol McCloskey and I have two students at Chesnut Charter Elementary School, an eight-year old in third grade and have been quite pleased with Chesnut thusfar.

Under the current plan put forth by Ms. Tyson on February 7, Chesnut Charter Elementary School is in danger of losing key staffing levels.

Chesnut is the ONLY school in the Dunwoody cluster with capacity numbers low enough to jeopardize full funding for special education enrollment number by comfortable margins and two of those schools are currently drawn to exceed their capacity numbers.

Today, we house 535 students within the building, with all homerooms IN the building. We do not have any logistical problems.

visit trailers only to access art, Discovery, and EIP classes.

Currently, we provide the following services by using our discretionary FTE points: Music, CELL (art), dedicated pull-out D would provide more paraprofessionals if we could, but we would have to cut one or more of the other services to do so.)

Chesnut is NOT looking for demographic changes to their enrollment; in fact, we are happy that our demographics remain students in Chesnut's area in order to keep the services we currently have today.

One of the goals of redistricting SHOULD BE to improve the quality of education for all of our children – otherwise, why are we programming when drawing enrollment lines. The impact of the new lines for Chesnut will likely result in a loss of FTE positions.

I am requesting the following:

1. Written assurance that this redistricting plan will not result in a loss of resources for the students still attending Chesnut. At risk are art, music, dedicated pull-out gifted instruction, reading specialists, math specialists, and paraprofessionals.

2. If written assurance cannot be given, then Chesnut's enrollment numbers must stay at today's level so that Chesnut can continue to benefit all students (paraprofessionals, specialists, and pull-out Discovery) as we have in the past--in other words, Ms. Tyson's plan.

When my son started at Chesnut 3 ½ years ago in Kindergarten, there were more points available for allocation for paraprofessionals and specialists than there are now. While I understand the dilemma the Chesnut decision-makers have dealt with in allocating points to the other desired services, it would be a major step backward to continue losing points for these services due to circumstances beyond our control for the next six years. It is my hope that she will receive the same opportunities afforded her older brother.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

Sincerely,  
Carol McCloskey  
770/220-0609

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Thu, Feb 24, 2011 12:19 AM  
From: "Eleanor Remigailo" <remigailo@mindspring.com>  
To: <DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com>  
Subject: Concerns over currently proposed plan  
Attachments: Attach0.html 4K

February 2011

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Richard Remigailo, Jr. and I have a Kindergarten and First Grader at Chesnut Charter Elementary School.

Under the current plan put forth by Ms. Tyson on February 7, Chesnut Charter Elementary School would lose its current services.



capacity and the way the county calculates staffing levels.

□ Chesnut is the ONLY school in the Dunwoody cluster with capacity numbers low elementary schools exceed the minimum 450 FTE enrollment number by comfortable capacity numbers (meaning more points for more services).

□ Today, we house 535 students within the building, with all homerooms IN the building the cafeteria or media center. Students visit trailers only to access art, Discovery, and

□ Currently, we provide the following services by using our discretionary FTE points: paraprofessional for 7 kindergarten classes. (We would provide more paraprofessionals to do so.)

□ Chesnut is NOT looking for demographic changes to their enrollment; in fact, we support Tyson's plan. We are simply asking to retain students in Chesnut's area in order to

□ One of the goals of redistricting SHOULD BE to improve the quality of education the business of limiting access to current programming when drawing enrollment lines points. This cannot be the intention of the DCSS administration.

I am requesting the following:

1. Written assurance that this redistricting plan will not result in a loss of resources from our discretionary points that are at risk are art, music, dedicated pull-out gifted
2. If written assurance cannot be given, then Chesnut's enrollment numbers must stay (music, art) and instructional services benefitting all students (paraprofessionals, special Tyson's plan must be modified on Chesnut's behalf.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

Sincerely,

Richard Remigailo, Jr.

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Thu, Feb 24, 2011 12:21 AM  
From: "Eleanor Remigailo" <remigailo@mindspring.com>  
To: <DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com>  
Subject: Redistricting concerns  
Attachments: Attach0.html 4K

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Eleanor Remigailo and I have a Kindergartener and First Grader at Chesnut Charter Elementary.

Under the current plan put forth by Ms. Tyson on February 7, Chesnut Charter Elementary is at capacity and the way the county calculates staffing levels.

☐ Chesnut is the ONLY school in the Dunwoody cluster with capacity numbers low enough that elementary schools exceed the minimum 450 FTE enrollment number by comfortable margins (meaning more points for more services).

☐ Today, we house 535 students within the building, with all homerooms IN the building. We use the cafeteria or media center. Students visit trailers only to access art, Discovery, and other programs.

☐ Currently, we provide the following services by using our discretionary FTE points: a paraprofessional for 7 kindergarten classes. (We would provide more paraprofessionals if we were to do so.)

☐ Chesnut is NOT looking for demographic changes to their enrollment; in fact, we are asking to retain students in Chesnut's area in order to maintain the current plan.

☐ One of the goals of redistricting SHOULD BE to improve the quality of education by removing the business of limiting access to current programming when drawing enrollment lines.

points. This cannot be the intention of the DCSS administration.

I am requesting the following:

1. Written assurance that this redistricting plan will not result in a loss of resources from our discretionary points that are at risk are art, music, dedicated pull-out gifted
2. If written assurance cannot be given, then Chesnut's enrollment numbers must stay below 500 (music, art) and instructional services benefitting all students (paraprofessionals, special education). Ms. Tyson's plan must be modified on Chesnut's behalf.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Remigailo

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Urgent: Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_Thu, Feb 24, 2011 7:23 AM  
From: "Ceryan" <rhceryan@att.net>  
To: <DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com>  
Subject: Redistricting at Chesnut Charter Elementary  
Attachments: Attach0.html 9K

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Heather Ceryan and I have a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader named Cole at Chesnut Charter Elementary School as well as

Under the current plan put forth by Ms. Tyson on February 7, Chesnut Charter Elementary School is in danger of dropping below minimum staffing levels.

- Chesnut is the ONLY school in the Dunwoody cluster with capacity numbers low enough to jeopardize full enrollment number by comfortable margins and two of those schools are currently drawn to exceed their capacity
- Today, we house 535 students within the building, with all homerooms IN the building. We do not have any trailers only to access art, Discovery, and EIP classes.

- Currently, we provide the following services by using our discretionary FTE points: Music, CELL (art), ded (We would provide more paraprofessionals if we could, but we would have to cut one or more of the other service
- Chesnut is NOT looking for demographic changes to their enrollment; in fact, we are happy that our demographic students in Chesnut's area in order to keep the services we currently have today.
- One of the goals of redistricting SHOULD BE to improve the quality of education for all of our children – our programming when drawing enrollment lines. The impact of the new lines for Chesnut will likely result in a loss

I am requesting the following:

1. Written assurance that this redistricting plan will not result in a loss of resources for the students still are at risk are art, music, dedicated pull-out gifted instruction, reading specialists, math specialists, and paraprofessionals
2. If written assurance cannot be given, then Chesnut's enrollment numbers must stay at today's level ; services benefiting all students (paraprofessionals, specialists, and pull-out Discovery) as we have in the past--in

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

Sincerely,

Heather Ceryan

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From: Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Thu, Feb 24, 2011 8:06 AM  
To: Jenni Newberry <jnewberr@us.ibm.com>  
Subject: DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com  
Chesnut Redistricting

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Jenni Newberry and I have a daughter in the first grade at Chesnut Charter Elementary School.

Under the current plan put forth by Ms. Tyson on February 7, Chesnut Charter Elementary School is in danger of losing key resources due to the school's small capacity and the way the county calculates staffing levels.

Chesnut is the ONLY school in the Dunwoody cluster with capacity numbers low enough to jeopardize full funding for specials--ALL other Dunwoody elementary schools exceed the minimum 450 FTE enrollment number by comfortable margins and two of those schools are currently drawn to exceed their capacity numbers (meaning more points for more services). Today, we house 535 students within the building, with all homerooms IN the building. We do not have any logistical problems with common services such as the cafeteria or media center. Students visit trailers only to access art, Discovery, and EIP classes.

Currently, we provide the following services by using our discretionary FTE points: Music, CELL (art), dedicated pull-out Discovery, math specialist, and 1 paraprofessional for 7 kindergarten classes. (We would provide more paraprofessionals if we could, but we would have to cut one or more of the other services to do so.)

Chesnut is NOT looking for demographic changes to their enrollment; in fact, we are happy that our demographics remain essentially unchanged under Ms. Tyson's plan. We are simply asking to retain students in Chesnut's area in order to keep the services we currently have today. One of the goals of redistricting SHOULD BE to improve the quality of education for all of our children – otherwise, why are we doing it? We should not be in the business of limiting access to current programming when drawing enrollment lines. The impact of the new lines for Chesnut will likely result in a loss of FTE points. This cannot be the intention of the DCSS administration.

I am requesting the following:

1. Written assurance that this redistricting plan will not result in a loss of resources for the students still attending Chesnut – specifically the services we provide from our discretionary points that are at risk are art, music, dedicated pull-out gifted instruction, reading specialists, math specialists, and paraprofessionals.
2. If written assurance cannot be given, then Chesnut's enrollment numbers must stay at today's level so that Chesnut continues to earn resources for "Specials" (music, art) and instructional services benefitting all students (paraprofessionals, specialists, and pull-out Discovery) as we have in the past--in other words, Ms. Tyson's plan must be modified on Chesnut's behalf.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

Sincerely,

Jenni Newberry  
Active Parent

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Thu, Feb 24, 2011 8:18 AM  
From: "Reenee Fraser" <fraser2reenee@comcast.net>  
To: <DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com>  
Subject: Redistricting and Loss of FTE points for Chesnut Charter Elementary  
Attachments: Attach0.html 12K

February 24, 2011

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Reenee Fraser and I have a kindergartener currently attending Chesnut Charter Elementary School.

Under the current plan put forth by Ms. Tyson on February 7, Chesnut Charter Elementary School is in danger of being closed as the plan does not accurately calculate staffing levels.

1. Chesnut is the ONLY school in the Dunwoody cluster with capacity numbers low enough to jeopardize enrollment by comfortable margins and two of those schools are currently drawn to exceed their enrollment numbers.
2. At this time, Chesnut has approximately 535 students within the building, with all homerooms IN the building and no students in trailers or media center. Students visit trailers only to access art, Discovery, and EIP classes.
3. Currently, we provide the following services by using our discretionary FTE points: Music, CELL (art), and other enrichment classes.
4. Chesnut is NOT looking for demographic changes to their enrollment; in fact, we are happy that our demographics allow us to retain students in Chesnut's area in order to keep the services we currently have today.
5. One of the goals of redistricting SHOULD BE to improve the quality of education for all of our children - not to change current programming when drawing enrollment lines. The impact of the new lines for Chesnut will likely result in a loss of resources for the students still in the area.

I am requesting the following:

- Written assurance that this redistricting plan will not result in a loss of resources for the students still in the area who are at risk for losing services such as art, music, dedicated pull-out gifted instruction, reading specialists, math specialists, and paraprofessionals.
- If written assurance cannot be given, then Chesnut's enrollment numbers must stay at today's level so that we can continue to provide services benefitting all students (paraprofessionals, specialists, and pull-out Discovery) as we have in the past.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

Sincerely,

**Reenee Fraser**

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Thu, Feb 24, 2011 9:50 AM  
From: Margo Marks <margo.marks@nurun.com>  
To: "DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com" <DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com>  
Subject: redistricting  
Attachments: Attach0.html 10K

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS Staff and MGT Consultants,

Under the current plan put forth by Ms. Tyson on February 7, Chesnut Charter Elementary School is in danger of losing key

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Today, we house 535 students within the building, with all homerooms IN the building. We do not have any logistical prob  
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Currently, we provide the following services by using our discretionary FTE points: Music, CELL (art), dedicated pull-out l  
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I am requesting the following:

1. Written assurance that this redistricting plan will not result in a loss of resources for the students still attending Chesnut - dedicated pull-out gifted instruction, reading specialists, math specialists, and paraprofessionals.
2. If written assurance cannot be given, then Chesnut's enrollment numbers must stay at today's level so that Chesnut continues to have (paraprofessionals, specialists, and pull-out Discovery) as we have in the past--in other words, Ms. Tyson's plan must be maintained.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

Sincerely,

Margo Marks

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Thu, Feb 24, 2011 2:27 PM  
From: Kathryn Wilson <kathrynhwilson@gmail.com>  
To: edlerd6100@att.blackberry.net THOMAS BOWEN H PAUL WOMACK  
SARAH COPELIN-WOOD redistricting Mailbox NANCY JESTER  
**RAMONA TYSON** JAY CUNNINGHAM DONNA EDLER  
DON McCHESNEY PAM SPEAKSEUGENE P. WALKER  
**Daniel E. Drake**  
Subject: Nancy Jester represents us well  
Attachments: Attach0.html 2K

I live in the neighborhood north of Womack and west of Vermack in Dunwoody, 1/2 mile from Vanderlyn Elementary. I am in the district in favor of the Jefferson apartments, 2 miles down the road from the school. This clearly violates the primary criteria. Dunwoody Elementary is at 88%. Vanderlyn is at 127%. This clearly violates the other primary criteria set forth.

I have spoken to Nancy Jester. She agrees that this last minute switch does not follow the primary criteria and is not fair and equitable for everyone by holding the county accountable for the criteria they published. Thank you, Nancy

Since these criteria were clearly not used in this switch, I wonder if someone could tell me what criteria were used.

Thank you,  
Kathryn Wilson  
770-350-0139

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Thu, Feb 24, 2011 3:58 PM  
From: Pad10nis@aol.com  
To: DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com  
Subject: concerns for Chesnut after redistricting  
Attachments: Attach0.html 6K

Dear members of the board, DCSS staff and MGT consultants,

My name is Patty Cottle and I have a second grade student at Chesnut Charter Elementary school. Parents are d redistricting and we would like for you to reconsider some of those recommendations.

The main concerns we have for Chesnut are:

Chesnut's stated building capacity is too small to keep our enrollment numbers high enough to continue to st in danger of being cut due to low enrollment: **music, art, pull-out Discovery, math specialist, reading specialist.**

Chesnut is the ONLY school in the Dunwoody cluster with capacity numbers low enough to jeopardize full fur enrollment number by comfortable margins.

Two Dunwoody schools under Ms. Tyson's plan are still going to exceed their capacity numbers (meaning mc services for our students.

Isn't the purpose of the redistricting plan to better the education our children are receiving? If Chesnut

We ask that you please reconsider before making your final vote. Our children's education depends on

Sincerely,  
Patty and Bob Cottle  
concerned Chesnut parents

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Thu, Feb 24, 2011 4:00 PM  
From: charlotte wiseman <charlottewoodwiseman@yahoo.com>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Last Minute Redistricting Plan Violates Dekalb County Policy

I appreciate the long hours all of you have contributed to the latest redistricting process. However, like many of my neighbors, I was shocked to hear that the neighborhood north of Womack and west of Vermack was redistricted

out of Vanderlyn in the Superintendent's latest proposal. This last minute change moves our nearby neighborhood out of the Vanderlyn district in favor of

the distant Jefferson Apartments which were designated as Dunwoody Elementary in both previous plans. This change clearly violates the primary criteria in Dekalb county's official School Attendance Areas policy found at:  
<https://eboard.eboardsolutions.com/epolicy/policy.aspx?PC=AD&Sch=4054&S=4054&RevNo=1.48&C=>

I encourage you to get back to one of the two versions of attendance lines that your teams originally drew in accordance with the criteria allowed by your policy on School Attendance Areas. The School Attendance Areas policy is in place to protect the redistricting process from pressures of special interests and politics. Please follow your policy.

#### Primary Criteria for School Attendance Areas

1. Geographic proximity– The neighborhood mentioned above has less than 1 mile walk to Vanderlyn. The Jefferson apartments sit 2 miles away from Vanderlyn. How did the Jefferson win out on this one? If Dunwoody elementary cannot accommodate the Jefferson apartments, Austin elementary is in fact closer

than Vanderlyn at 1.7 miles.

2. Instructional Capacity/ Projected Enrollment - Under the superintendant's "recommended plan", Vanderlyn will start the year at 127% capacity. Dunwoody Elementary will be at 88%. Under either of the previous plans, both schools would be operating closer to 100% of capacity.

#### Secondary Criteria for School Attendance Areas

1. Safety and Traffic Patterns- Womack Rd. is one of Dunwoody's major thoroughfares. The original two plans were well conceived in that kids walking and biking would not have to cross Womack. By sending our kids across Womack, Traffic flow is going to suffer and our children's safety is unnecessarily threatened.

Again, to keep this process logical and fair, please follow your official School Attendance Areas policy.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Wood Wiseman  
Dunwoody Resident

Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Thu, Feb 24, 2011 4:04 PM  
From: "Robin E. Lewis" <Robin.Lewis@prommis.com>  
To: "DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com" <DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com>  
Subject: redistricting  
Attachments: Attach0.html 13K

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Robin Lewis and I have a son who is in First grade at Chesnut Charter Elementary School. This school has been a great place for my child's education and development. The programs at the school allow my child to express his creative and artistic side. I think that

Under the current plan put forth by Ms. Tyson on February 7, Chesnut Charter Elementary School is in danger of losing key staffing levels.

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☐ Today, we house 535 students within the building, with all homerooms IN the building. We do not have any logistical problems with visit trailers only to access art, Discovery, and EIP classes.

☐ Currently, we provide the following services by using our discretionary FTE points: Music, CELL (art), dedicated pull-out IEP (We would provide more paraprofessionals if we could, but we would have to cut one or more of the other services to do so).

☐ Chesnut is NOT looking for demographic changes to their enrollment; in fact, we are happy that our demographics remain stable. We want to keep students in Chesnut's area in order to keep the services we currently have today.

☐ One of the goals of redistricting SHOULD BE to improve the quality of education for all of our children – otherwise, why

programming when drawing enrollment lines. The impact of the new lines for Chesnut will likely result in a loss of FTE poi

I am requesting the following:

1. Written assurance that this redistricting plan will not result in a loss of resources for the students still attending Chesnut. The risk areas are art, music, dedicated pull-out gifted instruction, reading specialists, math specialists, and paraprofessionals.
2. If written assurance cannot be given, then Chesnut's enrollment numbers must stay at today's level so that Chesnut can continue to benefit all students (paraprofessionals, specialists, and pull-out Discovery) as we have in the past--in other words, Ms.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

Sincerely,

Robin Lewis

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McCalla Raymer Team

Prommis Solutions, LLC

1544 Old Alabama Road

Roswell, GA 30076

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Urgent: Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_Thu, Feb 24, 2011 4:28 PM  
From: "Ceryan" <rhceryan@att.net>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Redistricting at Chesnut Charter Elementary  
Attachments: Attach0.html 9K

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Heather Ceryan and I have a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader named Cole at Chesnut Charter Elementary School as well as

Under the current plan put forth by Ms. Tyson on February 7, Chesnut Charter Elementary School is in danger of staffing levels.

- Chesnut is the ONLY school in the Dunwoody cluster with capacity numbers low enough to jeopardize full enrollment number by comfortable margins and two of those schools are currently drawn to exceed their capacity
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- Currently, we provide the following services by using our discretionary FTE points: Music, CELL (art), dedicated (We would provide more paraprofessionals if we could, but we would have to cut one or more of the other services)
- Chesnut is NOT looking for demographic changes to their enrollment; in fact, we are happy that our demographic students in Chesnut's area in order to keep the services we currently have today.
- One of the goals of redistricting SHOULD BE to improve the quality of education for all of our children – not programming when drawing enrollment lines. The impact of the new lines for Chesnut will likely result in a loss

I am requesting the following:

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2. If written assurance cannot be given, then Chesnut's enrollment numbers must stay at today's level so services benefiting all students (paraprofessionals, specialists, and pull-out Discovery) as we have in the past--in

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

Sincerely,

Heather Ceryan

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Wed, Feb 23, 2011 7:18 PM  
From: Amy LeVasseur <amylevasseur@gmail.com>  
To: DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com  
Subject: Redistricting Plan and Special Services budget  
Attachments: Attach0.html 1K  
Chesnut Charter School letter to board.doc 17K

Dear Board Members,

Please see the attached letter regarding the current redistricting plan and how it will effect Chesnut Charter Elem issue.

Warmest Regards,

Amy Olive LeVasseur  
Proud Chesnut Charter School parent  
(904) 302-3185 cell

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Thu, Feb 24, 2011 7:46 PM  
From: Amy LeVasseur <amylevasseur@gmail.com>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Fwd: Redistricting Plan and Special Services budget  
Attachments: Attach0.html 1K  
Chesnut Charter School letter to board.doc 17K

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From: **Amy LeVasseur** <[amylevasseur@gmail.com](mailto:amylevasseur@gmail.com)>  
Date: Wed, Feb 23, 2011 at 7:18 PM  
Subject: Redistricting Plan and Special Services budget  
To: [DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com](mailto:DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com)

Dear Board Members,

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Warmest Regards,

Amy Olive LeVasseur  
Proud Chesnut Charter School parent  
(904) 302-3185 cell

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Thu, Feb 24, 2011 7:53 PM  
From: "Wendell Young" <[wendellhyoung@comcast.net](mailto:wendellhyoung@comcast.net)>  
To: <[DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com](mailto:DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com)>  
Subject: Chesnut Redistricting Input  
Attachments: Attach0.html 9K

February 2011

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My husband and are Wendell and Carla Young and I have a daughter, Emily Young who is a student at Chesnut Charter El

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Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

Sincerely,  
Carla and Wendell Young  
2636 Holliston Court  
Atlanta, GA 30360

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Thu, Feb 24, 2011 9:34 PM  
From: "Shari Wassell" <shariwassell@gmail.com>  
To: <DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com>  
Subject: Help Save the Specials at Chesnut Elementary  
Attachments: Attach0.html 9K

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Shari Wassell and I have children at Vanderlyn Elementary School. My children have been redistricted to Dunwoody. I feel the distribution of home owner to renter in the Dunwoody area has been drawn as fairly as possible. My concern, however, is that the current plan put forth by Ms. Tyson on February 7, Chesnut Charter Elementary School is in danger of losing key resources. Chesnut is the only school in the Dunwoody cluster with capacity numbers low enough to jeopardize full funding for specials--all other schools are at or near capacity. If the current plan is implemented, all of the specials services will be lost. The school is currently operating at 535 students, which is well below capacity. The school is currently drawing to exceed their capacity numbers (meaning more points for more services). Today, Chesnut has 535 students within the building, with all homerooms IN the building. I have been told that the school is currently operating at 535 students, which is well below capacity. The school is currently drawing to exceed their capacity numbers (meaning more points for more services). Students visit trailers only to access art, Discovery, and EIP classes.

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Currently, the school provides the following services by using the discretionary FTE points: Music, CELL (art), dedicated paraprofessionals, reading specialists, math specialists, and paraprofessionals.

Chesnut is NOT looking for demographic changes to their enrollment; in fact, we are happy that the demographics remain the same. Chesnut's area in order to keep the services they currently have today.



As you are aware, one of the goals of redistricting SHOULD BE to improve the quality of education for all children, as well as programming when drawing enrollment lines. The impact of the new lines for Chesnut will likely result in a loss of FTE positions.

Please look at the Chesnut situation again before making your vote. I thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for our community.

Sincerely,

Shari Wassell

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Thu, Feb 24, 2011 10:18 PM  
From: Scott Hatmaker <scotthatmaker@gmail.com>  
To: redistricting Mailbox adrian@adrianbonser.com THOMAS BOWEN  
SARAH COPELIN-WOOD JAY CUNNINGHAM DON McCHESNEY  
PAM SPEAKSNANCY JESTER DONNA EDLER EUGENE P. WALKER  
H PAUL WOMACK **RAMONA TYSON**  
Subject: Upcoming Feedback Sessions  
Attachments: Attach0.html 2K

Unfortunately, I will be out of town next week during the feedback sessions, so I'm hoping someone sees this message. I've been asked for all this spotlight and drama and it seems that they have tried very hard to make things as equitable as they can. I hope it all works out ok, as I can't imagine going through that process, we should all be focused on them vs. arguing over a line here and there. I seem to be doing. I can speak for myself, I don't need an attorney to do that for me.

I realize that not everyone will be pleased with the final plan, however the superintendent's recommendation for moving to DES with the new plan. While we'd prefer to be at Vanderlyn, the new plan seems to keep neighborhood integrity (and is willing to accept a similar share of multi-family housing), and seems to be the best allocation for everyone. Not presented, at least some of us, even those "leaving" Vanderlyn, are ok with it as is. Let's stop the backroom antic recommendation.

Thanks for the opportunity to provide input at all the meetings and other forums. You guys have really made an impact.

PS - ask everyone to drive slow to DES - it's in my backyard and if it's going to get bigger, they need to slow down.

-Scott Hatmaker

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Wed, Feb 23, 2011 2:25 PM  
From: "Kristin Heneghan" <Kristin@JKHeneghan.com>  
To: <DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com>  
Subject: Save Chesnut Charter School services!!  
Attachments: Attach0.html 10K

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Kristin Heneghan and I have a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grader by the name of Gavin Heneghan at Chesnut Charter Elementary Kindergarten (Declan) that will attend next year. We bought our house because of its location to Chesnut and

#### MAIN POINTS:

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Currently, we provide the following services by using our discretionary FTE points: Music, CELL (art), dedicated pull-out Discovery paraprofessionals if we could, but we would have to cut one or more of the other services to do so.)

Chesnut is NOT looking for demographic changes to their enrollment; in fact, we are happy that our demographics remain essential order to keep the services we currently have today.

One of the goals of redistricting SHOULD BE to improve the quality of education for all of our children or otherwise, why are we cutting enrollment lines. The impact of the new lines for Chesnut will likely result in a loss of FTE points. This cannot be the intention of the [

CLOSING:

We are requesting the following:

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2. If written assurance cannot be given, then Chesnut's enrollment numbers must stay at today's level so that Chesnut continues to (paraprofessionals, specialists, and pull-out Discovery) as we have in the past--in other words, Ms. Tyson's plan must be modified on

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

Sincerely,

Kristin Heneghan

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Thu, Feb 24, 2011 11:40 PM  
From: "PAM SPEAKS" <PAM\_SPEAKS@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us>  
To: Kristin@JKHeneghan.com  
Cc: DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com  
Subject: Re: Save Chesnut Charter School services!!

Ms. Heneghan,

Your requests are noted and your email has been shared with Ms. Tyson.  
Thank you for your support of Chestnut Charter.

Pam Speaks

Dr. Pam Speaks  
Board of Education, District 8  
404.931.7971

Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Fri, Feb 25, 2011 7:39 AM  
From: Jenni Newberry <jnewberr@us.ibm.com>  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Chesnut Redistricting

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Jenni Newberry and I have a daughter in the first grade at Chesnut Charter Elementary School.

Under the current plan put forth by Ms. Tyson on February 7, Chesnut Charter Elementary School is in danger of losing key resources due to the school's small capacity and the way the county calculates staffing levels.

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Currently, we provide the following services by using our discretionary FTE points: Music, CELL (art), dedicated pull-out Discovery, math specialist, and 1 paraprofessional for 7 kindergarten classes. (We would provide more paraprofessionals if we could, but we would have to cut one or more of the other services to do so.)

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Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

Sincerely,

Jenni Newberry  
Active Parent

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Fri, Feb 25, 2011 7:45 AM  
From: Sterling Hill <sterhill@comcast.net>  
To: edlerd6100@att.blackberry.net      thomas\_bowen@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us  
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sarah\_copelin-wood@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us      redistricting Mailbox  
nancy\_jester@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us      ramona\_tyson@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us  
jay\_cunningham@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us      Donna\_Edler@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us  
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eugene\_P\_Walker@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us      Daniel\_E\_Drake@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us  
Subject: Last Minute Redistricting Plan Violates Dekalb County Policy  
Attachments: Attach0.html      4K

**VANDERLYN is right down the street from US!!!!!!!!!! - walking distance!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

I appreciate the long hours all of you have contributed to the latest redistricting process. However, like many of Vermack was redistricted out of Vanderlyn in the Superintendent's latest proposal. This last minute change moving Apartments which were designated as Dunwoody Elementary in both previous plans. **This change clearly violates** <https://eboard.eboardsolutions.com/epolicy/policy.aspx?PC=AD&Sch=4054&S=4054&RevNo=1.48&C=A>

I encourage you to get back to one of the two versions of attendance lines that your teams originally drew in accordance with the Attendance Areas policy is in place to protect the redistricting process from pressures of special interests and politics.

Primary Criteria for School Attendance Areas

1. Geographic proximity – **The neighborhood mentioned above has less than 1 mile walk to Vanderlyn. one? If Dunwoody elementary cannot accommodate the Jefferson apartments, Austin elementary is in fact**
2. Instructional Capacity/ Projected Enrollment - Under the superintendent's "recommended plan", Vanderlyn and the previous plans, both schools would be operating closer to 100% of capacity.

## Secondary Criteria for School Attendance Areas

1. Safety and Traffic Patterns - Womack Rd. is one of Dunwoody's major thoroughfares. The original two pl sending our kids across Womack, Traffic flow is going to suffer and our children's safety is unnecessarily threate

Again, to keep this process logical and fair, please follow your official School Attendance Areas policy.

Sincerely,

Sterling Hill

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Fri, Feb 25, 2011 9:25 AM  
From: "Levy, Hillary" <hillary.levy@willis.com>  
To: <DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com>  
Subject: Chestnut Charter-Prospective Parent  
Attachments: Attach0.html 13K

My name is Hillary Levy and I have a daughter who will be at Chesnut Charter Elementary School for Kindergarte

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I am requesting the following:

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Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut. Sincerely,

A concerned parent, Hillary Levy

**Hillary Levy, ARM | Senior Client Manager**

Willis, One Glenlake Parkway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, GA 30328

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From: Patty Gumbrell <ppgumbrell@yahoo.com>  
To: DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com  
Subject: Chesnut Charter retain numbers

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Patty Gumbrell and I have 2 boys in first grade at Chesnut Charter Elementary School.

Next year we will be going to the new Dunwoody Elementary but I still want to voice my concern for Chesnut with the new redistricting numbers. I want all schools within the Dunwoody Community to be the best that they can be and this is why I am an advocate for them.

Chesnut is the ONLY school in the Dunwoody cluster with capacity numbers low enough to jeopardize full funding for specials--ALL other Dunwoody elementary schools exceed the minimum 450 FTE enrollment number by comfortable margins and two of those schools are currently drawn to exceed their capacity numbers (meaning more points for more services).

I do not want Chesnut to loose it's funding for these special programs as a result of the redistricting. We are not looking for demographic changes we just want them to retain students in the area so the enrollment numbers are closer to 500.

Please consider these students and families as you move forward with the new plans for Dekalb County Schools.

Sincerely,

Patty Gumbrell

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Fri, Feb 25, 2011 12:00 PM  
From: "Scarbrough, Betsy" <betsy.scarbrough@ccur.com>  
To: "DeKalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com" <DeKalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com>  
Subject:  
Attachments: Attach0.html 8K

February 25, 2011

Betsy Scarbrough  
2654 East Madison Drive  
Dunwoody, GA 30360

Dear DeKalb County Board of Education and Re-Districting Team:

My name is Betsy Scarbrough  
attend Chestnut in a couple of years. I am writing to express my concern about some ancillary consequences of t  
**please do not endanger the existence of art, music, gifted, reading and math specialists, and para-professionals**

Under the plan as currently proposed  
that is set for Chestnut in the new plan and the staffing calculation models used. Chesnut is the only school in the district  
enough to jeopardize full funding for "specials". Under the proposed plan, the remaining Dunwoody elementary schools  
margins, with two of those schools exceeding their capacity from the outset.

Despite being currently considered  
current plant and facilities, and every homeroom is located within the main structure. Though room to spread out  
students are sent to portable classrooms only for art, Discovery, and individual education program instruction. P  
result of the FTE points that it currently earns. These include music, art, separate Discovery programs, a math sp  
would appear that these opportunities will become unavailable.

This redistricting effort is being  
is currently occurring. As such, it would seem antithetical to the purpose of this effort to erode the quality of even  
features of the Chesnut educational experience. As such, I restate my request above. Please do not endanger the  
para-professionals at Chesnut.

Very truly yours,

Betsy and Jimmy Scarbrough

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Fri, Feb 25, 2011 12:07 PM  
From: Quintans <mfquintans@gmail.com>  
To: DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com  
Subject: Urgent request from a Chesnut parent  
Attachments: BOEChesnutpetition.doc 28K

Please see my attached letter. I would also like to add in addition to the attached that I am presently serving on both the Charter Council and President of our school's PTA. There is a huge concern over leaving our school with low enrollment numbers and also with one definitive neighborhood for our upcoming ability to fundraise for our school and be able to recruit parent volunteers. We are a charter school that survives and thrives based on our parental involvement and financial contributions. Our school has statistics that prove that less than 10% of our financial contributions and parental volunteers come from non-residential housing. I feel very strongly that the plan submitted for Dunwoody's redistricting sets Chesnut Charter Elementary up to fail. I know that the school board would not intentionally vote on something that would set up a thriving school to fail. The Chesnut community may not be the loudest voice among the neighboring Dunwoody schools but that does not mean the parents care any less about the quality of education provided to their children and the status of their community school. I urge you to please reconsider the plan submitted for Dunwoody and look at what it left for Chesnut. Chesnut Charter Elementary should not be an after thought to the Dunwoody redistricting plan.

Thank you for considering my letter and attached petition.

Michelle Quintans

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Fri, Feb 25, 2011 12:54 PM  
From: Elizabeth A Bellus <Elizabeth.Bellus@us.randstad.com>  
To: "DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com" <DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com>  
Subject: Chesnut Charter redistricting concerns  
Attachments: Attach0.html 12K

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Elizabeth Bellus and I have a 2nd Grader and a Kindergarten student at Chesnut Charter Elementary School.

Under the current plan put forth by Ms. Tyson on February 7, Chesnut Charter Elementary School is in danger of losing key resources due to the school's small capacity and the way the county calculates staffing levels.

Please take a moment to review the following **key points**:

- Chesnut is the **ONLY** school in the Dunwoody cluster with capacity numbers low enough to jeopardize full funding for specials--ALL other Dunwoody elementary schools exceed the minimum 450 FTE enrollment number by comfortable margins and two of those schools are currently drawn to exceed their capacity numbers (meaning more points for more services).
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One of the goals of redistricting SHOULD BE to improve the quality of education for all of our children – otherwise, why are we doing it? We should not be in the business of limiting access to current programming when drawing enrollment lines. The impact of the new lines for Chesnut will likely result in a loss of FTE points. This cannot be the intention of the DCSS administration.

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Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

Elizabeth Bellus

Supervisor, Strategic Accounts

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Fri, Feb 25, 2011 3:42 PM  
From: Kathryn Wilson <kathrynhwilson@gmail.com>  
To: edlerd6100@att.blackberry.net THOMAS BOWEN H PAUL WOMACK  
SARAH COPELIN-WOOD redistricting Mailbox NANCY JESTER  
**RAMONA TYSON** JAY CUNNINGHAM DONNA EDLER  
DON McCHESNEY PAM SPEAKSEUGENE P. WALKER  
**Daniel E. Drake**  
Subject: Can you say disconnected?  
Attachments: Attach0.html 2K

Please just take a look at the pink color of the map for the Vanderlyn district. That little island of pink to the left attendees, Dunwoody Elementary attendees, and commercial properties. The commercial properties are colored island is the Jefferson Apartments, 2 miles away from Vanderlyn. Ms. Tyson just added them to the Vanderlyn c Rd., 1/2 mile from Vanderlyn. Was this last minute exchange made because of complaints that Vanderlyn didn't legality of such a maneuver. Housing type is not on your list of criteria. If this exchange was not made based on of geographic proximity, instructional capacity, or projected enrollment. Number eight of your secondary criteri was used.

You may call me at anytime to discuss the criteria that was used.

Thank you,  
Kathryn Wilson  
770-350-0139

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Fri, Feb 25, 2011 3:56 PM  
From: Jodi Fink Halpert <jhalpert@prudentialgeorgia.com>  
To: DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com  
Cc: slborcherding@hotmail.com melissa@marion-landais.org  
Subject: PLEASE support Chesnut Charter School  
Attachments: Attach0.html 10K

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Jodi Halpert and I have a child at Vanderlyn currently and we are zoned for Dunwoody Ele

I have been EXTREMELY impressed by the leadership and community at Chesnut and their willingness right thing and I feel that it is now time to support them.

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Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

Sincerely,

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Jodi Fink Halpert  
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The highest compliment that you can give is to refer me to your friends, family or business partners. I promise to

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Fri, Feb 25, 2011 4:30 PM  
From: Luck Suzanne - Atlanta-MARC <sluck@munichre.com>  
To: "DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com" <DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com>  
Subject: Redistricting plan for Chesnut Charter Elementary  
Attachments: Attach0.html 33K

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Suzanne Luck, and I have a son in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Chesnut Charter Elementary School. \n yet quality education, our son receives at Chesnut.

Under the current plan put forth by Ms. Tyson on February 7, Chesnut is in danger of losing key resour levels.

My son currently receives EIP services at Chesnut, and also really enjoys the creative programs (such programs that he excels in, and I am convinced they help round out his ability to focus on the "less" cre

It is my understanding that Chesnut is the ONLY school in the Dunwoody cluster with capacity number schools exceed the minimum 450 FTE enrollment number by comfortable margins and two of those sc more services).

Chesnut is NOT looking for demographic changes to their enrollment; in fact, we are happy that our de asking to retain students in Chesnut's area in order to keep the services we currently have today.

I respectfully ask that you reconsider the redistricting plan to ensure Chesnut will not lose these specia



Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Luck

**Suzanne Luck**

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From: Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Sat, Feb 26, 2011 12:53 PM  
To: Jeff Yost <jeffyost@me.com>  
Subject: redistricting Mailbox  
Address located at 1282 Briardale Lane

Based on the maps attached I believe that the superintendant's recommendation is that children that li

correct?

Thank you.

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Sat, Feb 26, 2011 1:03 PM  
From: Lisa Boaz <lisamboaz@yahoo.com>  
To: DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com  
Subject: Chesnut Charter Elementary  
Attachments: Attach0.html 4K

February 2011

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From: JudyMcMillan@comcast.net  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Forrest Hills Neighborhood Redistricting  
Attachments: Attach0.html 4K

To the Redistricting Committee:

I attended a town hall meeting in Avondale High School last night. When I first went there, my main c low performing school. I am still concerned that we have been left out of being redistricted to Druid Hil people. None of us will send our children there. I have no children in the schools but care for those fa the state tests. I teach in Dekalb and know a lot about education and the impact it has on the lives of **Druid Hills**. We are a very small neighborhood of five streets, our neighborhood elementary was take terribly. Our neighborhood backs up to ,Avondale Estates which has been been set to go to Druid Hills **afford tuition in private schools**. Please, please do not OK this present plan until more thought has **gerrymandered into Druid Hills**. I do not understand that at all.

As I said before, I went to the meeting with concern about Forrest Hills. After meeting people with children at High School who are going to lose their school.. Why can't the school be left open until the Magnet plan include these students now in the school until they graduate? I really am sad that they will have to go to school of children that go to this school are too busy earning a living in two or more jobs to speak for their own children.

Again, please do not redistrict the Forrest Hills neighborhood into Towers. We are now, in the new redistricting to Towers. It is not fair to us. We care about the Dekalb schools and want to be a part of the schools.

Sincerely,

Judy McMillan

404-234-9672

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From: Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Sat, Feb 26, 2011 6:40 PM  
To: Laney McClure <laney@accentricks-home.com>  
Subject: "DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com" <DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com>  
Chesnut Redistricting Issues

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS Staff, and MGT Consultants,

My name is Laney McClure and I have a second grader at Chesnut Elementary. Our children have attended the program under the leadership of Mrs. Julie Borenstein. I am writing today because of our concern that the quality of education that we have thus far enjoyed at Chesnut.

As the proposal stands, Chesnut's numbers will force it to cut one or more programs such as art, music, and sports. We have to face a simple step of adjusting our numbers would ensure that we don't have to sacrifice those programs.

Can you imagine elementary school without art or music? I know my children can't. Those are the class importance of these types of learning to the developing brain.

Even more important to me is a dedicated pull-out Discovery class each day. Gifted children can not be

teacher that is constantly being pulled in three different directions. I have had gifted teachers in the De classroom. Her years of experience have turned my children into critical thinkers, curious beyond what whole redistricting mess than to lose Julie at Chesnut.

I write to you from the heart today because I don't want to see our school cut off at the knees. We have gutted like this, I dare say that there will be a slow but sure defection to other schools. Why would pro other Dunwoody area schools?

Please reconsider the options in this matter. My children are counting on all of you to keep the things t

Sincerely,

Laney McClure

Sent from my iPad

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Sun, Feb 27, 2011 4:25 PM  
From: Kathryn Wilson <kathrynhwilson@gmail.com>  
To: edlerd6100@att.blackberry.net THOMAS BOWEN H PAUL WOMACK  
SARAH COPELIN-WOOD redistricting Mailbox NANCY JESTER  
**RAMONA TYSON** JAY CUNNINGHAM DONNA EDLER  
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**Daniel E. Drake**  
Subject: Fwd: Vanderlyn District  
Attachments: Attach0.html 3K

Please read the following letter from my neighbor. She suffered a stroke and still took the time out to write to y Vanderlyn district.

Everyone who sees the recent switcheroo of our neighborhood and The Jefferson Apartments knows that it is wr to the centralized or decentralized plan. They follow the criteria.

Thank you,  
Kathryn Wilson  
770-350-0139

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Sachiko Hori** <[s-hori@comcast.net](mailto:s-hori@comcast.net)>  
Date: Sun, Feb 27, 2011 at 3:01 PM  
Subject: Vanderlyn District  
To: Kathryn Wilson <[kathrynhwilson@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynhwilson@gmail.com)>

Hi Kathryn,

I had stroke in Dec. 13 and I am living with my daughter's care in Harrisonburg, VA.

I can not write well. Please make corrections.

I have an objection to exclude our small community from the Vanderlyn District.

The Vanderlyn District has been our community. Vanderlyn School is only 3 blocks away from our community.

Why do we need to be separated our community from the Vanderlyn District?

Sachiko Hori  
5043 Vernon Oaks Drive  
Dunwoody, GA 30338  
(currently Vanderlyn District)

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Sun, Feb 27, 2011 8:30 PM  
From: Jiajun Liu <msjiajun@yahoo.com>  
To: DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com  
Subject: Chesnut charter School --parents  
Attachments: Attach0.html 6K

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Jiajun Liu and I have a Sarah Liu and Caitlyn Liu Chesnut Charter Elementary School. We live at 2558 E M

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From: lixian liu <lixianl@yahoo.com>  
To: DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com  
Subject: Redistrict for Dunwoody  
Attachments: Attach0.html 6K

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From: Tresa Day <tresaday@hotmail.com>  
To: <dekalbboe@chesnutcharter.com>  
Subject: FW: Chesnut FTE Points  
Attachments: Attach0.html 1K  
Chesnut\_parent\_letter\_BOE[1].txt 4K

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Sun, Feb 27, 2011 9:48 PM  
From: "The Gaultneys" <5gaultneys@comcast.net>  
To: <dekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com>  
Subject: Chesnut Charter... Plea to keep enrollment greater than 500 to retain special ser  
Attachments: Attach0.html 6K

Hello,

I am a parent of a current third grader at Chesnut Charter School in Dunwoody. I actually have 3 children at Dunwoody High School, and I have a seventh grader at Peachtree Charter Middle School. I am also a parent of Austin and Vanderlyn. While I completely understand the need for redistricting in the Dekalb County, the numbers of the redistricting plan will have on Chesnut.

It is a well known fact that Chesnut's involved parents and administrations have fought hard over the years to be in a community that holds very high standards to its schools. Chesnut already has a culturally rich environment (see the Show!), and our students go on to become exceptionally well rounded individuals. Over the past year, we have honored students as being former Chesnut students more than any other area elementary school. Because of the Dunwoody community. It is sad that their perception of Chesnut is so far off. We are a great school.

As a parent, it is of utmost importance for Chesnut to remain a great school. Every year, I hear that we have been blessed with such great administrators such as Dr. Richard Reid, Dr. Sonja Alexander and Dr. John Smith. The best ways to use our points to retain special school-wide offerings such as music and CELL (computer lab) for gifted students (Chesnut has a tremendous amount of gifted students), kindergarten paras (we have one para for seven kindergarten classes) and reading/math enrichment services. All of these services are provided without these services. I understand that no other school in Dunwoody has this problem because of the Dunwoody community. Even with redistricting, they will not have this problem.

In the past five years, Chesnut's enrollment has just kept growing. This year, only two years after the last redistricting, enrollment is 525+ students. Young families are flocking to Chesnut; students who once were in public schools are now in Chesnut and it's in their neighborhood. I am very concerned that the proposed redistricting plan will have a negative impact on Chesnut.

to retain the services that gives our students the best education. Chesnut students are in danger

Our building can handle as many students as we have now. We have reasonable lunch times for all weekly, each child is able to participate in music and art/higher thinking classes once a week. We trailers for special services. We have enough gifted students to keep a Discovery teacher busy a the loss these vital special offerings.

Can you please do something to ensure that we will not lose any of our special offerings?

Please consider my plea.

Sincerely,

Carol Gaultney (Mom of Dustin, a third grade student at Chesnut Charter)

4627 Norwalk Road, Dunwoody, GA 30338

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Sun, Feb 27, 2011 10:33 PM  
From: burnskaurin@comcast.net  
To: redistricting Mailbox Ramona\_Tyson@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us  
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sarah\_copelin-wood@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us  
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pam\_speaks@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us eugene\_p\_walker@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us  
nancyjester@gmail.com  
Subject: Redistricting and Forrest Hills  
Attachments: Attach0.html 4K

I understand that the Dekalb County School System faces difficult choices brought about by budget pr neighborhood is proposed to be redistricted. Forrest Hills should be redistricted into the attendance zc School.

When my daughter started kindergarten, for two years I walked her to the neighborhood school, Forrest during the first round of redistricting. The new attendance zones then put our neighborhood into the M Elementary School. That decision left our neighborhood without a school that was in a location that made sense. Forrest Hills Elementary, chose to send their children to schools other than Midway.

Now, the latest plan for the new round of redistricting places our neighborhood to be in a zone for a school that is less sense geographically than the previous redistricting, and I ask that the Forrest Hills neighborhood

The original two redistricting proposals in this round actually did include the Forrest Hills neighborhood but also because Forrest Hills directly borders Avondale with no major streets between the neighborhood and the Knollwood attendance zone, which is across Memorial Drive and a farther distance. When I look at the map, I see a big jump in distance when one crosses the line from Forrest Hills into Avondale. Other proposed schools are closer. Looking just to the northwest of the neighborhood, moreover, I see that the proposed Avondale schools are closer to the schools in the proposed Knollwood attendance zone. This arrangement for the proposed Avondale attendance zone, all of which would put Forrest Hills into the Avondale attendance zone rather than the Knollwood attendance zone.

In the same way, Forrest Hills belongs with Avondale in the attendance zones for Shamrock Middle School. For the program, the program at Shamrock and Druid Hills is particularly attractive to them. They would not have schools whose proposed attendance zones we are in.

Michael Burns-Kaurin

1154 Walker Drive

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**Daniel E. Drake**  
Subject: A Counterclockwise Move is wise!  
Attachments: Attach0.html 2K

Ms. Tyson's proposed district lines violate the primary criteria set by the county. A counterclockwise shift would

The Counterclockwise Move:

Move the neighborhood north of Womack Rd. and west of Vermack Rd. back into the Vanderlyn Elementary

Move the 28 Austin Elementary students north of Mt. Vernon Rd. back to Austin Elementary.

Move the Jefferson Apartment students back to Dunwoody Elementary School.If you make these moves, 1  
county's primary criteria will be met.

Primary Criteria that will be met if the Counterclockwise move is made:

Geographic Proximity

Instructional Capacity

Projected EnrollmentIf you do not make these moves, all three of these criteria are clearly violated.

The Counterclockwise Move is wise! You have the opportunity to make it happen! Please make the right choice

Thank you,  
Kathryn Wilson  
770-350-0139

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From: amanda becker <mandybecks@mac.com>  
To: DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com  
Subject: Chesnut Redistricting Plan  
Attachments: Attach0.html 9K

February 2011

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants: Charter Elementary School

My name is Amanda Becker and my daughter is in Kindergarten at Chesnut Charter. I am writing to you today in regards to the

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- Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

Chesnut has been a wonderful entry to public school for us. The teachers, staff and administration are truly special.

Sincerely,  
amanda becker  
[mandybecks@mac.com](mailto:mandybecks@mac.com)  
P: 770-365-5259

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Mon, Feb 28, 2011 8:18 AM  
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To: <edlerd6100@att.blackberry.net> THOMAS BOWEN H PAUL WOMACK  
SARAH COPELIN-WOOD redistricting Mailbox NANCY JESTER  
**RAMONA TYSON** JAY CUNNINGHAM DONNA EDLER  
DON McCHESNEY PAM SPEAKSEUGENE P. WALKER  
**Daniel E. Drake**  
Subject: last minute redistricting plan violates dekalb county policy  
Attachments: Attach0.html 9K

I appreciate the long hours all of you have contributed to the latest redistricting process. However, like many of my neighbors, I was surprised to see Vanderlyn in the Superintendent's latest proposal. This last minute change moves our nearby neighborhood out of the Vanderlyn district in both previous plans. This change clearly violates the primary criteria in Dekalb county's official School Attendance Areas policy found at <https://eboard.eboardsolutions.com/epolicy/policy.aspx?PC=AD&sch=4054&s=4054&revno=1.48&c=A&z=P>

I encourage you to get back to one of the two versions of attendance lines that your teams originally drew in accordance with the criteria in place to protect the redistricting process from pressures of special interests and politics. Please follow your policy.

### **Primary Criteria for School Attendance Areas**

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Again, to keep this process logical and fair, please follow your official School Attendance Areas policy.

Sincerely,



Sarah Watterson

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Mon, Feb 28, 2011 8:28 AM  
From: Michael Odiorne <Michael.Odiorne@cbsatlanta.com>  
Subject: Last Minute Redistricting Plan Violates Dekalb County Policy  
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Mike Odiorne

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Account Manager

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5068 Vernon Oaks Drive

Dunwoody, GA 30338

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To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject:  
Attachments: Attach0.html 8K

February 28, 2011

Betsy Scarbrough  
2654 East Madison Drive  
Dunwoody, GA 30360

Dear DeKalb County Board of Education and Re-Districting Team:

My name is Betsy Scarbrough  
attend Chestnut in a couple of years. I am writing to express my concern about some ancillary consequences of t  
**please do not endanger the existence of art, music, gifted, reading and math specialists, and para-professionals**

Under the plan as currently proposed  
that is set for Chestnut in the new plan and the staffing calculation models used. Chesnut is the only school in the district  
enough to jeopardize full funding for "specials". Under the proposed plan, the remaining Dunwoody elementary schools  
margins, with two of those schools exceeding their capacity from the outset.

Despite being currently considered, the current plant and facilities, and every homeroom is located within the main structure. Though room to spread out students are sent to portable classrooms only for art, Discovery, and individual education program instruction. As a result of the FTE points that it currently earns. These include music, art, separate Discovery programs, a math space would appear that these opportunities will become unavailable.

This redistricting effort is being is currently occurring. As such, it would seem antithetical to the purpose of this effort to erode the quality of even features of the Chesnut educational experience. As such, I restate my request above. Please do not endanger the para-professionals at Chesnut.

Very truly yours,

Betsy and Jimmy Scarbrough

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Mon, Feb 28, 2011 9:19 AM  
From: "Katz, Michael (Norcross)" <Michael.Katz@Fiserv.com>  
To: "DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com" <DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com>  
Subject: Chesnut redistricting concern  
Attachments: Attach0.html 10K

February 2011

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Michael Katz and I have a student at Chesnut Charter Elementary School.

Under the current plan put forth by Ms. Tyson on February 7, Chesnut Charter Elementary School is in danger of losing key

☐ Chesnut is the ONLY school in the Dunwoody cluster with capacity numbers low enough to jeopardize full funding for s comfortable margins and two of those schools are currently drawn to exceed their capacity numbers (meaning more points f

☐ Today, we house 535 students within the building, with all homerooms IN the building. We do not have any logistical pr art, Discovery, and EIP classes.

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☐ Chesnut is NOT looking for demographic changes to their enrollment; in fact, we are happy that our demographics remain area in order to keep the services we currently have today.

☐ One of the goals of redistricting SHOULD BE to improve the quality of education for all of our children – otherwise, wh drawing enrollment lines. The impact of the new lines for Chesnut will likely result in a loss of FTE points. This cannot be

I am requesting the following:

1. Written assurance that this redistricting plan will not result in a loss of resources for the students still attending Chesnut – dedicated pull-out gifted instruction, reading specialists, math specialists, and paraprofessionals.

2. If written assurance cannot be given, then Chesnut's enrollment numbers must stay at today's level so that Chesnut continues (paraprofessionals, specialists, and pull-out Discovery) as we have in the past--in other words, Ms. Tyson's plan must be modified

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

*Michael Katz, CPA, PMP*

*Program Manager*

*Strategy & Group Operations*

Digital Payments Group

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From: Linda Dixon <lrdixon@us.ibm.com>  
To: DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com  
Subject: Redistricting and Chesnut Charter Elementary School  
Attachments: Attach0.html 4K

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Linda Dixon and I have a first grader at Chesnut Charter Elementary School. Under the current plan losing key resources due to the school's small capacity and the way the county calculates staffing levels.

- Chesnut is the ONLY school in the Dunwoody cluster with capacity numbers low enough to jeopardize full FTE enrollment number by comfortable margins and two of those schools are currently drawn to exceed 1 students within the building, with all homerooms IN the building. We do not have any logistical problems to access art, Discovery, and EIP classes. Currently, we provide the following services by using our discretion: 1 paraprofessional for 7 kindergarten classes. (We would provide more paraprofessionals if we could, but retain students in Chesnut's area in order to keep the services we currently have today. Chesnut is NOT in demographics remain essentially unchanged under Ms. Tyson's plan. One of the goals of redistricting SHC we doing it? We should not be in the business of limiting access to current programming when drawing endpoints. This cannot be the intention of the DCSS administration.

I am requesting the following:

1. Written assurance that this redistricting plan will not result in a loss of resources for the students still at Chesnut that are at risk: art, music, dedicated pull-out gifted instruction, reading specialists, math specialists,
2. If written assurance cannot be given, then Chesnut's enrollment numbers must stay at today's level so services benefitting all students (paraprofessionals, specialists, and pull-out Discovery) as we have in the past.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

Sincerely,  
Linda Dixon

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Mon, Feb 28, 2011 11:52 AM  
From: Laura Mixson <lsmixson@yahoo.com>  
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don\_mcchesney@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us pam\_speaks@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us  
eugene\_P\_Walker@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us  
Subject: Not in Favor of Feb 7 proposal  
Attachments: Attach0.html 2K

Dear Board of Education,

Thank you for all your work to improve education in DeKalb County.

I am writing to give feedback that I am NOT IN FAVOR of the February 7, 2011 redistricting proposal.

I have read emails where parents used the term "open access" to advocate for sending a set of students into Vanderlyn. the location of a student and each student should have open access to any school? This ignores all criteria determined ir

I believe the term educators use is "equal access". My understanding of "equal access" relates to programs, funding and

I hope this clarification will help parents understand why the Feb 7th map could not be approved. Please keep North of W

Thank you,  
Laura Mixson  
Vernon Oaks Dr

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Mon, Feb 28, 2011 12:57 PM  
From: "Daniel E. Drake" <Daniel\_E\_Drake@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us>  
**ROBERT G. MOSELEY II**  
SARAH COPELIN-WOOD  
jbengen@gmail.com  
To: redistricting Mailbox  
Subject: Fwd(3): DeKalb County Redistricting & Forrest Hills Community

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Deputy Chief Superintendent for School Operations  
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From: SARAH COPELIN-WOOD  
Jenny Bengen <jbengen@gmail.com>  
Sunday, February 27, 2011 10:46:28 PM  
Subject: Fwd: DeKalb County Redistricting & Forrest Hills Community  
To: jbengen@gmail.com  
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MOSELEY II  
ALICE A. THOMPSON JANET EBERHARDT Attorney Allegra Lawrence-Hardy

February 27, 2011

Hello Ms. Bengen,

I appreciate your e-mail, as I do other Members of our Avondale Area  
Schools Communities/Neighborhoods with opposing views.

"Our Schools Will Be What We Make Them."

Thank you,

Sarah Copelin-Wood, Board Member  
DeKalb Board of Education - District 3  
(404) 371-1490

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.  
In the end, we will remember not words of our enemies, but the silence of  
our friends."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

(1929 - 1968)

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From: Jenny Bengen <jbengen@gmail.com> Sunday, February 27, 2011 12:08:28 PM  
Subject: DeKalb County Redistricting & Forrest Hills Community  
To: THOMAS BOWEN H PAUL WOMACK SARAH COPELIN-WOOD JAY CUNNINGHAM  
DONNA EDLER NANCY JESTER DON McCHESNEY PAM SPEAKS EUGENE P. WALKER  
nancyjester@gmail.com RAMONA TYSON ehumble@mgtofamerica.com  
Attachments: Attach0.html 2K

To the Members of the DeKalb County School Board:

My name is Jennifer Bengen and I live in the Forrest Hills neighborhood just south of the City of Decatur and north of Memorial Drive. First of all, thank you so much for your service on the DeKalb County School Board and for your dedication to improving the state of education for all of our county's youth.

I am contacting you, as I know are many other members of my community, via this letter regarding the proposed redistricting coming before the Board for a vote on March 7.

While I completely understand the need to consolidate schools and student populations for budgetary reasons, after reviewing the redistricting maps, I am URGING you to allow the children of Forrest Hills to attend the same DeKalb County public schools as our neighbors in Avondale Estates and other surrounding communities – namely, Shamrock Middle School/Druid Hills Middle School and Druid Hills High School.

We have been in contact with several members of the Druid Hills PTA and parent community and, according to these conversations, the schools will be readily able to absorb the small number of students from Forrest Hills immediately. This information has been presented to the DeKalb County Board by the Druid Hills PTA.

If I can provide any additional information regarding my household, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Jennifer Bengen  
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619-249-3219  
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To: "dekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com" <dekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com>  
Subject: Chesnut Charter Elementary School  
Attachments: Attach0.html 8K

February 2011

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Carol Brinson and I have a kindergarten student at Chesnut Charter Elementary School. Under the current plan, there is a danger of losing key resources due to the school's small capacity and the way the county calculates staffing levels.

Chesnut is the ONLY school in the Dunwoody cluster with capacity numbers low enough to jeopardize full funding for special education enrollment number by comfortable margins and two of those schools are currently drawn to exceed their capacity numbers.

Today, we house 535 students within the building, with all homerooms IN the building. We do not have any logistical problems. We use visit trailers only to access art, Discovery, and EIP classes.

Currently, we provide the following services by using our discretionary FTE points: Music, CELL (art), dedicated pull-out Discovery, and Discovery. We would provide more paraprofessionals if we could, but we would have to cut one or more of the other services to do so.)

Chesnut is NOT looking for demographic changes to their enrollment; in fact, we are happy that our demographics remain stable. We want to keep students in Chesnut's area in order to keep the services we currently have today.

One of the goals of redistricting SHOULD BE to improve the quality of education for all of our children – otherwise, why are we doing it? We are programming when drawing enrollment lines. The impact of the new lines for Chesnut will likely result in a loss of FTE positions.

I am requesting the following:

1. Written assurance that this redistricting plan will not result in a loss of resources for the students still attending Chesnut. The services at risk are art, music, dedicated pull-out gifted instruction, reading specialists, math specialists, and paraprofessionals.
2. If written assurance cannot be given, then Chesnut's enrollment numbers must stay at today's level so that Chesnut can continue to benefit all students (paraprofessionals, specialists, and pull-out Discovery) as we have in the past--in other words, Ms. Brinson.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

Sincerely,  
Carol Brinson

*Carol Brinson  
Senior Consultant / Team Lead  
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From: jbell <jwbell17@gmail.com>  
To: DekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com  
Subject: Chesnut Charter School Concerns  
Attachments: Attach0.html 5K

February 2011

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Jenny Bell and I have one child at Chesnut Charter Elementary School, with two more starting next year.

Under the current plan put forth by Ms. Tyson on February 7, Chesnut Charter Elementary School is in danger of losing key resources due to the school's capacity. Chesnut is the ONLY school in the Dunwoody cluster with capacity numbers low enough to jeopardize full funding for specials--ALL other Dunwoody schools are currently drawn to exceed their capacity numbers (meaning more points for more services).

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I am requesting the following:

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2. If written assurance cannot be given, then Chesnut's enrollment numbers must stay at today's level so that Chesnut continues to earn resources for pull-out Discovery as we have in the past--in other words, Ms. Tyson's plan must be modified on Chesnut's behalf.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

Sincerely,  
Jenny Bell

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Sat, Feb 19, 2011 6:39 PM  
From: Cedar Valentine <cedarvalentine@gmail.com>  
To: **RAMONA TYSON**  
Cc: THOMAS BOWEN H PAUL WOMACK SARAH COPELIN-WOOD  
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DONNA EDLER DON McCHESNEY PAM SPEAKS  
EUGENE P. WALKER**Daniel E. Drake**  
Subject: SUBJECTIVE DECISION MAKING - Vanderlyn  
Attachments: Attach0.html 2K

Dear Ramona

My husband and I have had the opportunity to speak to a number of BOE members as well as Dan Drake. To da With out exception none of the BOE menbers or Dan Drake have been able to provide us with any critera, weigh been unable to find out exactly who created the changes from Jan 31st plan submitted by the consultants to Feb 7 those changes. Dan Drake indicated that change was made 'subjectively' (Note: Dan was adamant that decision would/could not provide any names involved in the decision.

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Subject: Re: SUBJECTIVE DECISION MAKING - Vanderlyn  
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"Joyful Noise"

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Christopher Valentine <[christopher\\_kirk\\_valentine@yahoo.com](mailto:christopher_kirk_valentine@yahoo.com)>  
**RAMONA TYSON**  
Subject: Fwd: SUBJECTIVE DECISION MAKING - Vanderlyn  
Attachments: Attach0.html 6K

Hello Nancy

My Husband Chris and I have been asking the same question of the Board, Dan Drake and Ramona for the past t

"can you please tell us who made the decision to change the consultants plan of Jan 31st and what criteria were

Ramona has never responded, Dan Drake told us that the criteria was subjective and most of the Boards member used in the redistricting than how as board members could you vote for this plan? As board members you have t was how can you claim to be doing what is in anyones best interest?

Please feel free to call me to discuss further 678-292-6661

Cedar Valentine

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Date: Wed, Feb 23, 2011 at 5:03 PM

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[jay\\_cunningham@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us](mailto:jay_cunningham@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us), [donna\\_edler@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us](mailto:donna_edler@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us), [don\\_mcchesney@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us](mailto:don_mcchesney@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us)  
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**RAMONA TYSON**  
Cc: THOMAS BOWEN H PAUL WOMACK SARAH COPELIN-WOOD  
JAY CUNNINGHAM DONNA EDLER DON McCHESNEY PAM SPEAKS  
EUGENE P. WALKER  
Subject: Revised 2/7 proposal for North of Womack neighborhoods  
Attachments: Attach0.html 3K

Dear Board of Education – Thank you for all of the time, efforts, and tough decisions put in to making Dekalb C the system. I fully support your criteria laid out for deciding closings and redistricting and have followed the revi before the 2/7 presentation. It doesn't seem to follow the criteria of proximity and ignores safety in moving the n Womack.

Thank you,

Jeff Mixson

Jeff Mixson

404-451-1954 (cell)

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Tue, Mar 01, 2011 12:47 AM  
From: suziemartin@comcast.net  
To: NANCY JESTER dekalbBOE@chesnutcharter.com  
Subject: Chesnut Charter School  
Attachments: Attach0.html 3K

Thank you for taking time to read my email. I am the parent of 4 students in the Dekalb County School District. I have a fifth grader at Dunwoody ES and a second grader at Chesnut Charter ES. I have been a member of the Cluster Council and involved in a variety of activities at all four schools.

Chesnut has provided my children with a strong foundation and we enjoy knowing that is one of the most important things in life. The importance of utilizing resources to best serve students. With the proposed redistricting, the possibility that the most basic programs, not to mention some of our special programs, is a frightening prospect.

As a parent and as a charter council member, I respectfully ask you to consider keeping Chesnut at its current location. We have homerooms in trailers, no cafeteria crowding issues and ample room in the building. Chesnut has been a great school and students will suffer far more than they would from an "overcrowded" school.

Thank you for taking another look at the maps and for considering the future of Chesnut.

Suzie Martin

678-464-9080



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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Tue, Mar 01, 2011 8:13 AM  
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redistricting Mailbox NANCY JESTER **RAMONA TYSON**  
JAY CUNNINGHAM DONNA EDLER DON McCHESNEY PAM SPEAKS  
EUGENE P. WALKER **Daniel E. Drake**  
Subject: Last Minute Redistricting Plan Violates Dekalb County Policy  
Attachments: Attach0.html 6K

I appreciate the long hours all of you have contributed to the latest redistricting process. However, like many of Vermack was redistricted out of Vanderlyn in the Superintendant's latest proposal. This last minute change moved Apartments which were designated as Dunwoody Elementary in both previous plans. This change clearly violates <https://eboard.eboardsolutions.com/epolicy/policy.aspx?PC=AD&sch=4054&s=4054&revno=1.48&c=A&z=P>

I encourage you to get back to one of the two versions of attendance lines that your teams originally drew in accordance with the Attendance Areas policy is in place to protect the redistricting process from pressures of special interests and politics.

#### **Primary Criteria for School Attendance Areas**

1. **Geographic proximity** – *The neighborhood mentioned above has less than 1 mile walk to Vanderlyn. This is the case for this one? If Dunwoody elementary cannot accommodate the Jefferson apartments, Austin elementary is in fact closer to Vanderlyn.*
2. **Instructional Capacity/ Projected Enrollment** - *Under the superintendant's "recommended plan", Vanderlyn and Dunwoody, either of the previous plans, both schools would be operating closer to 100% of capacity.*

### Secondary Criteria for School Attendance Areas

1. **Safety and Traffic Patterns** - *Womack Rd. is one of Dunwoody's major thoroughfares. The original two By sending our kids across Womack, Traffic flow is going to suffer and our children's safety is unnecessarily thr*

Again, to keep this process logical and fair, please follow your official School Attendance Areas policy.

Sincerely,

Stacy Odiorne

Vernon Oaks Drive resident

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To: redistricting Mailbox  
Cc: "'McClure, Cullen'" <cullen.mcclure@kurtsalmon.com>  
Subject: Chesnut redistricting issues  
Attachments: Attach0.html 3K

Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS Staff, and MGT Consultants,

My name is Laney McClure and I have a second grader at Chesnut Elementary. Our childre Discovery program under the leadership of Mrs. Julie Borenstein. I am writing today becaus children of the type of education that we have thus far enjoyed at Chesnut.

As the proposal stands, Chesnut's numbers will force it to cut one or more programs such as cluster will have to face. A simple step of adjusting our numbers would ensure that we don't

possible.

Can you imagine elementary school without art or music? I know my children can't. Those are the importance of these types of learning to the developing brain.

Even more important to me is a dedicated pull-out Discovery class each day. Gifted children need a teacher that is constantly being pulled in three different directions. I have had gifted teachers in the classroom. Her years of experience have turned my children into critical thinkers, curious learners. It is an outcome to this whole redistricting mess than to lose Julie at Chesnut.

I write to you from the heart today because I don't want to see our school cut off at the knees. If our school is gutted like this, I dare say that there will be a slow but sure defection to other schools offered at all other Dunwoody area schools?

Please reconsider the options in this matter. My children are counting on all of you to keep them safe.

Sincerely,

Laney McClure

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Dear Members of the Board of Education, DCSS staff, and MGT Consultants:

My name is Cullen McClure and I have a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student at Chesnut Charter Elementary School. In addition to serving terms on both the PTA board of directors as well as a two year term as a Chart Council member.

I have a serious issue with the current plan put forth by Ms. Tyson on February 7. Due to what I deem to be unfair due to the school's now smaller capacity and the way the county calculates staffing levels. Why should our con

- Chesnut is the **ONLY** school in the Dunwoody cluster with capacity numbers low enough to jeopardize full **FTE enrollment number by comfortable margins** and two of those schools are currently drawn to exceed the the other schools, on the backs of my community's children. I know they had a large voice while these plans ev children.
  
- Unlike the other schools in the cluster Chesnut is NOT looking for demographic changes to their enrollment Tyson's plan. We are simply asking to retain students in Chesnut's area in order to keep the services we currently consider essential: Music, CELL (art), dedicated pull-out Discovery.
  
- One of the goals of redistricting SHOULD BE to improve the quality of education for all of our children other programming when drawing enrollment lines. The impact of the new lines for Chesnut will likely result in a loss of of their actions. How did you think this news would be received?

On behalf of my daughter and my community I request the following:

1. Written assurance that this redistricting plan will not result in a loss of resources for the students still attending ask risk are art, music, dedicated pull-out gifted instruction, and the other programs and professionals that deliver
2. If written assurance cannot be given, then Chesnut's enrollment numbers must stay at today's level so that the services benefitting all students (paraprofessionals, specialists, and pull-out Discovery) as we have in the past--

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue for Chesnut.

Sincerely,

Cullen McClure

Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Mon, Feb 28, 2011 8:23 AM  
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To: JAY CUNNINGHAM H PAUL WOMACK THOMAS BOWEN  
SARAH COPELIN-WOOD redistricting Mailbox NANCY JESTER  
**RAMONA TYSON** DONNA EDLER DON McCHESNEY PAM SPEAKS  
EUGENE P. WALKER  
Subject: Last Minute Redistricting Plan Violates Dekalb County Policy  
Attachments: Attach0.html 12K

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I encourage you to get back to one of the two versions of attendance lines that your teams originally drew in accordance with the criteri place to protect the redistricting process from pressures of special interests and politics. Please follow your policy.

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### **Secondary Criteria for School Attendance Areas**

1. **Safety and Traffic Patterns** - *Womack Rd. is one of Dunwoody's major thoroughfares. The original two plans were well conce Womack, Traffic flow is going to suffer and our children's safety is unnecessarily threatened.*

Again, to keep this process logical and fair, please follow your official School Attendance Areas policy.

Sincerely,  
Allison Addalia

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Tue, Mar 01, 2011 3:35 PM  
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Cc: Paul Addalia <addaliap@gfhotels.com>  
Subject: Housing Types should not influence the drawing of school boundaries  
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I appreciate the long hours all of you have contributed to the latest redistricting process. However, like many of my neighbors, I was surprised to see Vanderlyn in the Superintendent's latest proposal. This last minute change moves our nearby neighborhood out of the Vanderlyn district and into the Westside district. This change clearly violates the primary criteria in DeKalb county's official School Attendance Areas policy found at <https://eboard.eboardsolutions.com/epolicy/policy.aspx?PC=AD&sch=4054&s=4054&revno=1.48&c=A&z=P>

The use of family dwelling types to draw attendance lines is a slippery slope. Who judges how much is "fair"? What is the policy that DeKalb county laid out. Why is it being used now?

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Comments\_ToBeProcessed\_2011\_1Tue, Mar 01, 2011 4:07 PM  
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**Daniel E. Drake**  
Subject: Dekalb Superintendent Violates County Policy  
Attachments: Attach0.html 6K  
Vanderlyn lines.jpg 78K

Dear Dr. Barge,

I'm writing to you in regards to the redistricting that is currently going on in Dekalb County. I want to be sure the redistricting lines to fit the county's criteria, Ms. Ramona Tyson appears to have made her own last minute changes to ensure that the process is executed in a logical and fair manner. Does the Superintendent have the authority to do this?

The centralized and decentralized options that were recommended by the consulting firm kept our neighborhood always been. These plans met all of the primary and secondary criteria set forth by the county which can be found at <https://eboard.eboardsolutions.com/ePolicy/policy.aspx?PC=AD&sch=4054&s=4054&revno=1.48&c=A&z=P>. The plan moved the apartment complex from Vanderlyn, with an apartment complex 2 miles away, taking us out of the district. This single move violates the criteria.

My neighbors and I have been calling the school board representatives, Ms. Tyson, and Mr. Dan Drake, the Director. We have been sending emails to call attention to this oversight of the criteria. None of the board members we have contacted have responded. In fact, several of them have the same question and empathize with us. "Why do you want to switch?"

One neighbor received what I find to be a very interesting quote from Mr. Drake when discussing this issue. He said, "It can be subjective in nature when multiple options are available." Do you agree with this, Dr. Barge? As a former school board member, how can we get input from the hired firm and make decisions objectively?

I've attached an image of Ms. Tyson's recommended plan. Please look at the pink color in the north part of the map. Do you notice the little "island" of pink on the southwest side of that proposed district? It actually does not connect in any way. To connect the "island" to the rest of the district is actually commercial properties. This "island" is The Jefferson apartment complex. The shape between the apartment and Vanderlyn Elementary is being removed. Does that make sense to you?

Since the map makes no sense to us, and the criteria have been violated in this switcheroo, we have to wonder what the vocal arguments from some that type of housing should be considered when drawing the district lines. It is our request that you get a response from Ms. Tyson on the issue.

I grew up in Dekalb County Public Schools. I taught school for 10 years in Gwinnett County Public Schools before. I believe whoever draws the lines is not being held accountable for staying within the criteria allowed by county policy is a violation.

The final vote for Ms. Tyson's plan is on March 7. I would love to speak with you about this before the vote. I am not in favor of the drawing of the lines. Again, I applaud Ms. Tyson for finally taking on redistricting after it has long been ignored. We will defend. Then she will have made it fair and equitable for all parties involved.

Thank you for taking the time to read my input.

Sincerely,

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