DRUID HILLS CLUSTER ELEMENTARY REDISTRICTING

ROUND 1 PUBLIC MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2018 7:00PM
DRUID HILLS MS
AGENDA

Why Redistricting?

Redistricting Process

Redistricting Criteria

Round 1 Small Group Feedback
WHY REDISTRICTING?

- Rebuilt John R. Lewis Elementary School
  - Opening August 2019
- Students temporarily housed at Fernbank ES & Briar Vista ES will be redistricted back to Cross Keys Cluster Elementary schools.
- Hundreds of seats of available capacity at Fernbank ES
WHY REDISTRICTING?

- About 250 students from Fernbank ES, 60 students from Briar Vista ES returning to the Cross Keys Cluster
- Overcrowding at Laurel Ridge ES (105% capacity) and McLendon ES (106% capacity)
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REDISTRICTING PROCESS

- Community meeting process
  - Everyone participates equally
  - Meetings start with a large group presentation
  - Divide into small-group break-out sessions
  - Small-groups facilitated by trained staff
  - Equity in the process
  - Focused discussion on the criteria
REDISTRICTING PROCESS

**Round 1**
Introduction & Feedback
(Oct 1, 2018) Druid Hills MS

**Round 2**
Alternative Options
(Oct. 25, 2018) Druid Hills MS

**Round 3**
Staff Recommended Plan
(Nov. 28, 2018) Druid Hills MS

**Board First Read**
Superintendent Recommendation
(Jan. 2019) AIC

**Board Approval**
Superintendent Recommendation
(Feb. 2019) AIC

*Rounds 1-3 will include public meetings and online comment*

[www.dekalbschoolsga.org/redistricting](http://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/redistricting)
First Round – Druid Hills MS– October 1, 2018
- Objective: Collect community input within the board approved criteria

Second Round – Druid Hills MS– October 25, 2018
- Objective: Collect community input on presented redistricting options based on board approved criteria

Third Round – Druid Hills MS– November 28, 2018
- Objective: Collect community input on Staff Recommended Plan based on board approved criteria
**REDISTRICTING PROCESS**

- All options presented would go into effect in August 2019

- Students rising into 5th grade will have the option to continue in their former school, with no transportation provided
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REDISTRICTING CRITERIA

- Board Policy AD: Alteration of School Attendance Areas defines primary and secondary criteria

- Primary Criteria, based on logistics
  - Geographic proximity
  - Instructional capacity
  - Projected enrollment

*Note: Students may not always be assigned to their closest school, since other criteria must also be considered.*
REDISTRICTING CRITERIA

- Secondary Criteria, when the primary criteria indicate more than one option for action
  - Safety and traffic patterns
  - Previous redistricting
  - Balancing of special programs, (i.e., ESOL, school choice, etc.)
  - School feeder alignment
  - Intact neighborhoods
  - Efficient and economical operations
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ROUND 1 SMALL-GROUP FEEDBACK

OBJECTIVE

Collect input based on Board approved criteria

Series of four questions for discussion
ROUND 1 SMALL-GROUP FEEDBACK QUESTIONS

1. In terms of factors such as natural geographic barriers and homeowners associations, what neighborhood areas should remain together and why?

2. What traffic concerns do you have that may impact the safe and timely transportation of students to and from schools?

3. Are there any residential development trends or redevelopments in your area that may impact future school enrollment?

4. Are there any special programs at your school that we need to be aware of?
ROUND 1 SMALL-GROUP FEEDBACK
GROUND RULES

- Facilitators are objective participants
- Can only consider input related to the criteria
- DCSD commits to receiving and considering all appropriate input
- Staff must balance multiple perspectives and logistical limitations in developing plans, thus not all input can be accommodated
- Respect each others’ opinions
- Please write questions on note cards
- Questions will be addressed on the website at www.dekalbschoolsga.org/redistricting
THANK YOU FOR COMING!

NEXT MEETING:
ROUND 2 PUBLIC MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2018 7:00PM
DRUID HILLS MS

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