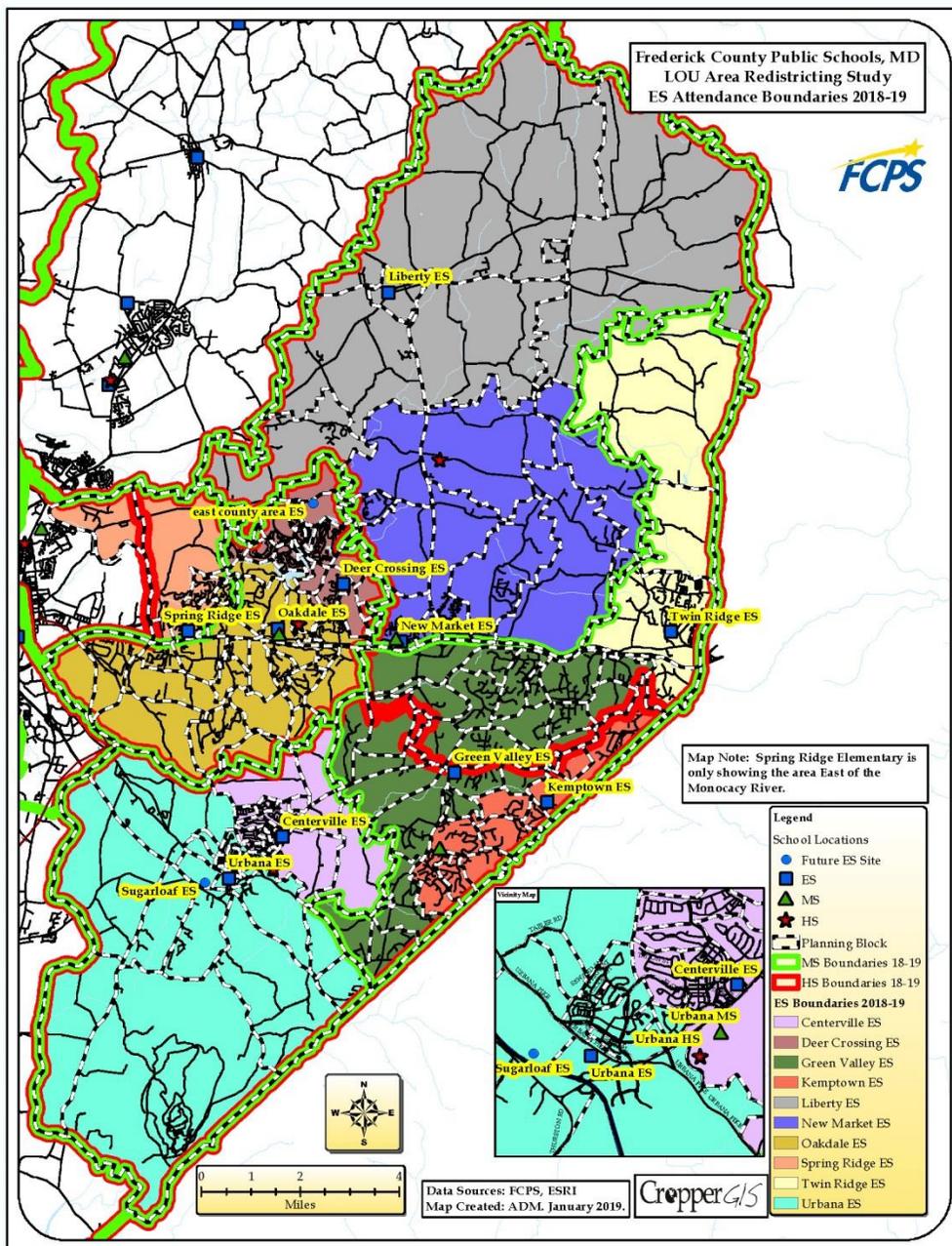




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Frederick County Public Schools Linganore-Oakdale-Urbana Area Redistricting Study Public Information Session Survey Observations

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Thoughts and Observations

I am concerned with the differences in academic quality and course offerings between the three high schools (predominantly Linganore being on the low end of academic quality).

So far a good process. Number one priority should be to have kids attend the closest school. Why do half of Spring Ridge kids NOT go to Spring Ridge Elem, the school specifically built for the neighborhood? Yet kids from as far away as 4th and 5th street downtown get bussed out? Makes no sense, kids downtown should go to the nearest downtown school, SR kids should go to SR.

It does not make sense how our neighborhood, which is one mile to Oakdale middle school, is shifted towards TJMS. Where other kids much further, such as Reichs ford road and Tallyn Ridge community go to Oakdale middle. Our whole community is divided between elementary schools, then shifted into TJMS and back into Oakdale high. New neighborhoods being built across the street will be oakdale middle, but not us? Our neighborhood has felt slighted for years over this and I hope you consider the impact on our homes, children and community.

Do not remove Landsdale children from UHS!!! All of our kids' just moved, already experiencing transition in schools. They've established social relationships within the neighborhood as well as at school. The idea of splitting the neighborhood is just as divisive. What studies have you done on the students' social/emotional well-being?? UHS offers a comprehensive Dance program and an IB program, and is rated a top 10 high school in the state. Our home values will be affected by you moving us out of the area. We did not choose to live in New Market because it was too far, despite lower housing costs. Linganore and Oakdale will make it that much more difficult for parents working in DC & Montgomery County to be present in the child's school life and school community due to commutes. Doesn't the home/school connection matter here?? Has anyone surveyed the STUDENTS???? How are ALL stakeholder voices being heard? There are much better projects for FCPS to be spending money on, like renovating elementary schools that haven't been touched since the 70s for both updates as well as security. You are being reactive rather than proactive. Do you have projections from builders?? The new build growth in all three high school areas is going to make all high schools over populated. There is a reason developers chose this land and why we chose to purchase here. Plus the infrastructure alone makes access to 75 north completely impossible from the Landsdale community. Ed McClain road MUST be addressed as a bus route. It is unacceptable. UHS's proximity and access to Landsdale is 100% do-able. The number of issues to fix the roads to give us the same access to Linganore is simply impossible to solve within your time limits and absolutely should not be ignored!!!!

Do not redraw the lines for the Landsdale community.

I appreciate the information that has been provided thus far. I would like more information about when the changes are likely to be implemented at the MS and HS level in our feeder pattern, given that the new ES won't be built for the 2020-21 school year.

Would not like to see older lake Linganore community (meadows, coldstream, pinehurst etc) split into multiple different schools, like west winds was with the last redistributing .

This study seems to be only taking into account current enrollment and not considering enrollment in the next couple of years when results are implemented? I could be incorrect but this is based on information presented to the community as current population. Also, from what I've seen in the past, taking new construction (student) capacity at its word on family housing seems to have been incorrect yearover year so I'd advise additional data gathering on new and gentrifying neighborhoods. To me it is important to try and keep feeder patterns together or at minimum make sure there are not small areas of students following a different pattern than the school as a whole. For example 90% of school "A" elementary go to school "A" middle while only 10% of school "A" elementary go to school "B" middle. And so on for the middle to high relationships. Thank you for your time.

Should attend school closest to home and not district based on demographics.

Are there laws set in place that stop developers from OVER developing areas when schools are already at their max capacity?

For most people in Urbana, we moved here for our children to attend top schools without paying private school prices. This also affects many kids who have grown up together in sports in the Urbana community and looking forward to their high school careers together. (Yes, 8/9 year olds talk about the future and winning championships!)

"OneUrbana" is not just a hashtag - it's a family and I hate to see my children torn apart from their friends because of greed, money and piss poor planning.

As you continue to work on the future changes that will impact so many families, I hope you take the time out to get to know the community beyond this survey and a few public meetings.

Students should attend schools they are closest too. Parents should be able to access the schools easily from in proximity to their address in order to facilitate community involvement. Parents and students are stakeholders and should be heavily involved with the planning process.

The Lake Linganore community, especially with respect to the neighborhoods adjacent to the lake itself, is a very tight knit community. While it is obvious from the overcrowding at DCES that one elementary school cannot continue to accommodate the majority of the community, it would be really nice if they can mostly continue to the same middle and high school. So please, weigh the impacts on our communities carefully! Thank you!

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I appreciate the multiple means of communications (emails, website, youtube, etc.) and the opportunity for feedback and updates throughout the process.
With all the new housing development happening on the east side of Frederick, new schools should be built in that area and the existing neighborhoods' kids should get to continue going where they do now (if they want to). Additionally, putting all of Spring Ridge neighborhood in the Spring Ridge ES -> Oakdale MS -> Oakdale HS feeder pattern makes sense to me to keep the community together as those are the closest schools.
I think it is best to keep neighborhoods together, most importantly.
Personally, I am OK with SRES going to TJ because they have excellent programs. My concern still lies in the fact that our neighborhood is split and a separate issue surrounding SRES as a whole. I would love for our neighborhood to all go to SRES but I also love the student demographic. I will say that if nothing changes for us, as a parent of a student at SRES (with 2 more students to follow) change needs to be made to improve SRES. We moved to the area for the schools and have been disappointed in the change in administration year after year and no additional support from the county or push for programs to improve the school.
We just moved to this part of Frederick from the Crestwood/FHS feeder pattern specifically to attend the Oakdale feeder pattern. I want to remain in the Oakdale school's. Build new school's and leave our neighborhoods alone.
As outlined, the proposed process seems inclusive of community feedback. I hope that community members will participate thoughtfully, and that their concerns will be taken into consideration.
The process seems very organized, which I can appreciate. We moved to Lake Linganore (Aspen North) last year from out of state. We specifically chose this location for the Oakdale school district AND the private community that surrounds it. Of course, the quality of education is top priority, but I feel strongly that the line should not be drawn across a private community. My hope is that most of the Lake Linganore communities can continue to go to the same middle/high school. With the potential new road being built outside our neighborhood that will eventually give us a direct route to Oakdale schools, its the obvious choice for us. With that said, I still vote for keeping us together...regardless of what school (as long as its comparable to existing district). Thanks for reading my comments.
The growth in this area is going crazy . Many new homeowners including myself purchased our homes because of the schools . I have a freshman from out of state and to move him again (to a school farther away) as a Junior would be devastating. Hoping there will be a grandfather clause for these students. Changing schools at this grade level would be devastating .
We are very nervous we will be redistricted after moving to this area specifically for our current school district. It's disappointing that we moved away from family to give our kids a safe and engaging educational environment and now that may be taken away.
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I do not currently have any children but am concerned about the future of my community, the students within my community, and how it will affect my future children. Having very open community meetings and live feeds are great! I love that you brought in a consultant to help organize and arrange the redistricting. Seems very professional and I feel as if I can trust their judgement and the decisions they will make.
I appreciate the transparency and thoughtfulness so far; i hope FCPS and consultant really hear and incorporate, to the best of their ability, family and community responses. We moved to our home in LARGE part due to the school district for E, M, and HS. We understand the extensive development occurring around us but would be saddened to change our schools due to that - especially when the transportation route from our neighborhood flows so well to/from all the Oakdale schools!
Many people are worried about the quality of their child's education at a different high school. How can we make the high schools more equitable or to offer the same level of classes, etc?
As someone who recently purchased a new home, making a life-changing investment for our next 20-years, there were signfcant hours spent researching communities and specifically school districts. It'd be unfortunate to be moved to a new school district after the school district was one of the main reasons to move where we moved. I recognize re-districting does and will happen; I just ask we be kept at the same level school. Therefore, if we're slated to attend schools rated as a 9, I feel it's only appropriate to re-district us to an equal (or greater) rated school.
Our little neighborhood (Planning block 51) in Monrovia is a lot closer to UHS and was once districted to UHS. It is currently districted to LHS. Looking into the future, there are 25 elementary labels in this planning block. If you made PB 51 again UHS you could then move PB 9 to be LHS with 87 elementary students this reducing the eventual size of UHS by 62 students. Just a thought. The houses in PB 51 are older and no new development is planned therefore the amount of kids will probably stay the same or decrease while in PB 9 it may increase.
My son will enter middle school soon and we are considering moving to an area where he can attend all oakdale schools because he does not want to make new friends at TJ middle that will not continue on with him to Oakdale high where he could potentially have to make new friends again. Middle school to high school is a very delicate age of transition and it is imperative that this is considered throughout this study. this is a very important point to consider throughout this study. Moreover, studies show our children thrive with consistency and routine. If we can keep our neighborhoods together I believe this is an important factor in our youths development.

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It seems that this is being done in a very careful and thoughtful way, and you are doing an excellent job of getting the info out to everyone. Thank you!
When discussing the planning blocks it was mentioned that attendance is noted. Some of these blocks are new construction and will continue to evolve. How will you account for this? There is also a very strong sense of community within the entire Lake Linganore community. Many residents are several generation in, I think it would be very bad for a sense of community to divide it by subdivisions.
Uncertain of how development projections impact the redistricting and the maps are not separated by neighborhood
I know so many families are waiting on pins and needles as to whether their children will be redistricted. I keep hoping to at least see a couple of options/maps that are being considered but also know it is a process. I sincerely hope that students already in high school would be allowed to graduate from that high school.
It creates stress on families who picked areas to live in based on the school children would attend.
I would like the entire Spring Ridge community to go to Oakdale HS
Stop building and this wouldn't be an issue. Build another middle and high school rather than 4 elementary schools.
My overall thoughts on the process is that it will work for the best interest of families and school needs.
Please seek to balance enrollments at these schools.
It seems that development numbers and school student numbers do not overlap. It's frustrating to move to an area specifically for the school district and then a 5,000 home development is built and kicks you into another district.
Our concern is that you are going to take kids out of higher ranked schools and put them in lower ranked schools. This will not only affect our kids but it will affect the value of our home.
The process is just beginning so it's a little hard to have an opinion at this point. However, I think it is off to a good start with regards to communication with the community. Redistricting is always going to be an issue as people often by homes with the anticipation of attending certain schools and there are certainly a lot of other factors at play here. I think the efforts being made so far to show how many students, etc. will go a long way towards transparency when decisions on new district lines are made. So, I would have to say so far I like the process, but there is a long ways to go before this is complete.
We live in the Woodridge neighborhood and purchased here based on schools. Mostly concerned about middle school. Hoping we stay Oakdale and not switched to TJ. That would defeat the purpose of moving here and would also have a major impact on our property values.
I would like to remain in the feeder pattern we are currently in.
It's stressful for parents and students. Many parents bought homes in order to be in a specific district. Students want to be in a consistent school environment with their friends, teachers, and siblings.
Please don't split up Lake Linganore and if you have to use the lake as the split (pinehurst Summerfield together) Meadows , Coldstream aspen together
I'm nervous my kids will not be able to continue in the schools they are attending.
That I would sincerely hope you would give school preference to people who have BEEN living here over the people who are currently building out here because Ryan Homes made it look "cool" to live out here with no regards or respect to the actual community.
Let current high schoolers finish at their current high school.
I understand this needs to happen. DCES is well over capacity. As a p of rent of a current first grade grade is the largest grade level there it is frustrating that her class doesnt even get to eat lunch together. I just hope we dont get redistricted from OMS and OHS.
Spring Ridge is already bused to tj middle. Way too far of a bus ride every day for our kids. High school can not be that far away. We need to be at a close high school for sports for these students! The community is split for elementary which creates a divide in the neighborhood.
People have bought houses based on current feeder patterns. Students in the Oakdale feeder who currently attend TJ Middle should also attend TJ High. All of Spring Ridge should attend the TJ feeder. Breaking up neighborhoods should be avoided.
I think redistricting is necessary to keep student teacher ratios lower and to provide a better learning environment for children. I believe the process should be completed before a school reaches over capacity. Deer crossing is currently grossly over their capacity
I purchased my house on August 10, 2018. It was purchased BECAUSE the high school was OAKDALE. I am a single mother of 4. It was vital to me that my children go to Oakdale. I don't understand why spring ridge doesn't go to oakdale MS as well. We are further from GTJMS. I am horrified to think that the school districting could change after basing the largest purchase I've ever made on what is currently in place.
Maybe people that live in Linganore with an address of New Market can go to the schools that have those names. People that have had kids go to one high school should be able to have all their kids go to the same one.
Every efforts should be made to keep existing students where they are currently attending prior to adjusting for new housing developments.
Necessary

Thoughts and Observations
I think keeping students close to their neighborhoods as much as possible is good for parents and students. It allows children less time on the bus and making friends who live close by.
We moved to a neighborhood based on current districts. Why were these issues not addressed along with new development? Seems to be reactionary rather than proactive. Don't builders need to provide funds for needed additional Infrastructure?
Kids need to go to school closest to their home
It's my opinion that communities should not be separated, for example current Lake Linganore students should stay together, Spring Ridge students, new Oakdale neighborhood students, etc. No one should need to go to a different school than someone who lives in their same neighborhood.
Local involvement is crucial. Representation from each school impacted should be mandatory for a redistricting committee. Emotion of those affected MUST be considered & respected.
We just moved to the area and are building a home within the current school district. The schools ratings are what made us choose this area to build a home. All three are close enough for our child to walk or a short drive for us. Hoping they take those thoughts into consideration.
I like you are including community opinion. The community, staff, and admin need to work together and communicate to reduce the level of impact on students as much as possible.
Resources should be used wisely. If buildings are sitting half empty, redistricting is necessary. That is part of public school. If people have a problem with that then they should really send their child to private school instead.
Extremely hesitant. We moved to a certain location to ensure our kids were at strong schools and would feed to Linganore.
Interested in HS redistricting as my OMS students will be affected if lake Linganores meadows neighborhood moves from OHS to LHS. Which will effect the career based courses they have access to.
You have done a thorough job of explaining the process. I love how the interactive map allows me to follow along as the study continues.
Children that have already been filtered in to a certain school district it would be nice to keep them filtered to that school district and filter the incoming children at the younger age into the redistricting. Thinking about the children who have to start at a new school and not have to disturb their school pathway.
I do not want redistricting to be led by the need to even out social programs and financial status of the students. Stop over development until the schools are stable and can adequately provide for their current student base.
I think a lot of people are very nervous, but ultimately need to come to the understanding that this is something that needs to be accepted as what is best for the students. However, what is being done to ensure this won't have to happen again in the near future? The developments in the area still aren't finished to completion, and more development continues. We need better infrastructure in place to start.
People that have lived close (within 2 miles) to a school for years should not get sent to another school much further away because of new construction - especially at the high school level. I think redistricting high schools is more of a concern to people than redistricting MS or ES. A little overcrowding at HS is not a huge concern to disrupt neighborhoods over.
Redistricting should be phased in. Any current student and siblings go to current school. Newcomers get restricted. I don't want my kids spread into 2 different middle and or high schools
No child should have to leave the peers they have grown up with to start a new school district in middle school as currently happen on the TJ district for example. That's horrible.
Kids should grow up with peers and feed as a group into bigger schools.
Social welfare of the children must matter most and having to make new friends at age 11-12-13 is the worst. It's unacceptable to set such expectations as a county.
Keep neighborhoods together
I think so far the process is fine since you are trying to communicate what areas will be impacted. Interested to see how the new boundaries go since I know we will be affected in some way.
We bought our home specifically because of our middle and high feeder schools. We have very valid concerns about our children's education as well as our future home value being impacted by the redistricting.
Students shouldn't have to ride buses for 40 minutes to get to school if there is a closer school
Make every effort to ensure stability for our children by maintaining established feeder patterns. Any changes should affect only new admissions. Find a way to grandfather children in to stay in established patterns so they are not impacted by changes.
Ideally, it would be great to be able to keep neighborhoods together when possible. In addition, in the event of redistricting, I would like to see rising seniors being given the option of staying at their current high school.
Let the community not the money decide.

Thoughts and Observations
Overdevelopment continues to put a strain on these school systems. If it doesn't stop we will be doing this every two years and that is not fair to our children. I would like to see our elected officials do more to address this problem.
Want daughter to go to school with neighbors in Lake Linganore. Moving here because Oakdale is a great school. Upset if this changes
We are right on the current district line now and feel we will be changed. Would hate to see my child(ren) be split from friends who they have been with for 7 years. It is not educational concerns because any of the schools would be great, it is more social concerns.
I would like for all those that live in New Market to feed to Oakdale HS
Please allow students currently attending OHS and OMS to be able to finish school in their home feeder patterns. Children who have grown up as Oakdale Bears should be allowed to graduate from Oakdale as planned.
We bought our house where it is because of the schools and the education we wanted for our kids. We tested the area by renting for a couple of years before we committed. Our kids have been in these schools for a long time and have friendships and feel comfortable here. It seems extremely unfair to us that because of new construction now the school boundaries have to be modified it is not a proactive approach but reactive. You can't separate kids from their friends and schools and think it will be ok. If money making by developer is the main concern why are they not paying for additions to the current schools. Academic performance is very important to us and it is the main reason we purchase where we purchase our house. Taking away the schools and breaking up communities it is going to be mayhem. I am not sure how kids would do but they would certainly be upset. By doing this you may be forcing people to move again. I am just wondering how could anyone rely on a school system that does not considers the needs of the families that are investing on it.
The committee is doing a great job collecting feedback.
I would like equal access to programs in the event my children are restricted. I also would like time on transportation to be taken into consideration.
I want all my kids to continue to attend school with all the friends they have made since elementary school and that also live in the Linganore neighborhood.
We live in Lake Linganore and are concerned about our kids being split up from friends, especially during the middle school years. I don't want to see our community spread out piecemeal and possibly going to three different middle schools and then two different high schools. That's a lot of social transitioning for kids at a formative age. It seems to me that our Lake Linganore community could be split between two middle schools, Oakdale and New Market. Thank you for your consideration.
keep feeder patterns together (not sending 1 school out of feeder pattern for middle school then return to feeder pattern for high school), avoid splitting schools & neighborhoods
Frederick has a terrible reputation for dedistricting to reinforce racial segregation. That's not ok.
Leave current students where they are or give them the option to stay in current designated areas
I hope consideration is given to families with multiple kids in the school. It's frustrating, time consuming, and unfair when you have a senior at one high school and their younger siblings have to move to a different high school or when your senior has to make the hard choice to switch because you're not able to balance multiple high schools and/or transport.
I appreciate the early engagement of the community and plan to continue that.
I want the process to be transparent, thoughtful and fair.
Schools are an important part of a community. I believe it is important to have students attend schools that are in close proximity to the student's house for a number of reasons: ability to possibly walk to the school and ease of attending after school functions such as Back to School nights, curriculum nights, sporting events in high school. As an administrator at an elementary school in another county, it is disappointing that many families do not attend our after school activities because of the distance (20 minute drive) to return to school. When my children attended high school in Fred. Co., the drive was 25 minutes for them in the morning/afternoon and about 40 minutes for us to return to school in the evening because of the traffic. It would have been nice for them to attend the high school that was built five minutes away -- they would have saved 40 minutes every day to complete homework, sleep later in the morning, etc.
Seems fair thus far, interested to see what happens
The number one reason for us years ago moving to LL was school district. We downsized to a 1,700 sq ft house to afford it and now we might be sent to another district and see our property value decrease. I wanted our youngest to go to the same school as our oldest. They need to stop building so many houses!
I have 4 kids, 6th, 3rd, k and 2 years old. This redistricting will have a big impact on our family for many years to come. We live in a newer/ currently being completed neighborhood but part of a large established community and I believe that it would be beneficial for all of the kids in Lake Linganore attend the same High school at a minimum to keep the cohesiveness and sense of community running strong in this very large community.
I would like my children's school to be as close to our home and as easily accessible as possible. I would like them to remain in the same school system their 13 years of school- and not be shuffled around. I personally was switched as a child to different school districts between 4th and 5th grade and it had a negative impact. I do not wish that for my children. Thank you for your time.

Thoughts and Observations

All efforts should be made to place children in the schools closest to their homes. Children should not be redistricted to a lower performing school.

I believe that something needs to be done to prevent a child from having to be redistricted more than once in their school career. Perhaps honest predictions and proper planning would alleviate this mess. Families often purchase homes based on school districts (as we did) and now we are faced with the fact that our children may end up attending schools that aren't ranked as high as those we had planned (and purchased at our max budget) for. Something needs to be done to ensure that ALL schools have top ratings and staff. Since that hasn't happened, I would expect that my children attend a school that is equally rated as the one we are currently districted to attend, otherwise you have lowered my children's level of education. That is unacceptable.

I was surprised and very disappointed the meeting to formally discuss redistricting was not rescheduled after it was cancelled for inclement weather.

I recognize the need to redistrict. I am hoping for a fair, honest, equitable division of boundaries with no parties being favored one over the other. Do it right in the hopes of not needing to do this again for some time to come.

People choose homes based on school district and maintaining that is very important for kids already in the school system. A grandfather clause would help.

The county needs to factor in school impacts when it approves new housing construction. The problems now are the result of uncontrolled growth in Urbana which completely overcrowded that school. Our family will be exceptionally unhappy if our kids are moved from Linganore high school halfway through their time there because of problems at Urbana caused by poor county management.

We moved to our neighborhood due to the high quality of these schools and moving schools so often can not only effect the education they are getting but impact their ability to adjust to a new environment. I don't agree with the redistributing concept.

Most important is that we moved to an area because of the High school and now there is a possibility that our kids might not even attend that school.

Please carefully consider proximity when doing the study. Students should go to the school closest to their home. Also try to avoid splitting up large neighborhoods such as the Spring Ridge subdivision.

My hope would be to allow current HS students to remain in their current school through graduation.

Wish the building in the areas of potential redistricting had been planned better. I have a 3rd grader with anxiety and ADHD. To move him to another school would be detrimental since he finally has much needed support in his current school.

I have three children, and all three will have had different elementary, middle and high schools. The child who's experience academically and socially has surpassed the other two went through Oakdale elem, middle and Oakdale high school. The consistency and community involvement makes a huge difference. All the schools are great with great teachers, but the consistency in the feeder pattern was key.

Grandfathering HS students should be given top consideration otherwise you'll disrupt (in a negative way) the educational progress made to date. Allowing HS students to finish and graduate from their current high school gives them the best chance to graduate and make a smooth transition to college or pursue other educational opportunities.

Spring ridge should attend ohs due to proximity. Spring ridge has been used as a balancing tool too many times and I do hope it won't happen again.

I have extreme concerns about the impact to students who may be pulled from their current feeder patterns. These children have established friends and a sense of community and it is socially, mentally, and academically detrimental to cause upheaval in their school careers. Particularly if it means that a child will start attending a certain school and then be changed in the middle. As a parent, it's unacceptable. The students should not suffer because some adults decided that it would be a great idea to build a gazillion new homes without the forethought and common sense to make sure that the infrastructure could handle the influx of new families and students.

We are very happy with schools our children attend and based our home purchase on those schools 6 years ago. Our main concern is our boys getting redistricted to lesser schools and negatively impacting their educational opportunities. Another concern is the potential for negative impact to the property value of our home as the result of redistricting to lesser schools.

I would like to see our Middle school be relocated at we live in SR and attend TJMS. Although we have had a great experience, the amount of time it takes to get there is unacceptable. This AM to drive my son there and get home it took me 45 minutes. OMS is maybe 6 minutes tops from our house.

All efforts to lower class sizes and make the teacher student ratio fair and even across schools should be made!

Developers are driving the redistricting by building and selling to the "great school district" model. Children live across the street from one another, but go to different schools by some arbitrary luck and design. I may live closer to one school, but my kids go to the school farther away because it's an older, established neighborhood. Fortunately, we are in a good school district, but everyone wants the shiniest and newest schools.

The community needs to be reassured that all homeowners will get equal say and equal opportunity to attend good schools, not just homeowners with the biggest, most expensive houses.

Thoughts and Observations

Having had older students move through and graduate from the Oakdale feeder pattern and then moving to the Linganore feeder pattern with my younger children, I am less concerned with the educational welfare of students, as I know all of these schools will meet student needs. I feel there is a challenge for the planners in regards to the rural areas (bus times) and the densely populated areas (proximity to multiple schools). There are strong school ties in all three communities and it will be hard to draw those lines without some uproar. I wish more parents had a deeper understanding of all the schools and the positive school culture at all. Knowing that their students will do well no matter where they land.

We purchased our new home in July 2016 (PB 29) and one of the main factors was that our son would go to Urbana HS which is currently a 9 out of 10 at greatschools.org. We would be very disappointed if he went to Linganore HS which is 7 out of 10. Urbana HS also recently won the blue ribbon award and is another reason why we would want him to go to a strong academic based school. Please do not change our zone to Linganore as this would negatively impact his academics.

The number one factor should be how close you live to a school. It's ridiculous that the Spring Ridge neighborhood keeps having the potential to be sent to TJHS. There are many other neighborhoods like the neighborhoods being built near Pinecliff park that are closer to TJHS than Spring Ridge. Location should be the number 1 factor in who goes to what school.

We bought in the Lake Linganore area because of the specific schools that our children would attend and the performance of those schools as well as the demographics. To be faced with overcrowded schools Or have my children move schools after many school changes with the military we would be very upset. Both of our children will be out of elementary school when the change happens so my main focus is the middle and high school changes

Want to see preliminary map

I have never been through this process before, so I don't have many thoughts yet. I want consistency for all three of my children. I currently have a child in each, NMES, NMMS and LHS. I want all 3 of my children to follow to the same schools. This cohesiveness of community is important to my family.

The Board during the last Redistricting Process never considered the impact on the few students that attended OES who were sent to TJMS. This group consists of the back part of Spring Ridge who went to OES instead of SRE. This group of students probably averages 24 kids a year. These unlucky students were forced to leave their classmates and friends at OES for 3 years of middle school to go to TJMS while 95% of OES went to OMS. Then 3 years later forced to leave those relationships and thrown back to OHS into a pool of friends that existed without them during middle school. The changes of Adolescence are tough enough without having to have your whole social network of friends changed up twice because The Board at the time lacked common sense to keep a handful of students in their own feeder pattern. I had 4 kids go to TJMS. It's a great school and had zero bad experiences but the worst part of the middle school Years and transitioning back to HS was the anxiety over new social settings and fitting in when my kids could have simply continued on with their classmates.

Also, I wish that the previous Board considered the amount of time the students are on the bus. Before the new road The buses for TJMS and OHS pick up Were almost at the same time. Because of the travel time my MS child was boarding a bus Aprox at the same time as older HS students and returning home 15 min before the OES bus.

The new road opened while my last child was at TJMS. But my other children often had 45 plus minute rides to and from school every day when another middle school existed less than 3 miles with a 15 min or less bus ride. Often my kids completed their HW on the bus, hardly an ideal studying environment. The length of the bus ride was also unacceptable. I also can't image the expenses of driving the children of all of Spring Ridge across town in buses is cost efficient.

I hope this Board really considers the impact of sending a small portion of a school's population to another school out of their feeder pattern and the impact that long bus rides have on the lives of students and their families. I'd rather you use our tax dollars in the classrooms than on operating buses.

I hope, whatever the outcome of this process, that the welfare and happiness of the students will take top priority.

Please be sure to take diversity and financial efficiency into account when planning. Diversity is very lacking in FCPS in the majority of these schools. It is vitally important for our students of color, as well as white students, to have diversity for our future and for their positive educational experience.

Please be mindful of FUTURE enrollment, not just current enrollment. There are still developments going in that were approved with the former County Commissioners that are just now breaking ground. Those areas need to be included in the evaluation or else we will be in the same boat in a couple years. The total number of houses going into these developments is NOT a secret; it needs to be factored in when making these decisions.

Thoughts and Observations

We are residents, parents with students in PB 29. We would like to address each redistricting level, and from these standpoints: community, school district financial, and county fiscal.

PB 29 is Windsor Knolls HOA, an isolated community near 355 and 270, with a pattern of life mostly flowing in/out of Urbana: the closest grocery store, library, restaurants by many miles. Unlike communities to its north, it is removed from New Market and Mt. Airy.

High School:

- 1) From a community standpoint, keeping PB 29 in Urbana High School is in its best interest. To remove it and place it with a high school nearly twice as far away with a high school so geographically and communally removed would only serve to isolate this community further. Keeping PB 29 with Urbana High School would help maintain the community and would also help welcome the immediate Urbana community itself into our Windsor Knolls community if redistricting them into our community at the middle school level is warranted.
- 2) From a district financial standpoint, keeping PB 29 in Urbana High School is in the district's best interest. Removal would increase busing/transportation costs to the school district by nearly double from our closest bus stop. An 11.4 mile daily round trip to Urbana High School, would become become an 18.8 to Oakdale, or even further, Linganore at 19.4 miles per day. This would negatively impact the county and the school district financially. Keeping PB 29 in Urbana High School would save the school district money.
- 3) From a county fiscal standpoint, keeping PB 29 in Urbana High School is in the county's best interest. As PB 29 is so isolated, it is mostly dependent on its schools for home/property value. Unlike communities with close proximity to shopping, restaurants, etc., PB 29 is heavily reliant upon its schools. Keeping PB 29 in Urbana High School not only keeps the substantial property value in PB 29 steady, but also its sizable tax base. This would be a positive financial impact for the county and the school district to keep PB 29 in Urbana High School.

Middle School:

- 1) From a community standpoint, PB 29 is intertwined with Windsor Knoll Middle School. We think of it as an extension of our community. We also recognize it is in need of redistricting. Students currently in Urbana Middle School would be welcomed into our area. This would also increase communal harmony already in place at the high school level, with PB 29 students already in Urbana High School. This would create an even broader, healthier community feel. Relieving overcrowding in Urbana Middle School with a middle school in a community already aligned with Urbana High School, and keeping PB 29 that way, would be beneficial.
- 2) From a district financial standpoint, busing/transportation costs are neutral to PB 29 as there is no transportation cost with our PB. When one looks at the map however, we see the district would save money by redistricting communities to the north into New Market, and yet would be mostly transportation neutral or slightly negative if communities to south/west of 270 shifted from UMS to WKMS.
- 3) From a county fiscal standpoint, how the school performs determines how PB 29 house values perform, which has a direct result on the tax base.

Elementary School:

- 1) PB 29 has enjoyed being aligned with Kemptown Elementary school. However, Kemptown has had many changes over the years, particularly with having several different principals in a short timespan. The community has changed with each, and as parents (with a student currently in Kemptown) who have endured this constant change, we are not adverse if PB 29 must be changed to Green Valley Elementary if the redistricting situation warrants, or if keeping PB 29 with Urbana High School would necessitate such a change.
- 2) From a district financial standpoint, busing/transportation costs would be slightly higher to keep PB 29 in Kemptown, but given other factors the district must consider this may be negligible.
- 3) From a county fiscal standpoint, this is also neutral, dependent upon how the schools perform.

As residents of PB 29, Windsor Knolls HOA, we think it imperative to keep PB 29 in Urbana High School. At the middle level, we would welcome those currently served by Urbana Middle School into our Windsor Knolls community, and while we have also loved Kemptown, we would understand any change necessary to Green Valley at the elementary level.



Thoughts and Observations

<p>'High schools only comment': Considering that the combined capacity percentage of the three high schools in the study is close to 92%. I think that the cost of this portion of the study should be deferred to a study that includes a broader area and/or that considers a new high school to better balance current enrollment numbers and plan for growth in areas that continue to be developed.</p>
<p>Having a child who will be in 8th grade next year and is well established within the Oakdale feeder/community through sports and activities the impact of a change would be devastating, especially if the Lake Linganore community is split.</p>
<p>Too many schools are overcrowded - there needs to be equity across the schools. Also, our schools are not diverse. The HS kids leave OHS and go to large universities and realize that the world is a wonderfully diverse place with people of different backgrounds. That should not be the first comment a child makes once attending UMD.</p>
<p>We live on the other side of 270 from VOU (Ramsburg Estates) and would like to ensure we continue to be grouped with the VOU schools/feeder pattern since they are so close to our neighborhood. I believe the initial plan is to have our neighborhood go to the new Sugarloaf ES, which may not make the most sense since we have to drive past Urbana ES to get to Sugarloaf ES. Please review the map/driving directions to each school from our planning blocks to ensure that is taken into consideration when assigning our neighborhood. Thank you!</p>
<p>Class sizes have and will continue to grow to a size that negatively impacts the success of both the students and the teachers . Administration and the BOE are disconnected from the realities of performing and instructing in a classroom of 25-35 students at the various age groups under the high school age groups.</p>
<p>I urge you all to attend a full week in these schools not dressed up or in the mindset of your current role but with open eyes to how the classroom size impacts the productivity and success of our youth.</p>
<p>We consistently lack the foresight to plan properly when the growth of a community is permitted without proper planning to minimize classroom sizes prior to the development occurring. This is disheartening when we know and allow this to continue to without the proper facilities to support the success of our youth and educators.</p>
<p>In addition why are the same programs not allowed in more than one school when comparing the merits of the school population versus sending students to another location?</p>
<p>I appreciate all of the information that has been disseminated to the community but am worried that the decisions have already been made and this will happen regardless of community concerns.</p>
<p>Just hoping that there is no change for my neighborhood.</p>
<p>We are in spring ridge and would love for our kids to be able to continue at oakdale elementary and then oakdale middle and high school since these schools are closest to us. We specifically moved to this area for these schools.</p>
<p>It is my hope that you keep students who are within walking distance to a school at that school rather than busing them somewhere else.</p>
<p>Overcrowded schools need to be fixed so our children are not in portables.</p>
<p>We just built our house, keeping in mind that our kids would be going to Oakdale schools, if we'd known this was going to happen and our kids may have to go to a different school, this most definitely would have affected where we built our home.</p>
<p>concerned that students that are currently in high school will be forced to go to other high schools. Since they have already established friendships, familiarity, etc. this would be a problem.</p>
<p>The last redistrict of east county used free and reduced meals and family legacy as it's #1-2 criteria. Hopefully this board will use common sense and FISCAL responsibility with transportation in making proper boundaries.</p>
<p>Need to include the impacts of student safety with current and future traffic patterns</p>
<p>I am most interested in the timing of the changes and how it will affect our children</p>
<p>Like most people, we live where we live intentionally based on schools. Not only do we not want our children to move schools, they are pivotal ages of which is would be harmful emotionally for them. So we are hoping that our schools remain the same.</p>
<p>Our neighborhood has been Urbana HS since day one and I don't feel it should change. My daughter is currently a freshman and is very upset and stressed thinking she will have to go to a new school in her Junior year. If this happens I would hope she could get grandfathered into staying at Urbana.</p>
<p>I think it is difficult to change things, but change is needed sometimes. Students well being and education should be primary goals. This includes educational and social aspects. Keeping kids together from elementary to high school, makes a community stronger long term as bonds are formed to allow for study groups (academic positive) and long term friendships (social positive). It also allows families to know each other well preventing crime as there is a vested interest when families are interacting long term.</p>
<p>Will wait to give this feedback until a later time</p>
<p>I don't believe a student whose already is enrolled in school for more than 1 year and plays sports, and has siblings who graduated from the same school should be required to transfer. The impact on that students well being would be tremendous. In such cases, the students should be grandfathered in to their current school.</p>

Thoughts and Observations
Limit the amount of changes to student programming. Do not split up neighborhoods. Please be mindful of aftercare programs. This change WILL cause anxiety for students and families.
There has been great transparency so far, but I would hate for my kids to lose the academic opportunities of Urbana High School.
I have concerns for both my children as they are at a very critical age for personal growth. I'm worried about how this will impact their social development and how they experience their academic environment.
By having a third party handle the process, I am hopeful that there will not be any undue influence with regard to the redrawing of the boundaries, as it is rumored that there has been previously.
It is good this is being reviewed. I live in the Oakdale community and the MS is already over subscribed. With 600+ new houses being built, we are concerned about overcrowding in school and impact on education.
County Planners and developers created this issue. Should we lose the Oakdale school system, which is within eyesight of our house at Lake Linganore, the impact to our children having to change and to our house value will result in legal action. Please minimize changes. Put the impact on new developments and planned developments to the extent possible.
We moved to Frederick because we appreciated its diversity and wanted our son to go to school with people of all colors. I'm concerned that by redistricting you will create more mostly-White/Asian schools in the county and leave TJ and Frederick High as the only county high schools with significant minority populations. This will effectively segregate the county. And it will bring down the average test scores (state/standardized tests) at TJ, giving it a lower rating on Great Schools and thus devaluing the properties within TJ boundaries, leading to ever-more segregation. I've seen this happen in other places and I don't want it happening here! I'm also a strong believer in smaller, neighborhood schools that students can walk to (and can walk to the houses of their school friends). It is essential to creating a sense of community.
Spring Ridge is located within 1 mile of Oakdale Middle School. It doesn't make geographic sense for the students to bus from Spring Ridge to TJ, which is 6 miles away. With dual income families, single parent households, etc., the geographic location and proximity to the neighborhoods should be a major factor in this decision. We pay a higher housing rate to live in the spring ridge community and to be in a good school district. The overall ratings for TJ in comparison to Oakdale are drastically different
The academics come first and keeping children/subdivisions together is important and impactful for socializing purposes.
The need to balance school capacity and looking at development for that 5 year window so we minimize redistricting so schools are not close to capacity.
I feel the students should attend the closest school to them, that keeps them in their community. We live 3 miles from UHS, THS is 12 miles away, but not in our community and w/ traffic would take at least 20 minutes. It was the same w/ Springridge and OHS, going to TJ made no practical sense for those in that community.
I think it is hard on the students to be moved around when they have established friends through sports and activities. It takes away from the sense of belonging and community connectedness. We were already moved out of the Oakdale middle school district a few years ago. We specifically bought our home because it was in the all Oakdale school district and less than a five minute drive from our home.
Please keep Neighborhoods together. There is more she was schooled in the building and the capacity. It is the culture and the community. If you separate neighborhoods it will affect culture and community. Please think this through. Neighborhoods need to stay together.
I want to ensure my children will continue to attend Oakdale schools.
Very concerned. We moved here and paid the high impact fees so our family would attend schools in this community. Now, we are being told that may not be possible and they would be elsewhere. That isn't fair to the people and children in this community. Maybe send all the outlying areas to the other schools because they are not specifically in the Villages of Urbana. I would dislike seeing small children being sent far from home also. Can't more portables just be added and keep the community together?
My children go to schools that are crowded. So, clearly, adjustments need to be made. TJ Middle and Windsor Knolls Middle are two schools that are functioning well below capacity. It would make sense to redistrict children in neighborhoods close to those schools so that they attend those schools.
My children walk to Centerville and Urbana MS, so it would seem cost effective for them to remain at those schools.
Would like my children to graduate from same school!
We purchased a home in a specific location because of the specific schools. The schools are closest to our home. It is imperative to us that our children not have to travel 10 or 15 minutes further away because the school system failed to build capacity in the areas where building is occurring.
Please consider geography, long bus rides add a lot of time to an already long school day.
All consideration is needed to have children remain in the current feeder schools and set the priority to what most benefits the students and community as a whole. Majority of families moved to areas in the county, which are impacted by this study, for the sole purpose of having our children receive quality education / enriched school environment/ experience and quality of life. This will be greatly impacted by BOE / FCPS decision to redistrict students outside of the current feeder patterns.

Thoughts and Observations

We have two students that attend the Urbana HS IB program. One will be a senior and the other will be a sophomore when the new redistricting will be announced I would ask that our son who will be moving from Pre-IB to diploma IB be allowed to stay at UHS. I know that there will be students currently in the feeder pattern that will be asking be grandfathered into this program. The out-of-district current limit for this program is 20 students. My hope is that our son who was accepted into this program in 8th grade would not be forced to vacate his spot and another solution be considered for those pre-IB students who are currently in the feeder pattern.

Inadequate past planning should not lead to wholesale future changes. Current disruptions in the feeder patterns MUST be kept to a minimum.

It's great that you are having a transparent process. It's too early to have any observations, the study has just begun. I do wish you had actually done the study and had preliminary results before opening this to public feedback. Right now you have lots of opinionated parents with zero data and a long year ahead to think about ways to be angry and disappointed with whatever the outcome is.

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Last time FCPS tried to redistrict our neigh orhood it became a battle and we won. Not fair moving kids around because of frederick county's poor planning on allowing too many new homes to be built and causing havoc on the ones that have been here. I bought my home to be in a specific school district and have NO plans of moving my kids to another due to the counties poor planning. Stop over building our areas and we wouldnt have these issues!

Having an internet survey with no verification of who is voting is inviting fraudulent responses. Please tell me that you are taking this into consideration... well, you can't actually tell me because you don't know who I am.

I don't want to see students be taken from the schools they are attending in the middle of their time there.

We have a son who is an out-of-district student at Urbana High School who will be sophomore when the new redistricting will be announced I would ask that our son who will be moving from Pre-IB to diploma IB be allowed to stay at UHS. I know that there will be students currently in the feeder pattern that will be asking be grandfathered into this program. The out-of-district current limit for this program is 20 students. My hope is that our son who was accepted into this program in 8th grade would not be forced to vacate his spot. My wish is that the current in-district pre-IB students be grandfathered in or another solution be considered for those pre-IB students who are currently in the feeder pattern.

We moved to Urbana for the schools.

This is a challenging process. There is no way you'll be able to make everyone happy. I don't envy the people responsible for this task. My children bus to centerville Es. I get that my daughter could possibly attend Urbana or sugarloaf when things are finalized. I'd be okay with that as I still see each of these schools as neighborhood/community schools. However, if they are moved to another middle or high school I would have some strong concerns about that. Unless there is a new build within the community, I would be strongly opposed to them relocating to another school that is substantially further away.

Are you kidding me? You put a link on the "finished" page that lets you take the survey again (and again, and again...). Think of how many times a stay at home parent (let alone a programmer with 10 minutes to write a little recursion) could fill out this survey if they were sufficiently motivated. And lots of parents are VERY motivated.

I do not want my children, currently in attendance area for Oakdale High School, to be moved to another school. One is currently a student at OHS and one is at TJMS. I can't imagine, after all of the money and support and volunteer time my family has invested in Oakdale High School, moving to another school. Please do NOT make the students in Spring Ridge move to another High School AGAIN.

My youngest is a freshman at Oakdale HS. I think those currently enrolled at Oakdale ought to be allowed to finish out their HS career at their current school.

FCPS shouldn't worry about how much people will complain because ultimately you have to do what works best for the system and the financial implications of bus routes, etc. I think FCPS is a fantastic school system. We are very happy with our children's experience in FCPS schools. I don't think that would change if we were sent to another school. They might even be better off by having to adjust and adapt to change which is a part of life. Keep up the good work FCPS.

We recently built a house in the Oakdale area (Bartonsville Road). A large part of our decision in choosing this particular area was for the school district. I would be greatly disturbed to see this changed.

Established neighborhoods (and areas not part of "formal neighborhoods") are bearing the brunt of the impact of new development and currently established feeder patterns should definitely be taken into consideration when redistricting. Also, traffic heading into Frederick on 144 is a mess, so sending kids from these areas into TJMS and results in a bus trip that is 4 or 5 times as long as it would be to have them go to Oakdale, from a distance and time perspective. That makes no sense.

Thoughts and Observations

I understand the need to redistrict, I am in a walking distance of my three currently assigned schools, but I won't be anymore if there is any change, and that is a healthy habit I want my kids to have.

So far information has been presented well.

None yet.

I hope it moves quickly so people have time to sell their houses if they get moved into a school district they didn't buy their current homes in. I know I'm one of them.

We live in Pinehurst. The new East County Area ES would be very close to us (maybe closer than Deer Crossing), however current infrastructure would require us to drive all the way around the lake and up Gas House Pike to access it. Would the new plan include a connecting road from Pinehurst into Westwinds? I think this plan has been proposed in the past, and we would be open to it. Thanks!

I think the process is fine. I understand the need for the redistricting, but I am frankly not thrilled about it. We moved to our new home to be in the Urbana HS district, but now our sons are most likely going to be moved. One will be starting his junior year. The other will be starting his sophomore year. What upsets me has nothing to do with the actual schools, we know all the schools involved are great. But it pulls a kid from a school where he has established friendships, sports team friendships and other relationships. When they change schools, all of that starts over again.

I would like to see all a middle school go to the same high school.

I have concerns regarding neighborhood impact. Students will be unnecessarily divided from their neighbors. Siblings are possibly divided due to transitions. I also believe it is important to have a future start (not just a 12 month warning!) For example, let 8th graders know they will begin the new high school. Not switch at after freshman or sophomore year or beyond. Elementary schools I do not find as big of an issue. I just think that this is going to be a bigger change than many adults plan for or recognize. I am not worried about balancing demographics, the lower socioeconomic need the grants, special equipment, lower classes. We do not have as many of these troubling factors in this neighborhood, so do need those supports. Let all kids attend the closest school to them, this keeps communities strong. We try dividing to have similar make ups as many schools as we can. I have been as a parent and teacher at both types of schools is NOT beneficial to the students.

I think it is very important that students that are already walking to nearby schools continue to be able to walk and not be bused to another location.

we live in the most western part of the urbana district. urbana schools are the closest to our rural home. we hope our daughter wont be bussed to a school farther from our home in order to accommodate residents of the urbana villages

We bought our home based on being in the complete Oakdale feeder pattern...I do not think it is fair we need to change schools.

We are sick and tired of Frederick County allowing huge home growth in the Oakdale school district with not one consideration to the over population of the Oakdale schools. New schools should be built and paid for by the builders BEFORE homes are built. The schools are always a day late and a dollar short. The current students are the ones who suffer.

Unsure how all of these new neighborhoods closest to Oakdale schools will fare in the redistricting - curious to see how you will determine which neighborhoods stay in the Oakdale feeder area.

This survey did not allow parent feedback on the overall redistricting effort and how it will effect their family.

Do NOT split the urbana neighborhoods (Highlands and VOU) to separate schools simply because it's "easy". Not only would it impact neighbors and friendships it would impact home values, and lawsuits directed toward Frederick Co. would be immanent.

I would not like it if students that have been together in middies school are moved to a different highschool then their friends they've built friendships with over the years. I think it is important for students to go to school with children in their neighborhood. For instance Lake Linganore/New Market has many neighborhoods within our community. I don't like it would be a good idea to move students from The Meadows or Aspen from OMS to TJ High School etc. That's just one example. These kids have kids have gone to school together through elementary and middle school. They've built friendships that should transfer into their high school years. I believe this is extremely important. It also effects their sports teams and the comradery they've built with team mates over their school years. Please take this into consideration.

Thank you!

It makes me angry to see parents so against certain schools and a resistance to change based on unfair perceptions about this school over that one. Kids will get a quality education no matter where they go.

Our community goes to TJ Middle, which is more than twice the distance from Oakdale middle but our children are displaced from the the comfort of friends and a known campus for a period of 3 years. This is a disruption of their social and academic development and we would like to eliminate the option of sending the children of Spring Ridge to TJ Middle and remain in Oakdale schools.

I bought a house in tallyn ridge because of the oakdale school district. If we're redistricted if will al be for nothing.

Let students currently entering their last year at any school remain at previously districted school. Also, closer proximity should be paramount.



Thoughts and Observations

Transparency highly important and well done so far. This community will get it right.

I want my kids to remain at OMS and OHS

I am a teacher in Howard County and we just went through this process last year. It takes a long time and many people get very opinionated about redistricting. Getting input from all the stakeholders is important to me as well as being mindful about the impact these decisions being made will have on a community. Being as transparent as possible is best using the guidelines that you are required to follow. Keeping neighborhoods intact so that the friendships that have been established can continue is critical to the social/emotional well being of the children. I appreciate the ability to give input throughout this process. The timeline that has been established seems clear and gives time to make thoughtful decisions.

Thank you for asking.

More needs to be involved in the process. This is more than numbers, these are kids. The less movement the better. Keep kids in their neighborhoods with their peers.

I really hope the mental health of high schoolers switching schools is taken into account. I think it would be very difficult for highschoolers to switch schools when it started at one school.

The priority should be with the families affected. Allow students to continue in schools already started. Allow siblings to stay with other siblings.

I think they should go to the closest School less time on a bus.

Have you considered the impact this will have on families financially? Many families send their children to aftercare programs associated with the school they are currently attending. Many of these are partnered with sibling preschool, to have a reduced cost for attendance. How will you supllment this financial burden if children are moved? No child should be required to go to a different school that the school IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD.

We chose our home so that our children would attend oakdale schools. I am terrified to know that might change, as I am not thrilled with the alternative. We will consider moving depending on the outcome of the redistricting, which is not ideal as we love our community.

I live at 2291 Persimmon Drive in Old Orchard Estates with my 5 and 8 year old. I'm hoping our community here on the south end of Frederick is taken into consideration to feed into Urbana Elementary School and remain in the Urbana High School District, which are both within the 5-10 minute range.

Also, I've noticed that if my child would ever be recommended to attend the magnet program, New Market ES, travel time is almost 20 minutes away, when Urbana magnet program is right here.

I completely understand the difficult decisions that must take place. Knowing that my thoughts are acknowledged, and perhaps honored, I would be forever grateful.

Keep class sizes as small as possible.

I really hope my area stays in the Oakdale feeder.

I like that the consultant explained all of the data that they look at in making suggestions. Having facts and information helps understand why decisions will be made.

I do not WANT my daughter to be bused out of Urbana. I live in the VOU and I moved here based on the schools! That is ridiculous!!! Please do not let that happen!!!

Please keep the human side of things and the emotional toll placed on the children and their families at the forefront. As a product of redistricting, I can tell you it is the most dispiriting act you can do to children in a community that have grown up together since pre-school and then to be ripped apart after many years of classes, lunches, sports and other activities together; all the things that make growing up together great. I know there are outside activities, but it just isn't the same after being separated from your friends that you used to see every day. So, while you are gathering information for your study, you should also be exhausting any and all options other than redistricting before deciding to move forward with such demoralizing actions.

I believe it is very important to try to keep students as close to their schools especially for High Schoolers. They must go very early to school and the farther they are from the school the earlier they have to wait for a bus to travel to school. In the winter, it is very dark outside when students have to walk or wait for a bus. We really need to consider their safety on their way to school.

Changes to elementary and middle school students are not too bad, but once you change a student in the middle of their high school career, this will cause issues with acclimating to the new school with any of the school educational programs and after school programs. If you make a change, the change should start with the in coming freshman students of that year. If a student has already started, they should remain with the high school they began with. I know this may cause issues with the bus and bus routes, but it is important that our kids have a successful high school career as this is what is reviewed when applying to colleges.

Thoughts and Observations

I believe there are areas currently districted to Urbana that could easily be redistricted to underutilized and well performing Oakdale with minimal neighborhood or transportation impacts. Specifically the feeder schools for Windsor Knolls need to be moved. I would hate to see mistakes from MOCO repeated in FRCO to include kids living literally next to a school being bussed a full 20m away to another school due to overcrowding. We moved to Frederick County to avoid this.

I'm not really clear on what the "process" exactly is. I know there have been several meetings scheduled and announced and community members are encouraged to attend, but I don't really know what is involved or even why the community is being consulted. This is a big county, what are the rules already in place regarding where students live vs where they attend school? And what kind of information are you seeking from the community? Ideas? Where I would prefer my child to go?

Thanks for allowing public to share thoughts.

Two things:

- 1) I don't want our neighborhood/community to be separated after our children have grown up together going to the same schools.
- 2) I am very concerned that my children will be disrupted if their schools and friends change. They both have ADHD and change is very difficult for them.

I just hope it won't affect my special ed student who loves Linganore and his teachers

Community school are important to the fabric and success of the community.

I'm glad that the community is being involved with the process and hope the redistricting helps the overcrowding without taking our children away from their community schools.

Landsdale, the large community on Ed McClain road really isn't far from Linganore High School. Seems to me, it would make sense for that neighborhood to feed into LHS eventually. This would certainly relieve a lot of UHS's overcrowding problem. Oakdale ES grew by over 100 students last summer alone. With all of the recent building that has gone up around the Oakdale schools campus in the last year and a half, I am wondering why TJHS is not part of this study. It seems shortsighted and nothing was addressed regarding how the decision was made not to include TJHS. Other than, the decision was made. When Oakdale opened, my family was re-districted, but my rising junior and 5th grader were allowed to stay at their current schools. I believe this is a really important factor to consider again. It helped soften the blow.

I think special attention has to be paid for the community that pays dearly to live near the schools that are actually in the neighborhoods. Also, in Urbana, we are a community and the children need to be kept together with their friends they see daily. Stop the excessive building allowances!

please consider grandfathering upper class men early in this process.

Thank you for the transparency and all of the ways for parents to be a part of the process! Once definitive boundaries are drawn , further into process, I'm hoping you will have a safety study done of safe walking paths and measure new volume of students as walkers . Sherriff's dept, SHA, school admin should be in attendance with parents to present plans . Schools may need to readjust drop-off patterns, SHA timing of lights/adding lanes?, etc- sheriff's dept evaluating safety of street crossing, or added congestion with additional bussing as attendance areas widen? While I realize this is a tremendous task on top of an already monumental effort, I believe we will be able to put out the fire now before it starts. Thank you again for all of your efforts on this and for every piece of great info!

Too many people want to send their child to a school they choose, no matter where they reside.. This creates a system of haves and have nots. Public opinion should be gathered, but not catered to.

unsure-this is the first one and just starting

This redistricting project should have started years ago, BEFORE the classrooms reached over maximum capacity. This situation reflects extremely poor planning on behalf of the school board. Hundreds of new homes and communities do not happen overnight, this extreme overcrowding could have been avoided if Frederick County had a school board that any foresight or consideration for their students and families.

In many instances family choose an area where to leave based on the establish feeder patterns. Considering the high cost of housing and closing cost when buying a property families have invested a great deal of money to ensure their children will attend certain schools. Relocating is not an easy or viable option for many families that have just moved in the area. The school district should consider to expand capacity of those school with higher attendance and evaluate what other options can be viable. Also the school district should perform studies on most performing schools to establish best practice and guide for other school in the district. This should also include a cross training or mentoring program between the schools of the area to align classes offered and performance.

Stop building elementary schools, make plans for middle/high schools. THS had to have an addition 2 years after opening and the surrounding communities are still rapidly expanding. There is new growth all over the county, eventually the elementary students grow up to be high school students. Butterfly/Sugarloaf/Hamptons are not enough, stretching resources at the secondary level is a disservice to our students grades 6-12 that are in crowded buildings with limited teacher resources. Take care of the rest of the county, not just Ijamsville.

I appreciate the transparency of the process to this point. I recognize that changes will have to occur in order to balance new construction of homes and schools throughout our county; and I hope that the school system and community will work openly and willingly together to develop new boundary lines.

Thoughts and Observations

I don't like the thought of redistributing 1/2 of the Lake Linganore population to a different school.

I would like to see the schools less crowded. Deer Crossing is way over capacity and it is affecting the quality of the education. We would like to stay in the Oakdale feeder pattern.

I would love to see children at CES no longer needing to spend there days attending school in a portable building. But I also have children in multiple schools and to be able to pick them all up I need for there schools to remain close to each other.

I am glad that community input is being gathered and taken into account. I do hope that proximity to schools will be taken into account when determining new boundaries. Not only is this important for reducing bus expenses (reduction of fuel costs and usage wear) and limiting student time on buses, it also would positively impact families who may at times struggle to provide transportation to practices and attend extracurricular activities due to students attending schools that are a distance from their residence.

We live 7 minutes from Urbana and don't want our kids shipped 20 minutes away to Linganore because an entire elementary school gets rezoned. Please look at individual streets.

seems to be transparent, which i find important.

The process seems cryptic and unclear.

I don't understand why after OES our have to go all the way to Gov. TJ Ms, when oakdale MS is less then a mile away from our address in TJ ms is about 6 miles. I hope this new thing will fix that mess

I do not like the redistricting process. We live 2 miles from the school and as now our street would be taken to different school that are over 10 miles away. I don't believe it's in the kids best interest to switch schools and have long commutes to school, have all of there friends and great teachers in Urbana taken from them. Doing all of these things impacts a child's academic performance. Earlier to be woken in the morning, long commute, no friends, nothing about this makes since. We moved to Urbana to come to the Urbana school district not for my kids to be uprooted from everything and everyone they know. The Urbana area is getting bigger and making new houses constantly in which new middle school or expanding the school and high school make more logic like they did with the new elementary school. Also sending kids with very high grades to schools with lower income and lower testing scores impacts the performance of my kids to be able to excel.

I think it is very important to limit the impact on the kids currently in school as little as possible, and keep current classmates together through K-12. If possible, it would be ideal to keep the whole lower school feeding into the same high school (For example, stop splitting Windsor Knolls students to 2 different high schools)

Urbana MS and Urbana HS are seriously overcrowded. I support any measures to alleviate the overcrowding.

I understand the study because of the uncontrolled housing boom, but I also hope that future growth is taken into consideration as I do not want my child switching districts frequently throughout his school years. Thank you for your understanding.

I am ok with redistricting but only if students in 5th, 8th and 12th can finish at their current location if the boundary is changed on them to provide less disruption to their education at those key years

Thoughts and Observations

Please keep communities together and recognize that many people living in areas with top schools moved to them specifically because education was a priority for them. We live in Westwinds, located in the far east side of Lake Linganore, where we moved due to the stellar 10/10 New Market ES (the only Lake Linganore village that goes to it) and upper schools, and community around the schools. We gave up living close to the lakes, downtown Frederick and urban areas because we prioritized our location around the schools. Since then, our lives have become intertwined with this school: Our often shy older daughter loves New Market ES, has close relationships with her teachers, and has her Girl Scouts and dance extracurricular activities right on main street just a few blocks from the school. I am in the local MOMS club, which includes all the neighborhoods currently going to New Market ES. Our hope is that Westwinds will stay at New Market ES so that we will not be ripped away from the academic environment or our friends there. Our second choice would be Deer Crossing ES - then at least we could join the other Lake Linganore villages and not be the odd village out. Our third choice would be the new school in Hamptons West, which will become closest to us in terms of physical distance.

So to recap, our top 3 choices:

1. New Market ES
2. Deer Crossing ES
3. New Hamptons West ES

It is our hope that you will allow kids already in elementary school, especially in second grade and up, to finish up their grades in their current respective schools. The new school could be filled gradually - initially with those entering it, or lower grades, who are not already deeply tied to the school.

Also, please move some teachers, staff, and resources to the new Hamptons West school from New Market ES and Deer Crossing, whether we are sent there are not, so that this school becomes an asset to the community and its students as well.

Please also boost lower performing schools in the redistricting area and county - please infuse them with an influx of money, resources, excellent teachers, and magnet programs so that they too will be desirable, and then you won't have parents and communities fighting over what school their kids will be sent to.

I would be very disappointed if my child is sent to Linganore High School. My son has been playing sports with boys from Urbana area for many years and it would impact him.

I am very dismayed that Thomas Johnson Middle School is being included in the redistricting. Frankly, the quality of education at that school is inadequate, and the school district has no plans to increase the quality. It is currently ranked in the 47th percentile. The educational welfare of the students should be the highest priority criteria in this recommendation, and as such Thomas Johnson Middle should not be an option unless the school district can share with residents a definitive plan, backed with a budget, for improvement over no more than the next 2 years. Without a firm plan from the district for improvement, our children's academic performance is at serious risk. In addition, this area is unique because property values are highly dependent on school districts because there's such a large disparity in the quality of schools within FCPS. The neighborhoods moved to Thomas Johnson will experience severe negative impacts to their property values, and that is absolutely not what we elected the School Board to do. We expect them to put our interests first, not those of builders or future neighborhoods.

I believe after attending the meeting last Thursday at Urbana HS that FCPS still has a lot of challenges that are not being addressed: inequalities in the level of education that is being provided by each school, qualifications of the teachers, inconsistent class offerings at the HS level, poor ratings of some of the schools in the study (also the county). Also, there seems to be a challenge with accounting for students before kindergarten age in existing homes, and the number of potential students of all school ages in the new homes being built in the communities. We were told that they have a formula, but we were then told that the formula was outdated due to the timing of the studies and the poor formula caused problems in Urbana when building Centerville. Further, the introduction of a consulting company to complete the study and provide recommendations (I am sure at a huge cost to the taxpayers) appears to be more for show versus providing equitable and reasonable recommendations. Mr. Cropper and his consulting company can use every formula and process that they have available, but overall they are going to still have too many students for schools not large enough to suffice. Then ultimately, all of your 10 pillars of priorities (Not weighted in any specific order) will all be for naught. FCPS will then just cut and divide the best way to save money and even up the schools. FCPS needs another East County HS to solve this issue. Not 10 years from now, but in exactly 2 years. We live in one of the closest communities to the OHS. When the changes go into effect our children will be affected at HS senior and freshmen levels. Using logic, based on our location, we are guessing that our children will be kept in our current feeder pattern of which led them to OHS without concern. Let's hope your "process" also uses the same logic. Thank you.

This causes a lot of anxiety and stress for the students. Please consider allowing those in high school when this goes into effect to remain and graduate from that high school if they choose to do so.

With all the building around the New Market area you need to plan for future student population not just today's

Thoughts and Observations

I feel our neighborhood as a whole should stay together. We moved to this specific neighborhood and built a home with the expectation our kids would go to Oakdale middle and Oakdale High.
Students should NOT be redistricted more than one time in their schooling career, if at all. This study should eliminate the need for future redistricting.
Please do what makes the most sense educationally for students. We do NOT want overcrowded schools. My fear is that certain parents will fight for certain redistricting options for personal reasons because they "think" a certain school is better, or they don't want their kids to go to school with "those kids" or they want their child to stay with their friends, etc. All valid reasons but we have to look at the big picture and what is best for all, especially with budgets and future growth in mind. PLEASE do what is right for students EDUCATIONALLY.
When a child is entering middle school, or high school, for the very first time it ia already a very stressful experience so to have to deal with redistricting, and possibly having to switch the school they've just got accustomed to is so unfair to these children. I have lived in Spring Ridge for 12 years and the redistricting has already impacted my 3 children by having my oldest graduate from TJHS, my middle child will be graduating from OHS next year, and now my youngest daughter's attending high school is up in the air, but most likely will be back to being sent to TJHS. The Oakdale feeder schools are about 90 seconds from our neighborhood and TJ is at least 10-15 mins away, which makes no sense thi me
We moved to New Market 12 years ago for a small town, close knit community feel and for my children to create long term relationships. Very disappointed in the way this area of the county is being developed. My son will start as a freshman at Linganore in the fall and has been very excited to do so. One reason we have stayed in our house is for him to attend Linganore. It's not acceptable that he may start there and end somewhere else. Transition is difficult enough.
Glad that the community is having a chance to have input!
So far the process seems reasonable
Local community input should be a significant part of any decision.
Are the following factors being considered in the process: (1) PB with ag or vacant land likely to be converted to residential, and (2) PB likely to see an empty-nester to young family conversion which can cause influx to elementary schools
My daughter is a junior at UHS. We live in Landsdale Subdivision in Monrovia. She loves her school, has her friends there, and is on the honor roll. I love that UHS is only 4 miles from our home! I love the programs at UHS: Black Student Association, French Club, Heritage Club, International Baccalaureate....etc. I hear the board is considering moving Landsdale HS kids from UHS to Linganore HS. I DO NOT want this to happen!! Linganore is approximately 9 miles from Landsdale. If the distance is considered, how can that be allowed? 9 miles is too far!....especially when you have a HS only 4 miles away! All or most of the programs I mentioned above, are not at Linganore HS! Those programs are important to my minority Highschooler. Also, my daughter plays sports at UHS, and that usually means I have to pick her up MOST days from school in the evening. This will be time consuming if I have to go back and forth 18 miles from Landsdale to Linganore! Please consider this! This is a big issue for a lot of Landsdale parents. Also, there have been concerns of racial slurs at Linganore HS. I'm sorry, but if you have to transfer my African American student somewhere, why there? Things are going well where she's at. I'd like for it to stay that way! I think a perfect solution would be to split the Subdivision. Leave the current Landsdale UHS students where they are, and the undeveloped side of Landsdale, that the board is planning to send to Linganore anyway, have those residents go to Linganore HS. I think that's the perfect solution. Most of the overcrowding isn't from the current Landsdale UHS students, there's not enough of them!
Minimize overcrowded schools is a must.
Already established feeder patterns should be strongly considered as many parents chose to build homes and move to homes because of specific schools.
I hope the assessment includes future growth (not just in terms of numbers of students but also aspects such as the future eaglehead rd bridge when considering proximity to schools).
The changes should not affect the current students of the schools, they should be considered for the new income.
The process did not involve the public in choosing a company that specializes in redistricting nor give the public far enough (5-6 years vs. 1 year) advance notice of the redistricting. No one in their right mind, currently in the Urbana school district, wants to go to Oakdale or Linganore - especially now that Urbana was the only high school in Maryland to receive the blue ribbon award. You should allot a year - like 2025 to prepare new families into the eastern Frederick region to make a choice and plan accordingly versus being forced to move. You should take into account families in which their kids could potentially be split up - where one finishes their high school career at Urbana and unfortunately one may have to suffer at Linganore. In these scenarios, the school should make students exempt as this could cause social and psychological issues, including lower academic standards and grades.
It's moving too slow. We bought our home based on the high school our children would be attending. While we are hoping for a change in middle school assignment, a change in high school assignment could prompt us to sell our home.
I believe proximity to school is key. I'm also concerned about kids changing schools midway. I currently have 8th and 10th grade students and would like to see them finish at their current school.

Thoughts and Observations

I hope they do give priority to those redistricted in the past and take into consideration the proximity to schools. As the crow flies we are .5 miles away. In the past we were redistricted to a school 5 miles away only to be moved back to the closer schools.

This seems to be short sighted and reactive. The county could have been more proactive when authorizing the growth and expansion of these newer neighborhoods which is putting a strain on the educational system. Instead they approve these monstrous community growths and are left flabbergasted that infrastructure isn't up to par.

i think the families living in closest proximity to one school who've lived there for the longest should have priority to attend that 'home' school whereas the families who are living in the most recently built neighborhoods - even though their presumed home school may be closer - should be the ones who could start at the potentially farther-away school...a sort-of 'last in, first out' type of thinking.

I can certainly appreciate the need to alleviate overcrowding as a result of unchecked development. We live in the Lake Linganore Community. When we moved here our very young children were redistricted from LInganore HS to the new Oakdale HS. My children are now middle and high school level students. I would be lying if I said I wasn't concerned that our unique lake community will be split and portions of it will be redistricted back into the Linganore HS district eventually creating two separate lake communities. With the exception of Summerfield, Lake Linganore enjoys an existence where children can easily walk or ride a bike on a wooded, nature trail to the neighboring lake village to meet up with friends. The children meet each other at the lake beaches and pool and families across the community come together to enjoy summer concerts and firework displays. It has allowed our child to experience a childhood unlike what many other children experience growing up. I fear that if the community is split, we lose the cohesiveness that is Lake Linganore and we devolve into separate rival communities. This occurred when the West Winds community was not redistricted to Oakdale HS when the new high school was built. So for me, established feeder patterns, student demographics, and the impact on communities is most important. I would rather suffer the pains of overcrowding than see our community split and moved to a rival school. Urbana, Linganore, and Oakdale all have unique neighborhood, social, and demographic characteristics that should be maintained. I do NOT however worry about academic performance. I consider these three high schools to be exemplary examples of a school system that is doing an excellent job of preparing our children for the future. They offer far more to these children than I was ever afforded during my school days. Though I may worry that my son may have to play with a rival football team for the remainder of his high school years, I do not worry about the academic performance of any of these schools. Thank you for your consideration. I appreciate being able to provide input into this process.

I moved to a new community (Landsdale) thinking my child would go to Windsor Knolls and then Urbana. With the changes cing that may not be the case and am concerned with where he will go next.

Fix Ed Mc Clain road before even considering redistricting Landsdale to Linganore. It's appalling that buses are allowed to travel on that dangerous road to begin with. Green Valley buses take a more dangerous, long way around on that road. Transportation is a SERIOUS concern. FCPS is only being reactive instead of proactive. Don't let an accident where someone is seriously hurt be the force that drives change. Do. It. Now.

I live in a neighborhood that could go to all three. I want my kids to finish where they start. I want them to be in a non overcrowded school. Schools should be equitable for all students.

Needs to consider educational impact but also distance

Concerned that students already in HS will be negatively impacted if they have to change schools; would like to see all students grandfathered in to current HS if they are a current begin HS before the boundaries go into effect. These students have developed identities with the HS. For some, academic and sports team affiliations have been established and students may have a difficult time adjusting to new friends and teams.

I can't imagine there isn't a need for a new middle school in the coming years. This doesn't seem to be addressed or mentioned so maybe I am wrong. But I would like a full picture of what is to come as my son will start Kindergarten in the fall.

Children should go to school with people who live in their neighborhood. New schools should have been built prior to building so many more houses in this district.

I would like to see the Lake Linganore community kept intact. The whole of Deer Crossing has been going to Oakdale Middle and then the whole of Oakdale Middle to the high school. It would be unfair to separate a portion of our community from continuing their time at the Oakdale Middle and High. We are a tight knit community with deep roots, friendships have developed over many years and dividing the community by arbitrary lines would be a shame for our middle and high school students who have grown up in scouts, swim team and sports for years.

The school district is why we moved where we are and because Urbana, to be specific, doesn't want a new school we hav ed to possibly uproot our kids because of that

I structured where I live after divorce to limit the amount of change in my children's lives, so they could have something consistent and stay with the friends and friends parents that they have grown up with.

Don't make kids switch in high school, grandfather clause kids into their current school.

Although there seems to be transparency, I believe there lacks some common sense ideas that are so easily thought of by parents, yet, the school board has never thought of such ideas to elevate the unnecessary stress that will be out on students who will be redistricted from their current high school. Sad.

Thoughts and Observations

The only observation I have made is that if one of the factors is to consider feeder patterns, with some of these impacted students already attending TJ Middle, which then has students who go on TJ High, why isn't that high school part of this study? It would seem to me that students who currently attend TJ Middle and then come back to OHS, should perhaps consider staying in TJ's feeder pattern and moving on to TJ HS.

its a hard job and I think FCPS will do the right thing. I hope FCPS is fully aware that parents moved into overpriced communities solely to get into the best schools and I hope FCPS will honor that sacrifice.

We moved to this expensive area based on the schools and knowing the area and which schools it would feed into. We could have bought elsewhere in Frederick Co and spent less money, but the education offered would not be nearly as the high standards as the current district we are in. We invested in this area with hopes of giving our child the best education Frederick Co has to offer in the GVES/Windsor Knolls/UHS. It would be a great disappointment if schools were redistricted and education would need to be sought elsewhere. I believe FCPS are doing everything they can to minimize the effects of redistricting, and are doing well in holding public forums with Q&A. Thank you for taking all of this into consideration.

People buy houses based on their school district, try to keep the newest communities feeding into the schools they bought their house in

I am concerned redistricting is a short-term solution. Perhaps expanding the existing high schools, instead of redistricting, would allow for all three high schools to accommodate more students as our area grows. Simultaneously, plans can be put in place for an additional High School once those schools are over capacity. At this time, redistricting can occur. If redistricting must occur and the Landsdale neighborhood gets redistricting to Linganore, the road MUST be improved for teenage drivers, as it is barely safe for experienced drivers.

Stop building there are too many houses going up!

Make the students top priority. Avoid having a split school like current Windsor knolls middle.

While it's understandable that redistricting needs to happen due to the increase in new communities. I hope it's done quickly.

As a new MD resident, we targeted Urbana HS and consequently bought in its feeder community. There was nothing mentioned that redistributing could take place. There needs to be communication between builders and the school system and capacity of the schools serving new communities.

I am new home owner in Urbana (Urbana Highlands, Planning Block 144), and one of the main criteria to move to Urbana was based on the good ratings for UMS and UHS. Therefore, I would be highly disappointed if the redistricting affects us negatively. The choices (criteria) that i made above are in line with my concerns stated here. I am very positive that many of the other neighbors in Urbana Highlands (PB 142 to 145) share the same concern.

With the schools at over capacity at all local schools my children attend, I acknowledge the redistricting study is very important. I also would like to emphasize that neighborhood kids should attend the schools closest to them, not busing too far away. Additionally education welfare are very important for most neighborhoods and can't be ignored based on where the kids currently live

I have been very pleased with the educational services provided to my children by FCPS and the New Market feeder pattern. I am not opposed to my children attending a different school because I do believe that FCPS promotes and emphasizes high levels of rigor at all of their schools. I would like to stress that our neighborhood was redistricted from all other Lake Linganore communities a few years ago and it has taken some time to build that sense of belonging and community based on that redistricting. So I do hope that the committee looks at communities that have already been redistricted and takes that into consideration during this decision making process. But as I said, I do support any FCPS school and understand the complexities involved with redistricting. I appreciate being informed of the possible outcomes of the redistricting and feel that FCPS has been transparent so far.

School buildings should be sufficient to hold the number of students no portables classrooms please , not comfortable temperature wise and assessing them is a trouble too especially in bad weather.

People pick neighborhoods based in schools. It's important that redistricting minimise impact. Special programs are also important and we don't want to lose them.

Good idea to involve the community.

Students living in the communities attached to the schools should remain at those schools. We live in Urbana Highlands and have raised our children in Urbana sports since they were toddlers. We can hear the football games from our house. To take kids out of the Urbana Highlands and Villages of Urbana would be a disgrace. We are a strong community with the name Urbana in our neighborhoods. If students are taken from these communities, many current families are speaking of moving back to Montgomery county.

The redistricting process needs to focus on the needs of the students and there need to be a conscience effort of the part of FCPS to make sure that all schools provide the same level of quality education.

Thoughts and Observations
FCPS has spent a lot of time and money developing pride/community centered around each, individual, high school. Linganore, Urbana and Oakdale are rivals and have more school pride than most places I have seen. Changing a school for students who have grown up in a single feeder pattern for 10-13 years will be a difficult adjustment for some, to say the least. What community building events will you recommend or will be held once the new boundaries are drawn? How will students who have been a Hawk forever be welcomed into the Lancer community? How will an Oakdale Bear change their allegiance to their rival school? Food for thought...the down side of being so singularly focused on one feeder pattern.
The kids should attend schools close in proximity to their neighborhoods. There are schools that are clearly under utilized that should be attended by those kids that live closer.
I am hopeful that consideration will be given to grandfather students that have been in one of the impacted schools to enable them to graduate with the programs and friends at the current school. This process needs to minimize disruption as much as possible.
I want the neighborhood (Landsdale) to be kept together.
I am pleased with the input that is being taken from the communities before options are announced and that the community will have a chance to view those options online. I remember the last redistricting fiasco and with new technology, social media, etc. will allow for more transparency. My only 2 suggestions thus far would be to 1) make sure you are looking at impacts not only to walkers but to bus riders (who make up a majority of our students). This was highlighted during the last redistricting when Liberty ES was (at one time) slotted to feed into Oakdale MS. The bus ride alone was too long for students. 2) Share lessons learned to Frederick Co Government on how over crowding of schools is due to poor planning by our Frederick Co Government. School impacts should be assessed and planned for before a new developments are approved; not just an afterthought.
Need to look at proximity. I live 9 miles from one school and 12 from another that is so hard for me to get to and that is the school my kid is slated to go to. Makes no sense. Need to redo the maps as so many more homes have gone up.
I want to ensure that my children receive the best education possible in a school that is not overcrowded. We moved to this district specifically for the better school systems.
Want to graduate from high school currently attending.
No one will be happy, make boundary lines and hold line on transfers.
I would prefer that students who attend a middle school together continue on the high school together rather than splitting them up between multiple high schools.
Let's get this done and ensure that the same kinds of educational opportunities exist at OHS and LHS that people say exist at UHS. Make sure all of our schools have the capacity to become a National Blue Ribbon School. When UHS has to excess staff after the redistricting occurs can you ensure that some of the stellar staff gets excessed to LHS and OHS too?
I am concerned that living in the Villages of Urbana we would be redistricted to a school not in our neighborhood. We bought our house because of the neighborhood and proximity to schools.
I think it's very difficult on students, families and communities as a whole.
Needs to happen soon schools are very crowded in Urbana
Thank you for being so open to public feedback
As a parent who lives on the current boarder lines and has a daycare provider in the same district but also on the boarder line. I need to know how this will effect my child as soon as possible. I see a lot of talking but not a lot of updates. I also don't see a lot of full answers to questions. The answers that have been provided thus far are vague and non-committal. You are messing with children and their lives. My daughter already has anxiety issues and this process is only making things worse on her as I do not have answers for her.
We moved to the area from out of state this year. The home we bought was primarily based on what schools it fed into since I have both high school and elementary aged children. It would be very frustrating to be moved outside of these schools after so much thought was put into selecting this specific area.
I am dissapointed for notgetting attention for my detailed feedback sent to email adress dedicated for this project.
I think that we should stay in oak dale throughout my child's school years. Having him go from oakdale ES to TJ Middle and back to oakdale is ridiculous. There are kids much closer than us to TJ. We drive 20 minutes one way to TJ while other buses will pass us going a learns to oakdale on their 15 minutes bus ride. It's too long abus ride or drive to go to school. He should stay in oakdale ES currently and go next door to oakdale middle. I'm so concerned about this since we live so close to the oakdale school system. We moved there for the schools and changing us around is not smart.
PEOPLE BUY HOMES IN AREAS BECAUSE OF THE SCHOOLS THEIR CHILDREN WILL ATTEND. TO CHANGE THAT IS A HUGELY CONSEQUENTIAL UNDERTAKING. THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM OF DISRUPTION MUST BE CASUED BY ANY REDISTRICTING.
I think keep neighborhoods together is important. Community building is significant in creating a strong, safe school. I think splitting Spring Ridge is odd. That population should attend the same schools all the way through.
Keeping students in same district they and siblings have attended and with same neighbors



Thoughts and Observations

We absolutely do not want our assigned schools to change. We bought our house because of the schools - and we DO NOT want to be reassigned.

These decisions are never easy. I know that our FCPS leaders want the best for our students. It is important that equitable educational opportunities take precedence. This translates into no school being overcrowded and that all schools receive similar services. Strong relationships build strong communities. Hopefully, FCPS will make decisions that will enable long term relationships to continue. In addition, leniency should be extended and practiced by leaders during transition times for transfer applications until new feeder patterns are established. This is especially crucial for families who may have students who might be attending two different high schools as a result of redistricting.

When I was young, my bus ride was 45 minutes due to redistricting. That distance was very detrimental to my involvement in sports/after school activities. I feel that it is very important for students to have a physical proximity to the school they attend. Also, students make friends in elementary school and feel a part of a community as they travel with the same group throughout their school career. Splitting feeder schools into different middle/high schools destroys this feeling and should be avoided.

I think FCPS knows what needs to be done; no need to hire an outside agency! Just do what makes sense.

Schools should redo strict so that socio economic and racial demographics are similar in all schools. For example, Urbana High School and Oakdale High School should have similar numbers with regard to rural poverty. Every effort should also be made to make sure that schools are racially diverse. If these factors were equitable across the three schools, one might find similar test scores and levels of academic achievement as opposed to two schools being ranked highly and one poorly at the middle and high school levels. This is even true at the elementary levels. Why are the FARMS numbers high at Spring Ridge, but low at Oakdale Elementary? These factors may create a more equitable learning environment for all students and encourage better educational supports in all schools.

I am thoroughly impressed with FCPS' outreach and communication regarding this process. The redistricting is already getting ugly. It is imperative that FCPS continues being transparent in the process and to quell rumors as soon as they arise. Thank you for using a variety of communication strategies to reach out to the impacted school communities. Kudos to your staff!

I believe the grandfathering policy is very upsetting. Especially with High School students. High school is such a wonderful time for students. To not allow whomever start a high school not FINISH and graduate at that high school is very upsetting. Look at MANY MANY redistricting schools and they ALL let high schoolers be grandfathered in.

This process seems reactive to growth that you were not prepared for. Many of us with new build homes chose it due to the school. Redistricting anyone away from Urbana High School, you are taking away the opportunity we just provided for our children to attend a top 10 high school in the state. No matter which way you sell it, the other two do not hold that ranking.

As the area becomes more and more populated with new homes and developments, the balancing of schools is essential. We moved to the area because of the schools and hope the redistricting is of minimal impact on our family.

Change is necessary; but I hope it's done so the impact on the students is minimized and the change happens without abruptness in their FCPS careers

While I appreciate the efforts to inform the public and gather feedback, I'm wondering to what extent the public voice will impact the decisions made, or is there already a redistricting plan created?

With this study I keep hearing about new elementary and Middle schools, which wont fix the issue of overcrowding in the high schools for the long term. Will the study also look at a recommendation of expanding the current High Schools? I know that Urbana has a large campus with additional space to add to the building to create capacity.

You should also be considering the timing of realignment effecting relocation of existing students. Students, especially high school, should not be uprooted during their 4 years and forced to redistribute to a new school. You should also consider instances where redistributing will result in further travel distance not just the minimal impact to some.

I think the process is happening very quickly which raises concerns regarding the accuracy of the process and the ability to clearly define growth patterns in the county. The growth has been increasing here and it seems odd that this wasn't thought about until now- when there is a large problem. A proper study in other areas has taken a year or two. It is hard to believe that the county is doing this entire study in two months. This is very rushed. I understand the need to fix this problem, I feel that doing it this quickly will result in further confusion or another study in the near future. While I appreciate the transparency which has been discussed, I feel that the loudest voice in the room will receive the track they want for their student. Overall, I think the message of how this process is going to be completed has not been effective. The meetings which have been had appear to be strategically placed (Urbana High School). Many feel isolated from their own schools during this process. I think the School Board needs to slow down and take their time with this study as the county may be in the same boat again very soon and in bigger trouble when trying to redistrict a family for the second time.

The school years can be a very trying time for some students and the social connections they develop are often critical. Please consider students that may struggle with being focused academically during these awkward years by not adding a loss of established camaraderie to their days.

That it would make sense for Landsdale community to go to Linganore HS to alleviate overcrowding in the Urbana HS

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I am disappointed that this could effect my high schooler- my worst nightmare is that he starts somewhere, and has to finish somewhere else.
I do not think it is acceptable that new developments (ie Landsdale and new building in Urbana on 355) were okay'd with no new plans for an additional school. Where I live, Urbana is a much closer school - yet I find that we could be sent to Linganore (which is much farther away) to allow for those developments to feed into Urbana. Neighborhoods that are not as large and have been around much longer will suffer because of poorly planned overdevelopment. Also, having children at WKMS as Urbana feeders when 75% of the school go to Linganore makes for a difficult high school transition...please do not split middle schools when they feed into high school.
We do not want our villages of Urbana broken up. We moved here for the Urbana school. Our kids will be devastated if broken up with their friends and the schools they know and love.
I'm not sure yet.
Please don't redistrict Spring Ridge high school students from Oakdale, a high school they live so close to that they can hear Friday night Oakdale football games from their backyards, back to GTJHS, a high school almost 30 minutes away across town. It's already ridiculous that Spring Ridge students attend TJ Middle when Oakdale Middle is a 3 minute drive from that neighborhood. Stop gerrymandering school districts to improve school test scores.
Thanks for taking considerations in a survey. A lot of people did not grow up here and are used to smaller, town-based school systems. Maryland uses a county system. You moved to a town, you ensured you got that town's schools. simple. Not as simple here. There is a lot more to consider. My main concern is having kids be able to walk when possible and having high schoolers drive the shortest, safest distance. As a tax payer, I appreciate that you are considering the operating and capital costs. I think that ought to be high on the list of considerations. Describing the operating costs of the different models to the public may appeal to the logical thinkers in the county. This won't appease the feeling public who find it a travesty to break up a "neighborhood", but it would be useful information to share.
Kids are resilient and parents are not! All of these schools are great and I do not think it is right to listen to parents who are only worried about the school their kids go to because they are trying to keep up their own reputation. Do what is best for the budget so that ALL of FCPS is not impacted.
I understand that it is a necessary process. I hope that proximity to our current high school is highly considered when making new boundaries.
It is unreal. The growth is horrible. What about MS or HS in the future. All these new homes advertise Oakdale schools. People are going to flip when this new districting happens. Need more community input too
Students should attend schools closest to their home. There are two middle schools closer to our home than the school that my child attends. If the population of the area exceeds the capacity of the school, then the area would require more schools or an expansion of the existing schools.
I am totally against it! It is shameful that the county would insert another neighborhood, much less school, with thousands of more people, including children & elderly put onto the roads that have basically existed since the 70's. I have lived here since 1968 and traveled Gas House Pike either to Rt. 75 where the curves and drop-offs have killed people (included my father's grandfather) or to Frederick where they STILL have not fixed the cut in the road that endangers driver's every day with the falling boulders that will cause a deadly car accident before something is done to address it. Shameful to all those who put there stamps on new construction everywhere without truly knowing and addressing the impact.
We moved to this neighborhood specifically for our children to make friends in the neighborhood and attend the Urbana schools.
Major concern in the Lake Linganore community is that children from the same neighborhood will be divided. This would have a negative impact on the kids, families, and community. In my opinion, these issues should have been addressed prior to allowing 1000's of homes to be built. The number of large neighborhoods that have recently been built is causing this issue. Prior to the approval of building is when these plans should be made.
Retaining established traditional feeder patterns is top on my list, as families have deep traditions. We fought once to have Liberty Elementary School students remain in the Linganore HS feeder pattern. We'll campaign again if necessary. We love our feeder schools and community!!!
Due to my blindness, we chose our location so that I could easily walk to the elementary school. For UMS & UHS, having students cross Route 80 is very dangerous.
Splitting up a neighborhood, such as Lake Linganore would have a negative impact on the residents and students. Students' friends would be split up and parents rely on their neighbors to help with car pool and after school activities.
Hoping neighborhoods remain together. Like if a school change is made, they move together to help students overall well-being.
* We should try not to redistrict students more than once in a school career * My biggest concern is that in our largely rural areas where there aren't really neighborhoods, schools are our community, so breaking these apart seems extreme.
We determine where we live based upon school districts please do not change them to make someone have to travel further when a school is in there backyard

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I am hoping the Lake Linganore communities currently attending Oakdale Middle and High will continue to go these schools so the neighborhoods are not split.

The absolute top priority needs to be student welfare. It is a fantastic and mandatory process to involve parents in this, as that is why FCPS has a system in the first place. Continued feedback to parents is of the utmost importance.

There is not a lot of clarity on what the results of this process will be. As such, within existing communities there is a lot of anxiety about changes. I feel the county and school board should work together in preemptively determining the impact of addition homes in new or expanded communities such that current residents do not have to be burdened with potential displacement and that capacity is kept in check.

All factors are important. It depends on the lens one is viewing the process. Currently I have a 5th grader and 8th grader and the decision will have an immediate impact on us, so their well being and community is important. However educational welfare of all students is priority and all factors should be taken into account.

Charter schools !

I have signed up for FOF and watched the YouTube presentation, but this is the first time I saw any info re: a survey. It is better to send out "too many" reminders on this very important subject. I would strongly prefer, now that my child has started at Oakdale High School, she be allowed to graduate from there, for reasons of academics, athletics, and other extracurriculars.

Scared that my kids will have to change schools after establishing a bond with staff and other students.

Was hard to choose if established feeder patterns was one of my top three. We don't want to be stuck in the past, just because it is established. But we also don't want to divide communities. I understand the division in Spring Ridge between middle schools has been a big issue in that community. I would like to avoid that in our community. I have heard of plans for future elementary schools, and if the new community in Woodridge goes to Linganore High, it would make sense. As it is a large number of homes, and the families are not preestablished in the oakdale community yet. I understand if that is not the only new community. Around oakdale high school is exploding, and will inevitably push out others from that school- just due to proximity. I know Linganore and oakdale are both super close as far as driving and both practical for Lake Linganore families. I grew up when it was one bus on Boyer's Mill Rd to New Market; and New market middle was built. I can't say I have a preference yet for the decision, as I have more research to do. But I do have a son in 7th at OMS and a daughter in 4th at DCES and would like for them to not be divided. There are a lot of emotions in the community around this subject and look forward to seeing the process and progress.

Necessary to distribute students between under and over crowded schools, but not happy it seems to happen so frequently. Realize that the study area is being affected by a significant increase in new homes in the area. Kids should stay in the schools closest to their home address. I find the current situation I am in with my kids (Oakdale Elem, Gov Thom Johnson Middle and Oakdale High) to be completely unacceptable. Gov TJMS is 6.6 miles from our home, while Oakdale middle is 2.4 miles (almost 3x as far) having a child in a school on the other side of Frederick has been detrimental to our family and my employment. Feel strongly that Oakdale elementary should feed directly to Oakdale middle.

I appreciate the communication and allowed input.

FCPS needs to engage in conversation with the land developers. The Lake Linganore community should be kept together at Oakdale, families have uprooted their lives to move into this community to attend Oakdale. Use common sense please!!!!!! FCPS seems to make decisions in a vacuum prior to vetting then they have a conversation after it's done. I hope this is not the case, use common sense and our tax dollars pay for the schools and those that work for FCPS - our voices must be heard and taken into account.

The idea that students from a neighborhood would be moved to another school even farther away from their home than the current school they go to is mind boggling.

I feel that students that have started in a certain district should remain in that district throughout. Studies have shown negative impacts when students are moved to another district.

While redistricting is probably necessary to accommodate the amount of growth this area has seen, it's a significant impact to High School students. My hope is that those who are already established in their current high school (at the time of redistricting) are not moved. A school change could significantly impact the platform that some students have spend years building. This is a crucial time for students to establish a foundation that will ideally carry them through their adult lives. Let's give them every chance to succeed.

My biggest concern is that I don't want my students sent to a school that is significantly further away. That is both a safety concern (from extended time on the bus) and a practical concern (if school is far away then we would have less interaction with the school and its programs).

The last redistributing that took place for this feeder pattern was overly political and an embarrassment. We have been stuck with school buses driving past each other to score political points. Put the students first this time. Keep Ray Barns completely out of the process.

I think its important to consider articulation patterns, especially going from middle school to high school. Students who will ultimately end up at Linganore HS should not be going to Windsor Knolls MS, especially when New Market MS is underenrolled.

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should minimize impact to students in existing schools and look more long term at feeder patterns.
The lead time for implementation should be 3-4 years so that families can plan better. This will cause families to move if the high schools boundaries are changed, which is an unfair financial burden. Having a rolling 3-4 year implementation plan will better serve the well being of the community.
If a student lives in the Villages of Urbana and/or the Urbana Highlands, they should attend school in their own community of Urbana.
My biggest concern is that my now sophomore may be forced to go to a different school for his senior year. I hope consideration will be given to doing an incremental adjustment so that this will not be the case for any students affected by the redistricting OR at the very least that those who can provide their own transportation will have an option to finish in their current school.
I hope that consideration will be given to continuity for smaller schools and communities not just catering to the ever growing Urbana community.
We just purchased a home in Pinehurst with the plan that our now 2-year-old child would be in the Deer Crossing-Oakdale school district. It was a major factor in our decision to purchase in Pinehurst
If a student is within walking distance of a school and lives in a community of people that walk to school, there is no good reason why that student should not continue to be enrolled in that school over someone that buses in from miles away. I would hope that FCPS recognizes that under these geographic circumstances, putting a child on a bus to drive 15 to 25 minutes to another school while a student or neighbor that lives 1 or 2 streets over continues to walk to their community school b/c of an arbitrary boundary is not an acceptable solution. The solution to this challenge should be addressed geographically. Students who live outside the towns where the schools are physically located and are currently taking buses to these schools should be the first to be redistricted. As an example, if Urbana High School has an over enrollment challenge then the students that bus to the school from Windsor Knolls, the Rattlewood area and the new Lansdowne community should be appropriately redistricted to Oakdale or Linganore High School since they are already busing to school from outside the Urbana proper area currently.
Walkers reduce costs and keep kids in their communities. They should not be effected. However 40kids in a high school math class (currently) and too many children so that they are unable to run or play football at recess is unexceptable. Landsdale and Windsor Knolls kids are already primarily bussed and should be redistributed vs any of the VOU children.
I think that the schools need more funding
process to number centric and not focus on build cohesive and consistent communities between school levels. We shouldn't be switch back and forth between feeders during the different school levels.
As the parent of twins in the 2023 graduating class, I am worried about the impact of becoming deeply involved in their school community as a freshman and being uprooted for the remainder of their school career. Please, please, please grandfather all three grades, 10-12 when redistricting students to a new school.
I would like to see the Q and As from the meetings broadcasted as well as the presentations.
The focus of the discussion around re-districting the schools should be around relieving the congestion of students within the schools and limiting the impact of change to the smallest amount possible.
I am new to the area and this is process is VERY new to me. I watching closely to learn how the county will continue to build homes and rearrange established feeder school patterns. Of course, our family will make decisions based on the survey's conclusion.
I think you need to minimize the number of moves a specific geographical area experiences. I live in a rural area and we become a target for redistricting because we don't have the large numbers within a neighborhood. Simply put, it is wrong.
Also, exceptions need to be made. There are programs at one school that the children are already involved in that aren't even offered at another. The option to appeal, particularly at the high school level, needs to be made possible and readily accepted.
Just that new market west needs a school bus for middle and elementary. The walk is not safe despite being so close.
I am concerned about the possibility and process with multiple students from one family. With a large family I will have 2 high school students consistently high school for the next 15 years and I don't want them attending different schools. I'm also concerned about the academic environment in other schools. We bought our home in the boundaries of what we felt would be the best school for our children. I appreciate the opportunities this process lends to community feedback. I hope that the fedback is well utilized and that we will have an opportunity to vote ourselves on adopting the new boundaries.
N/A
Suggestion: High school students should be excluded from all re-redistricting. If the students started HS and completed 9th grade, then let them finish it (unless they want to attend "new" school)
To start with, I understand that no plan will please everyone. Lines have to be drawn somewhere. Currently my property is on the line between Twin Ridge and Kemptown Elementary which means my daughter currently will go to Urbana HS while her friends will go to Linganore. Both schools have good programs but personally I would like the line to move placing her into the LHS zone.

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Please, try not to "phase in" the redistricting, just do it all at once, of course the East county schools will have to wait a year. People with multiple children in the schools could be impacted in a very different way having the possibility of kids going to 2 different high schools or middle schools or a high school student in a different feeder pattern than a sibling middle school student. this just seems like a ridiculous situation that can be avoided, by just going all in when redistricting is to take effect in 2020.

I don't believe that established residents should have their children redistricted due to the poor planning of the recent increase of growth. Also, if redistricting occurs students should not have to change high schools once they have begun high school. Open enrollment should be allowed for those immediately affected by the redistricting, if they have been removed from previously appointed school.

Redistricting students east of the river to TJ Middle is crazy. The fact that the director of operations is running the project, but also has a real estate interest in the outcome of the project is potentially unethical.

Please don't bomb my property value to protect Paul and the developers' interests.

I have two children (4th grade and 7th grade). I am adamant that they need to stay together and not end up in different schools when they are in 9th grade and 12 grade. This situation happened in my family growing up when my older sister was in Liganore and I was redistricted to Urbana. This type of change is very difficult on families and I feel this is a major concern for families that this redistricting may impact.

I just would like to know that my neighborhood will all be in the same school so that my children can stay with the other children nearby. I also would like to know if the all the schools will offer the same opportunities for the children whether academic, music/arts, sports, extra curricular etc.

I would prefer my daughter stay in the Oakdale MS and HS feeder. That is one of the reasons we moved to this neighborhood (Woodridge) years ago. Once the Eaglehead bridge is up, she would only be a mile away.

While I appreciate the reach-out and engagement, I'm concerned some of the choices offered in the Top-3 survey are mutually exclusive. The process of redistricting hits several check-boxes. I'm dismayed one option suggests as many as 3 redistricting operations per child throughout a 13-year educational career (no more than once every 5 years: e.g. K, 6, 11)

Clearly the overload of The Landsdale Community is one of the parting factors. We are Urbana. We live and shop and support local businesses and our child/ren's welfare accounts to continuing to build such a beautiful community, in Urbana.

With that said, Liganore is a fine school. Respectfully, this is personal- and I feel the County should do what is best for The Children and not by means of finance, politics, land division or otherwise.

The families matter.

I think redistricting is needed at this time and based on the information we have currently been given, the redistricting will overall be a good thing. I am very glad there is so much information given to parents and the chance for us to give feedback during the process.

While this process is certainly necessary because of the current overcrowding issues, I disagree with students having to be moved to different schools and feeder patterns during their school career, with the exception of when a new school is built. Which it certainly seems is necessary and was not appropriately planned for. Students, families, and entire communities support and identify with their schools; not only the students but also the parents and community members have built relationships with the schools and their staff and the moving a district lines undermines and hurts that ability. Families have based their living arrangements and futures on the schools in their community and movement of those schools could cause an upheaval of families rethinking where they live.

Children should be able to stay in the current feeder system once they reach middle school.

To stay in urbana area district!

I attended the first redistricting meeting at urbana highschool. I realize this is a difficult process for everyone. To help with the process, the analysis needs to be transparent. I was surprised to learn that these factors above won't be weighted and used in a multi-criteria analysis. Instead, the decisions will be made by humans who can not possibly process all those factors in their heads to come up with the best option. Only a computer can do that. I think people may be able to stand behind results from a robust analysis. In addition, the factor related to maximizing walkers and minimizing bus distance contains two factors that can be quite contradictory. For example, because of all the development in Oakdale village, my child may have to be bused past Oakdale MS to Governor Walter Johnson MS. The result will be more walkers and longer bus times. Therefore, these two different factors should not be combined.

More thought need to be given to ability of locals to support when new housing development is being green lighted.

My general thought is that FCPS will do whatever is best for the school system financially when making this decision. I also think that FCPS will find a way to prove that whatever avenue is least expensive is also the best choice for the "Educational Welfare of the students." My hope is that students will not be bussed out past their current school just to attend another, less crowded school, outside their neighborhood.

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The county should factor in the social impact on kids, trying to keep kids within a community together whenever possible as that extends into their social connections. If they can attend the same school as other kids in their community/schools, they should be more at ease with and familiar with their surroundings (school and transportation) as they transition into the next school year, helping them focus more on academic performance vs. the stressors of having to be separated from friends and meeting all new people. Kids have enough stress these days, keep them with the classmates/community members that they have grown with whenever possible. Parents should also not be penalized having to drive an extreme distance that could essentially be a reverse commute. Invest more in growing our schools to match the other approved developments vs. penalizing the parents and kids with routine redistricting. My eight grade niece was redistricted from Urbana to Linganore and she is super stressed and anxious for the next school year, as she doesn't know ONE person going to Linganore despite having grown here her whole life. This is NOT an ideal situation to be in, particularly for kids that don't have an easy time making new friends/adapting to major change.

I think it is important to keep elementary schools together and not split them once they go to middle and high school.

It would be helpful to decide what data will be used in assessing the redistricting. Is it based on the planned enrollments posted most frequently as of December? New predictions submitted to the state but not yet approved? It is hard for the community to provide valid feedback on reasonable options if we have different data available to us than the consultant or other FCPS employees have. In addition, I believe we should consider options to redistrict students to schools NOT included in the study if they are under capacity. Parkway comes to mind - in this option Parkway students would not be redistricted, but by adding students to that school perhaps enrollment levels would move closer to capacity and ease overcrowding elsewhere. There are several planning blocks that sit well outside of any close proximity to Oakdale now (Spring Ridge being much closer) but perhaps Parkway would be a logistically closer option, would balance out enrollment levels, and yet not disturb the current Parkway students (since the current Parkway students would not be subject to redistricting). I appreciate your consideration.

I think it's important for kids to go to schools that aren't too far away. Travel time on the bus is less important to me than the travel time required for parents to pick up their kids who are involved in school activities. I would be less inclined to allow my kids to participate in school activities because I have a long-hours job in Rockville and already struggle to get her from Sugarloaf. I care a lot about the diversity in schools as well, so a reasonable balance of the two would be ideal.

I would like it to be as open and transparent as possible. It's particularly important to me that academic achievements, test scores, rankings of the three high schools are shared, so that as parents we're making informed decisions in advocating for one middle/high school over another.

I would like my children to stay in the school we are already in.

It is unfair to redistrict communities to drastically different schools (Oakdale Middle to TJ Middle) when taxpayers have purchased homes based on these feeder programs to get their kids access to the best school districts. Not only will this impact families, but it will impact home prices and resale values. While I understand the reasoning and rationale for these proposed changes, these decisions have incredible impacts on our families and our futures. We will leave the area if we are redistricted to a different district, and take our tax dollars with us.

I am unsure how the use of a contractor based outside the local area will affect the process and decisions

I believe the process should include more parent feedback.

We purchased a new home in Day's Range (Ijamsville) about 18 months based on our son eventually going to Urbana High School That was a deciding factor on where to build a home...

Acknowledging a review of the feeder pattern is indeed appropriate, my recommendation is the resulting new feeder patterns are phased and gradually implemented.

In addition, impacted students that will be juniors and seniors in the 2020-2021 academic year should be given the opportunity to complete their studies at the high school they attended their sophomore/junior year. Sophomore and junior years are key and instrumental for students, as that's when they'll establish true relationships with teachers and other school personnel. These relationships are important in the college application process, particularly when the students must obtain genuine recommendation letters from people that truly know them. Transportation for these students is an item to consider, and perhaps a good compromise might be for the parents of these students to provide transportation to/from school.

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I think the board is doing a reasonable job attempting to redistrict. No one that is moved will be happy.

Depending on the number of kids it would effect, if a child was going to be re-districted in their senior year of high school, the ability to stay at the old school would make many parents(read UHS and OHS) happy and alleviate a lot of demands/begging/ tears from parents.

I state this not because it will help me; I'm about 90% sure you will redistrict my child in an attempt to keep 'my entire neighborhood/community' in one feeder pattern in her Junior year. This will be awful for her. She will lose all of her classmates since the 2nd grade, but in the grand scheme of things she will still graduate from high school (whether it's from the 'Drug School' OHS or the stupid kid school LHS. I understand from several parents at the redistricting hearing that LHS is the black/stupid/ farm kid school - they didn't know it was my district - always amazes me what people will say when they think they are with 'their own kind'.

Interesting you should list student demographics are a factor, given the schools in this county are highly segregated; which is why some of the white parents are freaking b/c they don't want their kid to be sent to one of the 'black' poorer performing schools. Perhaps we work harder as a school district to pull up the handful of 'poor performing' schools so every school in the county is amazing (95% of them already are).

I wish the board luck. You won't hear me complain. Perhaps I'll complain about the bigots and racists. I was truly horrified by a few of my fellow white people at the forum on 31 January. Makes me ashamed I served in the military for 28 years defending folks like this so they can perpetuate bigotry and hatred. We live in the land of Trump.

LHS is under capacity only bc we have a lot of homes on large lots. I dare say many of us have more money than those Urbana/Landsdale folks. Some of us chose a location that wasn't overcrowded with postage stamp lots, cookie cutter houses and piles of traffic.

The board should call a spade a spade when they stand up and speak openly racist statments. It is the only way we will change our world. If we call people out for saying things that are abhorrent.

Good luck.

I think there should be as little disruption as possible to current Urbana residents. If you live in Urbana you should go to Urbana schools. Since the schools are overcrowded we should look at moving kids from areas outside of Urbana that currently go to Urbana schools. This would help the overcrowding problem.

Well I would consider as the demographic area is the most important aspect for redistricting- means which ever school is nearest to the residence the child should be studying in the same school for life time. Secondly if the capacity is filled or the school is over crowded than it has to short list the distance of the children's coming to school and whoever is farthest has to be in the list of redistricting area.

We are very happy with UHS. We strongly feel that students with older siblings or those students who already attend their feeder school, especially in high school, should not have to change schools during their high school years. This is disruptive to their learning and disruptive for extracurricular activities.

I don't think that students should switch schools when they live close to their current school now. I do not agree with the notion that if they are taking the bus now it doesn't matter which school they go to. I moved to Urbana (in the Vou) in order for my children to go to Urbana schools. Not to be forced to attend a lower academically achieving school.

I don't think it's a good idea to remove a child from his/her current district. However any younger siblings or family members should attend whatever district has been chosen. Example- if a 12 year child is in Oakdale school district now they should stay. If they have a younger family member not in school then they should attend new district if chosen to switch.

Many move to an area and buy a home based on the schools their children will attend. I want the best education possible but also know the schools and staff have limitations when overcrowded. Hoping my child is not sent far away versus a local school 5-10 mins from home. Our community has a planned school site (elementary), wish that would be looked into as a solution and budget provided to make it happen (it is not on the plan until at least after 2026)....

The process itself makes sense, but usually it results in supporting a foregone conclusion already determined by developers, the BoE and County Council.

I think that there needs to be balance in all districts. I think everyone gets the same education despite school/district, but it's obscene that with the 3 high schools, 5 middle schools, and 7 elementary schools, some are way over-populated while others are near empty.

I chose 3 BUT minimizing walkers is not a concern. Minimizing the amount of time on a bus is. Keeping neighborhood children together is.

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My main concern is the safety of the schools. Green Valley Elementary is not safe especially in regards to an active shooter situation. What is going to be done about this? Fixing this or building a new school to replace it should be high priority. We feed into Green Valley and I am not comfortable sending my son there. Imagine if nothing was done and a situation that could have been prevented did take place?

Right now, I'm not in favor of the redistricting. It seems that all the elementary schools are over capacity and what the area truly needs is another school. Shuffling kids, however frequent, WILL NOT solve the problem.

The process does not seem to take into account the impact on families. I moved to my home two years ago so that my child will attend the Urbana feeder schools. I also choose to move to the same neighborhood as family, so that before and after school care was taken care of. If we are impacted by this change, it will be a great cost to us financially.

The 'neighborhoods' in this area are more like small towns. Therefore, splitting 'neighborhoods' SHOULD be considered!!

Having moved here and bought a house in the Urbana high school district specifically so that our children could go to this top rated school, we have been shocked and disappointed to discover just how many out of district kids also attend the school. In addition to being extremely overcrowded, with more and more houses being built every day, the more out of district kids there are the more need there will be to re-district in order to not turn away children whose families are buying houses literally across the street from the schools.

I bought a home in Landsdale so that my children could attend Urbana High School.

I would like to see the results of this survey be presented to the community. In addition, I would like the consulting group and board to publicly present their views and weights on what they are deeming to be Pros vs. Cons of initial and future models.

A+ on using social and modern tools and leveraging GIS.

So far it has been very transparent which I appreciate. I just hope those connected politically or those who have deeper pockets are not able to sway the process. I do find it frustrating that those of us who have lived in our feeder systems for 10 years and more are being pushed out due to development and newbies. How about last in, first out? I know that's not very PC.

I would rather Windsor Knolls MS students all go to Linganore than have some tiny fraction at Urbana. I taught high school for many years at a school in another county where a small part of the incoming freshmen class came from one middle school, with more than half of the class coming from another middle school (where everyone came to the same high school), and the balance coming from a third middle school. The students who came from the school that only sent about 40 students at most (of a freshman class that was at least 250 students) had a VERY difficult time integrating well into high school. They rarely knew another student in a class, but the rest of the class was already formed into cliques. It made matters worse that those 40ish students each year were from low income housing when the bulk of the rest of the school was upper middle class income-wise. I would not wish that situation on any child. The school I taught at was also overcrowded and that was bad for the student body on many levels too. There are only so many spots on sports and academic teams and when the school is overcrowded some students are unable to participate because the percentage of students who can get a spot is smaller than when the school is at or under maximum capacity. The hallways were also packed like a can of sardines during class changes in a way that was untenable.

I have a 10th grader who is very involved in her schools music and art programs as well as marching band, drama Dept. Tech support and National Art Honor Society. She is thriving in academics. I would hate to see the balance she worked hard to establish be yanked away from under her by having to start over in a new school. I sincerely hope that you give great consideration to a grandfather clause allowing all high school students to complete their high school years in the schools they currently attend. Thanks for your consideration.

We feel FCPS's request for public input isn't genuine, that not much weight will be placed on the feedback gathered.

So far very transparent, I enjoy the update, I hope you can continue to have public meetings

I personally have witnessed the overcrowding at the elementary and middle school level in our feeder pattern. Both of my children have been impacted by the overcrowding - in that I don't feel they have always gotten the attention they have needed. I am equally worried that friends/neighbors literally 1-3 blocks away may be sent to a different school - impacting the dynamics of our close knit neighborhood. This is a difficult process and I hope that all factors will be considered in a fair and neutral manner. The real estate developers have not cared and should not have any input into this.

While it is obvious that this needs to be done and some changes need to be made, it is never easy. People's emotions run high when you are talking about school identity being linked to personal identity. When people choose certain neighborhoods or homes, they did so under an impression that this is where there kids would attend school. I think it is good to have an impartial entity doing much of the work, but really do hope that you take into account your residents comments and opinions.

I'll wait to comment to see how transparent the process actually is.

Whatever decisions are made, I would hope that staff coverage for the number of students at each school is taken into high account so that we are not left with high class sizes. Currently, my son has over 30 students in his 4th grade regular education classroom. I believe that this results in more "behavioral" problems, when really student are not receiving the amount of services and attention that they need to be successful. The current means of accounting for the number of students is outdated and projected way too far in advance leaving a gap when additional students move in, new houses are built, etc. Please take staff ratios into account!

Thoughts and Observations
I would like to see my children finish school in the current feeder pattern. Also, given our proximity to these schools it would not make sense to have them attend others.
Newer neighborhoods should be the ones most impacted as they are the cause for redistricting. Neighborhoods that have gone to the same schools for many years shouldn't be further negatively impacted by addition of new neighborhoods.
Why is TJ not being looked at as well? As a school that has capacity to grow it should be involved
I believe that politics aside the true benefit of the children should be the primary concern. I think that neighborhoods and communities should not be divided up with varying feeder patterns.
In today's society the social well being of kids drives a lot of the success students have at school by giving them the confidence and safety nets to succeed academically. I also think the the location of where you live in terms of county verus city limits should also drive decisions when thinking of redistricting county families to city schools. Lastly, this is a major process so taking into consideration the future growth and infrastructure plans that may change distances is important. Thank you.
We just purchased a home in the Tallyb Ridge neighborhood specifically because it was zoned to Oakdale school. We would want any change to that zoning to result in the children attending a school with comparable or better ratings. This is a must.
New construction should not punish old and existing neighborhoods. It is unethical to bus children far away because the county allowed zoning to overbuild when we are almost next door to our current schools and will be redistricted across the county because of new construction.
My concern is the neighborhood relationships in Lake Linganore. These kids have attended the same schools for years and have established relationships. There will be no winning answer to maintaining these friendships unless changes are only incorporated at the elementary and middle school level. Yes portables aren't ideal and kids are resilient but I dislike the idea of changes being made at the high school level when these kids have been with each other since pre-K and Kindergarten.
I'm afraid that my kids will not attend Urbana HS. I am not looking at moving, but will move to keep my kids at Urbana. My kids are also concerned about starting at Urbana, but graduating from another high school. It is emotionally effecting one of my kids.
It's important to have a consistent feeder program. Grouping neighborhoods together that are in close proximity to the school helps create a community that will be involved in the school. Length of time on a bus for students is extremely important. They should be attending the school that is closest to them.
I feel as though students need stability and that if students begin their education at a certain school, they should be allowed to finish their education at that school and not be forced to change schools before they finish.
Nobody should have to pass their local school to be biased to a further location.
We are very concerned. We specifically moved to Lake Linganore - Woodridge (Cardozo St) for the school district - specifically Oakdale HS & MS. This was a part of the builders sales and marketing pitch, and for this to change would be unfair. We'd strongly consider leaving the neighborhood as with other neighbors.
Strive to keep established neighborhoods that are within close proximity to existing schools together
It has been valuable to the families in our small community to be part of the Oakdale feeder pattern. The families have benefited from the school's educational expertise.
Why not split Urbana instead of re zoning everyone seems like a quick and rash idea when new zones will be needed once new schools are built. Or add portables for a year or two before new school opens. Would cost less for busses and gas.
I think it is a worthwhile process. As a product of pgcps (in maryland) I have serious concerns regarding busing. Children should be able to walk to school whenever possible and attend school in their local area. As a person with an actuarial science background, I have concerns with risk associated with sending kids to schools outside of their community. Most kids should really never have to travel more than 5 miles to school. Also, sending kids to school outside of their immediate neighborhood has serious impacts for working families. I commute daily from DC, there is no way with traffic I could make it beyond urbana for pick up at 630pm.
The fact I may be facing having to send my kids to Oakdale or Linganore is absolutely ridiculous. I live in Urbana (approximately 3 minutes away) and you are thinking about shipping kids 25 minutes away. This is a joke!!
Would like to see some proposal maps on the potential plans
Part of the public school experience is being in the same school as the other kids in their neighborhood; also, please keep in mind past studies that have been done and experiences when redistricting in other counties and states and use their experiences to do what is best for those involved in this process.
We moved from Middletown to our current location so our kids could attend UMS and UHS it would a shame and a great disappointment if we were no longer able to do so
I understand the need to redistrict school to eliminate over crowding but it needs to be done in a way that limits length of time on buses also. Some children in our area are on the buses for an extremely long time. Which isn't good for anyone
I am grateful for the transparency of the process. My son will be a rising 5th grader when the new boundaries will take place. I am under the impression that students may or may not be grandfathered in to stay at their old schools. I am absolutely not a fan of making students change schools in their last year. I am stressed that the amount of students in the Villages community will push students not in the community to outside schools. How can you ensure this will be fair to all residents?

Thoughts and Observations

I currently have a 9th grader and a 7th grader. It would be awful for my 9th grader to finish at a different high school. I would also hate for my 2 kids to end up at different schools. All difficult decisions. At the end of the day, the plan should make geographical sense and make sense for families. Should be a transition period.

The county should invest in more new schools to keep up with population growth.

Oakdale school rankings were a key decision factor for moving to Lake Linganore last summer. I uprooted my son once already. If his schools are changed, I will be extremely upset. The home builders, such as Ryan homes should have been required to build schools to support the population their housing will bring. Don't force students to change schools, when they lived here prior. It's wrong, especially when surrounding schools don't have the same school rankings.

I just don't want to have to go through this all over again in a few years because it seems to me that redistricting is not the answer, a new high school is. Is there any consideration to adding a new high school? Because it seems that all the development in Linganore Lake and Urbana Villages is going to lead to a need for more schools in the future. I feel like they should just plan for that by planning to build a new high school in the next 2-3 years that would take pressure off Urbana HS and Oakdale HS, and adding portables as needed in the short term to deal with the capacity until the new school was built.

1) Not convinced is plan is not already developed and "engagement" are merely a check the box PR exercise. 2) Transparency and detailed information around data collection, analysis and plan development will be key since I, along with many others I've talked to who are also potentially impacted by this study, are very skeptical about validity of data and accuracy of projections, as to avoid multiple redistricting events in the future. 3) Very little confidence process/outcomes will truly be about the betterment of students, families and communities impacted instead of decisions based on politics. 4) Please consider the economic implications to splitting communities as part of this study. Having more or less desirable of areas within one community (e.g. Spring Ridge) can have significant impact of property values in what is perceived less desirable part of community. 4) Wish county would take a more comprehensive approach. Do one study for the entire county that accounts for long-term projected increase growth and declining growth areas throughout the entire county. Formulate a set of county-wide redistricting recommendations and implement. This minimizes need for redistricting in future and bolsters confidence that a long-term, strategic view is in place. Not a piecemeal, short-sided approach that negatively impact our kids and communities.

Keeping the Lake Linganore kids together through their educational career as well as planning ahead for the capacity of said schools.

I think keeping communities together is extremely important. Middle schools that divide into different high schools prove that fractured communities promote fractured relationships. I do think proximity to schools is also important, as well as not continually redistricting. I support the idea of the option for kids to stay in current school if redistricted but provide transportation and allowing siblings to stay in same feeder patterns.

We need more school in Frederick county. We dont need relocation. In Frederick there are too may developments and soon all the scholl will reach the full capacity. The relocation will impact our neighbourhood and not to mention families who bought a house for the school district. You shouldn't relocate students who already attend the school. And so their siblings should have priority in it.

It is needed to reduce over crowding

It will be important to consider the distance traveled - ie can a student walk to one school, yet they are being bussed to another to diversify a school.

Since my youngest is in 10th grade my main concern is that he can finish his education at Linganore because he does not do well with change. I would hope that no seniors would be moved.

I'm sure the process of redistricting is very complicated. As far as my children go, I am more concerned of the social/emotional impact this could have on them as it could separate them from strong relationships they have built with friends over the years. This may seem unimportant in the grand scheme of things to those who are looking at this task from a different angle. However we know that when our children are happy and feel safe, their academic performance also benefits. We also moved to our neighborhood because of the schools they are currently assigned to. This redistricting could affect our family greatly as it may create a hardship if we need to move for our children.

Redistricting is tough, regardless of when it's done. I hope FCPS will take high school juniors into account, and keep them at their current schools. I also wish there would be a consideration for creating more diversity throughout the system. My daughter, for example, is at a high school that is 93% white (approx.) and the amount of racist and sexist language she hears on a daily basis is astonishing and disheartening. It's allowed to continue primarily due to the fact that these children are in their own white "bubble."

Efforts should be made to limit splitting communities and minimizing impact on children.

It is very good to have this discussion.

The Urbana feeder population needs an attitude adjustment. For some reason they think they are top priority for everything. They demand and get what they want while other schools quietly exist with the budget leftovers (which there never are any).

Thoughts and Observations
Put the kids first. Limit long bus runs and let kids go to school with people in their community. It helps them build friendships and socialize after school hours. All of the kids wont be top of the class, but all kids need friends. Build school districts based on location while looking at capacity of the schools and possible future growth in 3-5 years.
I'm extremely worried how we moved to this community precisely for the schools and have started K this year for first child. I don't want him to have to change schools and not be able to walk there anymore, and hope the same for when my toddler goes to school. We want the same elem, middle, and high schools we planned on for when moving here.
Why does the county allow for more houses to be build but struggles with building more middle and high schools? Zoning in Frederick County is the blame for this mess. Why don't we get the funds to build more schools!? That would be the first step in fixing this mess! This is our children's education. Something that shouldn't be taken lightly. How is it that when schools becomes overcrowded in Montgomery County they build more schools? Take for example the Clarksburg area. There are 2 elementary schools that are busting at the seams. Their solution? Funds provided for a new elementary school that surrports the growing demand of the area. An new elementary school is currently being build for the 2019-2020 school year. BUILD MORE SCHOOLS!
We moved to where we are specifically for the schools. My kids are walkers and will be for their entire education. If they get switched to different schools, I will be extremely upset. Dramatic redistricting is an awful idea.
We purchased our home to be within walking distance of the elementary, middle, and high schools. We do not wish to have our children attend a school farther away where they would have to rely on bus or car transportation. Urbana is supposed to be a walkable community! Thank you.
Established neighborhoods should not be forced to go to a different school. NEW builds / homes should be the first selected for redistricting. I moved to this neighborhood because of the school system. To have it arbitrary change due to overcrowding from NEW construction should not impact me as this was not an issue when I moved here. Thank you for your time and consideration.
Would make sense to keep the students in the schools closer to their home address,
This needs to be done. I feel right now all aspects are being looked at.
It's tuff on the kids because they loose friends in the process. So it needs to be done swiftly very welcomed for the one's who change. New rules. New emotions.
Addresses closest to schools show have precedence for districting
More buses should be provided to students
Students that live within proximity of schools in neighborhood should not be redistricted. Redistricting looses school spirit and community.
I probably differ in my beliefs for many, but I have been a high school teacher for 20 years (Howard County) and am a parent of kids in Frederick County. I would love to see the diversity of the Urbana area spread to other schools. I feel many could benefit from moving students to Linganore (and maybe even the magnet program to Linganore) because the school is a beautiful facility and the quality of the learning would be raised by moving even more highly motivated students there. I "opened" a high school and people feared the change; now it is one of the higher performing schools and people can't wait to attend and some can't afford to because house values have risen. Those who are afraid education will fall apart if boundaries change need to know the greatest factors in a students learning involves class size, opportunities, and resilience of the student. The other schools should benefit from what's Urbana already has in abundance and the building doesn't make the students; it is vice versa. Equity is important and in a few years, people will stop complaining about the change. I do believe that the educational welfare of the student is comprised of not only the academics, but from the experiences they can get from others different from themselves. Please don't limit the attendance of Linganore (and its feeder schools) to only the rural areas. That is what is causing the quality of education to weaken compared to others in the area. We love that we are slated for Windsor Knolls and hope to stay there. However, we would be OK to go elsewhere if the demographics came with it. A building is just a building.
Fast growth of housing development but inadequate planning for schools to accommodate additional students has become very problematic for the community. Walkers aren't safe crossing busy interseptions, cars line up in the streets creating a traffic flow jam, school buses collide with pedestrians.
Children should be able to attend the closest school to their house. Minamize time & distance of driving in a car or bus.
I think children should be sent to schools as close to their home as possible.
N/A
I believe students should attend the schools that are in the closest proximity to their homes. You should not drive past a school to get to your school, that would not make sense.
I hope that walkers stay in their assigned schools and do not become bussed students to a further school.
We purchased our home in the Urbana area FOR the schools. We would be very upset if our daughters had to switch schools given that's the reason we moved into the community.

Thoughts and Observations
I'm hopeful that the outcome isn't too disruptive to the community. We enjoy being a walkable distance to our school and would hate to move further away. It seems the other schools are so far outside our community it wouldn't be fair to separate kids so far much from their home school. I nervously anticipate the results of the study.
Please, at the very least, grandfather in current high school students. Let them stay to graduate. We live 3 miles and about 4 minutes from OHS but could possibly be rezoned to GVTJHS, which is 7 miles and about 15 minutes driving time. We moved to our current house because we were in the OES, OMS and OHS zone. We will consider online school for the remainder of high school if moved to another school.
I feel its important for children to stay close to home and with children they have grown up with to help with unity against bullying and bad influences.
Frustrated that we're in this predicament
I respect the redistricting process; however, I think minds will be made up regardless of families' input.
Every effort has to be made to preserve community schools.
Provide certified results of this questionnaire and how many completed
I expect that this process will take into account the needs of both the students and the staff required to teach these students.
Keep communities together. Build more schools as you build more houses. Stop building new houses until you can support the population. New building areas should be considered first for movement out of area schools if needed, and that should be addressed when new houses are being built so people buying them are aware.
Walkers should be able to remain at their current schools
First, and foremost, schools should offer excellent environments for learning no matter where they are located. There should not be disparity between schools. If there are schools that are below standard, bringing them up to standard should be the first priority. no child's education should be compromised by disparity in funding and services.
Beyond that accommodations should be made to keep children as close to home as possible.
Maximizing walkers should be priority. Encourages children to find friends who live close by and to get outside and play.
Appreciate you keeping us informed about the process (and making sure that the community is involved in it as well).
Get it right this time! Stop redistricting along SES. All kids deserve to go to great schools!! FC needs to stop allowing so much building to occur. Our schools can't handle it. Show the Commissioners how this growth is hurting ALL communities.
Moved to urbana for the schools so not really in favor of redistricting those of us in the villages and highlands who are so close in proximity to our schools. Would perhaps be open do going to Windsor knolls or another highly rated middle school if it helped with overcrowding. UMS seems like a nightmare in terms of crowding.
Provide regular and frequent updates on the progress of the redistrict study to families/residents in the affected areas.
Vou is designed to be a neighborhood, so as much as possible, keep areas walkable to a particular school at that school.
Should plan ahead during the local community development rather than after passing the capacity of the local schools.
Provide regular and frequent updates on the progress of the redistrict study to families/residents in the affected areas.
Overcrowding shouldn't be addressed by redistricting children who live in the area where the schools are located. Special programs like Magnet and IB shouldn't only be offered in Urbana.
I'm very concerned about switching children in late elementary school.
The developers/county permitting should all be held to limits in future buildings. We are quickly becoming MoCo junior. We open brand new schools with portables every time. Stop overbuilding to avoid. Lining pockets is not the answer.
Would really not like to see Villages of Urbana split up and/or kids sent to different schools than already districted for. Should keep whole neighborhood going to the same schools as is now. Many people move to this area for this area specifically and for their schools. The elem schools, middle school, and high school are pretty much within walking distance of the whole neighborhood - it would make no sense to sent these kids elsewhere.
No one will be happy, make boundary lines and hold line on transfers.
We moved to VOU for the schools. Any child within the VOU should be attending school in Urbana as we are closest to the schools and our children have grown up with these neighborhood kids. Should not split communities.,
I know it's necessary to build more schools because of the over population so stop building homes! Too many homes r being built
We live in West Winds and have been through this in the past. I think keeping neighborhoods and communities together is the most important part because of the existing relationships between students.
While the district is doing a lot of PR in regards to engaging residents, I suspect much of it is for show and the decision has likely been made already or will be made based on district financial considerations rather than what's best for students and communities. The reality is that there are significant differences in the quality of schools being considered (instructionally, safety-wise, demographically, etc.) so moving students from OHS to TJHS or Walkersville HS would be a significant detriment to those students. I certainly hope that is being considered, especially since the overcrowding is a problem caused by poor planning on the County's part and should not be "solved" by sacrificing the educational well-being of students.
Aspen North children should not have to change their middle and high schools.

Thoughts and Observations

It is important to keep in mind the reason some schools are better than others is due to the people within the community. People move to specific areas to have their children attend specific schools. Pulling good students from a good school and sending them to a lower performing school in the hopes it brings that school up is proven not to work. There must be an understanding that hardworking smart families/parents (yes there is usually a correlation to higher income levels) tend to raise hardworking and smart children - moving these types of kids to lower performing areas (yes there is a correlation to lower income areas) only hurts those children and will cause the families to move if they are able. Bottom line, high performing kids should be in schools where they can succeed at high levels - forced demographic changes are not the answer.

Keeping an open mind but it seems that initial recommendations are already decided based on timeline and won't factor in community survey or updated metrics.

I really haven't seen much of the actual process because those discussions seem to happen behind closed doors but I do appreciate what little information has been shared with the public to date.

I would like to see student feeder patterns together.

I understand that with growing communities things have to be re-evaluated; however, we bought in Urbana because of the schools in this area and the quality of education that it brings. Education is was number one priority when we were looking to buy and my husband and I would be more than upset if things changed to where we were no longer zoned for a school with the same level of educational opportunities for my kids! We live right across the street from the elementary school and it would not make sense to rezone our area for another school when my kids can walk right across the street to get the education that we planned for them to get by buying here.

The community of Linganore, particular the Woodridge neighborhood, is concerned about being restricted. Specifically, if, by chance, it means attending Thomas Johnson Middle School. Almost unanimously, the community feels that there is no current, nor historic, connection to that school. Additionally, parents do not want to see their children go to an Elementary where a handful are moved to a different feeder system and then back to the original. In other words, to not "zig-zag" from one feeder pattern to another.

Maintaining a sense of community and its' identity is paramount to a good deal of the harmony and cohesiveness of Lingnore. Subjugating a segment of the community to be somewhat ostracized to a unaligned school, even if only for the Middle school years, will have detrimental social effects on many of the children's friendships and social bonds.

Neighborhood continuity must be maintained. Matriculation should remain linear and in an intuitive structure.

Though I concede that this process of redistricting is not easy and that certainly many will not be happy with the final outcome, I do hope that traditions will remain and logic will prevail.

Good luck!

It's inefficient and doesn't consider the negative developmental and social impact it has on children when they Are pulled from an already established environment with the expectation that it will be easy for them to re-adapt at a new school with new peers, routines etc. I recommend changes to feeder schools be made for students entering pre-k, 6th and 9th grades only.

I'm surprised this didn't happen sooner. It would be good if you could establish feeder patterns for middle schools where the school did not split into two high schools

I am hoping the Sam Hill/Harvest Ridge community of Mount Airy will go to the same High School (Linganore) as a result of the redistricting.

My hopes are they take in all the factors and don't divide the community. People moved to a certain area for the schools. A bus ride should not be a great distance for students.

Why are contractors allowed to keep building in the Oakdale and Urbana area with no schools for the kids? At some point contractors should be responsible for building schools. Linganore is being penalized for the overgrowth of Oakdale and Urbana.

Don't gerrymander the districts like Montgomery County does. Don't use student academic performance and demographics in an attempt to level out overall performance among the schools. Again, don't try to be like Montgomery County. Many of us are in Frederick County because it isn't Montgomery County.

The WKMS community is split into 2 high schools!! Please consider sending all of WKMS students to the same HS. Move them all to LHS, UHS is over capacity. This community used to be all Urbana, but then split 6 years ago. This has impacted our community!

I have a few concerns. First, if my child starts her education at a particular school, I believe that it would be best for her to complete her education at the same school. Next, it does not seem that there are the same opportunities for academics and the arts in all 3 of the high schools. The same courses are in theory offered at all 3 high schools, but do they actually come to fruition (due to staffing, lack of enrollment, etc.). What about equitable academics and arts across the schools?

I live in a new community- Ramsburg Estates - which is very close to Urbana schools and the Villages of Urbana. We want to stay in the feeder pattern with the VOU given our close proximity to the Urbana schools.

Thoughts and Observations
Diversity needs to be taken into account; efficient use of funds (14 in a classroom is not efficient in a magnet program when we don't have enough resources for students with different learning styles)
The current students at Urbana should stay and just start with moving all WKMS students to Linganore. Zero disruption
Keep all area kids at same school
I don't quite understand the process. I live SO much closer to TRES but am districted to NMES. My son could have been in a smaller Kindergarten class if he were at TWES. The NMES class sizes are way too large.
I feel like this middle school is very far away.
Poor planning with new homes/neighborhoods developing and the schools not have the capacity to take on those new students. Schools should be equipped first to take on those new students. Our school expanded by over 100 students in one school year.
Hoping that the newly built ramsburg estate gets to stay in the urbana schools.
So far the communication has been really great. Appreciate you keeping parents in the loop!
Please try to keep kids already attending high school grandfathered in so they do not have to switch high schools.
Children within one community should be placed with each other at a home school. For example, OES and SRES. The neighborhood is split and I feel it should not be for social reasons and to keep a community together.
My biggest concern is my older children may end up in Oakdale Middle and High while my youngest would be re-routed to Linganore; this will make it extremely difficult on established families to have two different feeder systems.
Wrong to uproot children and families who have given support in every form to their schools. Poor planning once again. You need to fix this. Don't put this stress on families, so wrong.
Any redistricting would result in prohibitive travel distance to school
Disappointed this is happening considering we moved up there due to the schools.
Developers should be required to put money into roads and schools. They build on top of schools and advertise that school which potentially will redistrict long term families that purchased for their respective school district.
It is SO RIDICULOUS that we go to TJMS from SR. We should be at OMS, hands down.
This is why I sent my kids to private school!
I have not had a lot of time to be involved in reading about the process other than seeing that there are many meetings and steps involved.
This process should be done before a neighborhood is developed. People buy in specific neighborhoods because of the school system assigned. It is not fair that developments are being put up without regard to the burden on the school system.
We live in Ramsburg Estates and since we're so close to the Urbana schools we feel it's really important that nothing changes.
We live in Ramsburg Estates and would have to drive past Urbana ES to get anywhere else.
All of the above criteria are important to consider, and ranking or weighting them in some way is probably a good idea (which might be influenced by state requirements, district policy, AND stakeholder interests - as well as what is BEST for the children (probably from the perspective of seeing them as future colleagues rather than 'our own children.')
I don't know much about it
Twin Ridge should not go to Windsor Knolls
My biggest concern is that redistricting will happen. And then happen again once the new school in LL opens.
I don't have a preference on which school my kids attend. I just hate that they get separated from the friends they make in middle school.
It has been proven time and time again that redistricting to try to "balance" performance only penalizes and brings down the high-achieving schools, masking rather than addressing the underlying issues for the lower achievers by diluting them into a broader pool. District boundaries should balance the occupancy of available schools by drawing lines that are community and proximity oriented as possible. And feeder patterns should be continuous from elementary, MS and HS, so students do not split out to different middle or high schools from peers they have grown up attending school with.
Ridiculous my daughters are bussed so far to attend TJ Middle and torn from friends. All this while we live literally beside Quinn Road. A mile from OMS? Moving! Heading to MoCo in a week. Do what you want. Seriously. I have zero say now.
Overcrowding is a big problem that needs to be addressed.
It is Surprising to me that last year our county went through a redistricting process with some middle schools and elementary schools and there was never any talk about it in this part of the county. There was never any advertisements about it in the paper, there weren't parents complaining, these parents just sent they are students to the new schools. Why is it that the Parents of students in these three feeder districts get such a say on what happens in our county. The schools are overcrowded they should've been redistricted years ago. Also how dare they say they don't want their students with some of the other students in their district. Many of the parents Who have these complaints are new to our county. They moved here thinking that the school in their community was there a school and not the county school. We need to get over this. Dr. Alban needs to send a hard message to these parents they don't rule the schools. These schools are overcrowded they need to be fixed.

Thoughts and Observations

I've been in Urbana my entire life. I now have 4 children in 3 of the schools, for my kids to be sitting on stools without desks is unacceptable. Why are we still building new homes when our schools are so over crowded? Urbana villages and highlands and the neighborhood at Sugarloaf Elementary need to be the only neighborhoods going to these schools everyone else needs to be redistricted. There's absolutely no reason someone living on Penn Shop road should be at Urbana High when someone in Monrovia off Tranquility Ct goes to Linganore.

Neighborhoods should not be split up.

I would hope that the redistricting process is logical and serves its purpose, which I hope is to alleviate overcrowded schools. To make a rural community go 20-30 minutes further out of their way in order to appease a higher density neighborhood seems absurd to me

Class sizes and school capacity needs to be taken into consideration and valued

I am very concerned that my children will be forced to make a drastic change midway through their education that might separate them from their established social groups. I'm looking for stability for my children.

So far I have been satisfied with the process, but I remain concerned about the outcome as it will impact where my children will attend school and property values. We specially chose to build in Urbana in 2009 based on the reputation of the school district.

The process has been very transparent, however I'm not sure how this redistricting will satisfy the needs of Frederick County, and the needs of the effected neighborhoods. Many of us moved to Urbana specifically for the schools. From my point of view, everyone in the Villages and the Highlands should remain in the Urbana schools. Friendships and bonds have been formed with these kids. Thank you for the transparency of the process, and keeping us informed.

As little change as possible.

I hope considerations of neighborhood unity will be made. people live together, they want to school together. i also hope there is a ling right ransition period. For example, 7th -10th grade will have a difficult time adjusting from fans and followers of OHS to any other school. Is it feasible to redistrict the new neighborhoods before the established?

I have paid CDA taxes for 20 years in the Villages of Urbana. I would like my kids to stay in the neighborhood schools.

Clean feeder patterns are a necessity. Educational opportunities are a necessity

My children live 5 minutes from their schools. Redistricting them to a location farther from home would greatly impact their sleep, their friendships and their established relationships with fellow students, educators and guidance counselors.

I paid a premium to live in The Villages of Urbana. I moved here for and paid the much higher cost of living specifically for the schools in the neighborhood.

I have specifically chosen my home for the schools I am currently zoned for. It would be unfair and hurt property values to redistrict just chatter so far. Will see what happens when decisions start happening.

Those who move into a new home should attend the nearest school that IS NOT overcapacity.

The meeting was informative. We moved to Urbana at the start of the school year for the schools. Redistricting is concerning if restructuring staff and students across all LOU schools. When rebalancing the staff and students, a major concern is I don't want education to get compromised. Urbana has a reputation of having good schools. I would like it to keep it that way for all LOU schools (ideally across FCPS). A decade ago Montgomery County was the place to be for good schools. Now schools are over crowded there and my perception is the popular schools aren't as good as they used to be. I don't want to see this happen to LOU schools since LOU areas are developing rapidly.

Stop building!! Leave it alone!!

I hope that this allows a better balance of students at each school to prevent overcrowding and those with less enrollments. However, I also feel that those living in the surrounding area should go to the school closest to them. Ie it would be odd to bus students in Urbana to a school outside of Urbana. They would have to pass the closest school to them.

Like many people, I moved to this area in large part because of the schools. So I would hope they stay the same.

Please minimize disruption of feeder patterns in established neighborhoods and focus your efforts on capturing newer neighbors and redistributing them.

I don't want my children to redistricted our of their current feeder program that will separate from friends or split the neighborhood. Established friendships- don't want them going to middle or high school w/o the students they went to elementary school with
Leave the Urbana schools just how they are.

Students should not be removed from their neighborhood schools. It is not cost effective to transport and it has a negative impact on sense of community. It also affects student morale and anxiety levels when they have grown up looking forward to attending the high school in their backyard!

We love living in this community and one of the many benefits are the schools. It's extremely important that my child be afforded the opportunity to continue attending such good schools. I worry that if we are somehow redistricted to a school outside of the Urbana area, my son will have no choice but to attend a school with a poor academic record. We moved here for the opposite to happen and while I understand that something needs to be done, I am hoping that the redistricting decision will not end with my son having to attend a school with a lower performance rating. We value the reputation of the schools in our Urbana community.

Thoughts and Observations

The general community does not seem to understand the process and is there a buy confused and easily angered by potential options that are being discussed. It would be helpful if the board provided a global overview of all the things they were taking into consideration, explaining their significance and creating a vision that the people could get behind

we need more schools!!!

We are seriously concerned about how this will impact our kids who will be attending school next year for the first time. We also do not like that we are zoned for a middle school that is much farther from where we live versus keeping our kids in Oakdale elementary and then Oakdale middle. Right now our kids would attend Oakdale elementary which we are happy about but then get bused and separated from kids in the neighborhood during middle school to a school that is 15 mins away. We are hoping that you take this into account as that we do not want to go to a school that does not offer the same programs as what we are zoned for. I also feel that new build homes should be redistricted into a school with lower ratings as we are in a home and neighborhood that has been around since the early 90's. We feel that it is even more important to keep our community together and should come first.

Education is a priority for most parents. Homes have been purchased based on school zoning and established feeder patterns. Redistricting is a hardship on students and parents alike. Neighborhoods should be kept together and more effort and planning put into building/expanding schools before the development takes place. I am in a new development. We purchased our home based on the schools we are currently zoned for and now we face uncertainty of where our kids will go to school. My children just switched schools and may end up having to switch yet again. This is stressful for everyone involved, but I am most concerned about the kids having to make the adjustments because of poor planning.

No survey option re safety of student; do not want my student going to GTJMS or GTJHS.

It is not right for a subdivision to be split up and when you purchase a home within a few months of redistricting that should be taken into account

The factors identified are very broad. For example: I chose Educational Welfare for students but this could mean something different for each person. For me, it means keeping my child in a blue ribbon, highly rated school. We moved to our home to be in the Urbana district. Keeping the educational welfare of my child means continuing their education in the Urbana schools.

It is important that assumptions aren't made about this survey and the comments are taken seriously.

Why has Frederick County gone straight into redistricting? People move to Homes based on schools and feeding patterns. The better solution would be to take the money that they would be using towards redistricting, and making schools that are already here bigger. Or adding new elementary schools in middle schools to the same feeder pattern.

It is important to keep neighborhoods together. Shipping children off on buses to schools away from their neighborhood is ridiculous. That is not in the best welfare of the children who are involved. It is not in the best welfare of the families who moved to their neighborhoods for a sense of community that includes the schools in their neighborhoods. It is treating the residence of Frederick County like chess pieces instead of people. It is treating children like numbers instead of children. Please keep this in mind. Keep neighborhoods together. Limit the amount of time children or bussed off. Children should be at the schools in their neighborhood, the school closest to their homes. They should be attending schools with the children living in our neighborhood. Treat our children like children not chess pieces, not numbers.

Thank you for the work that you're doing. The most important factor for me is to keep neighborhoods together. Please do not split neighborhoods up.

I hope that this process uses. Feedback. I am hopeful that you will do your best for the welfare of our children. In my opinion that is keeping children in the schools that are part of their neighborhood.

Kids need to go to the school that is in their community. Urbana kids should go to Urbana schools, not Windsor Knolls or Linganore. Keep the kids as close to home as possible to minimize time on the bus and to maximize time for homework and their life outside of school.

Classroom sizes are already too large. My child is in kindergarten with 27 other students and only one teacher. Children in elementary school need more hand-over-hand interaction to learn. I fear her education is already compromised.

This redistricting should take into account future housing developments so as to limit future re districting to provide stability to our communities and families.

I know there is a need, but I would not want to have my children bussed out of our area to middle or high school. Linganore HS makes the most sense for our neighborhood (lake linganore). If we are moving away from Oakdale, that would be the logical choice.

We moved to our neighborhood because of the schools assigned here. We would like for our neighborhood to stay together as a whole, and take into consideration how moves would effect current students.

There should be a balance schools are over capacity and redistricting may help

Middle to high school should remain the same

High school is hard enough kids should go where feeder pattern went to middle - oakdale

Recommend sending home material via the schools involved

This is a really poor initial survey.



Thoughts and Observations

I live in the area north of route 80 that attends Green Valley, Windsor Knolls and Linganore. Every time there is redistricting, we are redistricted and we need to be left alone this time. It would make sense to have ALL of Windsor Knolls go to Linganore so we are not split anymore. Switch Kemptown and the other part of Green Valley this time instead of us! If they are moved to Linganore, it will help reduce the overcrowding at Urbana!

Try to keep students close to their school. Don't split up neighborhoods. Move deer crossing elementary to New Market Middle and Linganore.

I'm praying that as close as we live to the school we will stay. Oakdale was a huge deciding factor for us to buy our home 7 yrs ago, before all of the new construction took over.