

Sayers, Margery

From: Jones, Opel
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 1:31 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Cc: Harris, Michael; Bailey, Najee
Subject: FW: Council Resolution 134-2019 and CR 112

Margery,

Please see testimony received in opposition to Council Resolution 134-2019.

Thank you.

From: Peter F. Chew <pfchew@prospera-us.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 10:04 AM
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: Yungmann, David <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Council Resolution 134-2019 and CR 112

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Mr. Jones,

You have gone too far with this hijacking of the redistricting plan and CR112. Now you are trying to overstep your authority and responsibility with this illegal and illegitimate resolution you are introducing to restrict the notification of housing districts for home sales.

What are you afraid of? Please listen to my testimony in the October 14th BOE Hearing on the proposed redistricting plan by the Superintendent. I have attached a copy of my testimony if you care to read.

Mr. Jones, what you know is true and want to somehow illegally change, is that in America, whether we like it or not, housing prices are demand driven by schools and school districts. Parents that understand that education is one of the important keys to success in life seek out the best performing schools and school districts for their families. This is not driven by racism or by a desire to be separated from specific groups of people. Rather, it is purely driven by a desire to be around other families that understand this importance of education and are willing to invest their money, their time and even work commutes. It is driven by desire to ensure their children are surrounded by other children whose parents have the same goals and priorities. These children do homework, sports, music, boy & girl scouts after school, and as with my children, often have their "free play" curtailed to focus on their education.

Yes, most of us have been blessed and have more means than those in your district. But this is not because it was given to us, but because our parents and our own desire for a better life have given us the ambition, the strength and the courage to make the sacrifices for our families.

In 2009, my wife (Chinese American with a PhD in Chemistry) and I moved from Baltimore City to Prince Georges County because we could not afford a home in the Centennial or River Hill school districts that we desired. We had a plan that we would start a family, work hard and save our money so we could move to Howard County in 5 years when the children would be ready for school. In 2011, we made a decision to start our own consulting business...my daughter was 10 months old, 3 days prior, we found out my wife was pregnant with our son....we had less than \$7,000.00 in our

checking and savings account, my wife had quit her job in the Fall of 2009 to focus on starting our family and we were spending more money each month than we were making with my salary.

I often worked 7 days a week, both days and nights. We saved our money. We did not take vacations. Yes, we were blessed as opportunities came with the business and in 2015 we bought our house in the River Hill school district. But almost immediately after we moved in, our business took a severe downturn. Through 2016, we went into debt, not making enough money most months to pay our bills. We considered selling our house, but chose to borrow money to stay because we knew it would be best for our kids. Finally, and slowly, in 2017, we started to turn things around with the business....but it is a constant effort.

I am white, my wife is not. She is also a minority, Asian....I think you forget that there are other minorities than just African Americans / Blacks. We are not privileged and I assure you, no one has given us anything. I had to pay for my own college as my parents had 4 children and struggled to pay their bills most months.

We paid a premium for our house because it is in the River Hill District. I wish I did not have to do that, but this is America. If you want to increase your own home value, have the Council and the Superintendent focus on providing additional resources to schools and students in need that live in the underperforming schools. Do not play politics with our children and try to swap them around to different schools.

As an elected official, stop giving lip service to problems...stop these ridiculous snake oil cures for the issues our children face. Do your job, even when it is difficult...or get another job.

Council Resolution 134-2019 –Introduced by Opel Jones -A RESOLUTION calling on those offering homes for sale in Howard County to omit references to schools and school zones in certain advertising.

Peter Chew
Vice President



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Sayers, Margery

From: Jack Duke <JackDuke37@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 2:06 PM
To: CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David
Subject: Current Redistricting Plan is Unsatisfactory

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Howard County Council,

If you're not supporting the plan - you can skip reading this email.

If you're not supporting the plan - read on.

Redistricting based on the premise of FARM is faulty. HCPSS has not looked at all the factors involved in making this decision - traffic, transportation, social changes for the +7000 students, student confusion/distractions, the effect on property values, collective school test scores and educational disruption of our students.

The heart of this issue is how the arrival at the "solution" came about. HCPSS paid a ton of money to uninformed, biased, overpriced consultants to make a "recommendation". The end result of the plan was predetermined. Influenced by race-based thinking, the whole deal reeks.

The residents of Howard County will not stand for this nonsense. Redistricting decisions must be made on solid multi factorial issues based in data. The current plan is unsatisfactory.

I am sorry you're in an elected office during the reign of Michael J. Martirano.

Martirano will be short for his position. This is regardless of the final decision. He served his purpose after the Fosse circus. Good riddance to Martirano. The Martirano circus has commenced. The guy had so much promise...

Unfortunately, there is a high probability that supporter of the plan will not be re-elected. It will be on this one issue. I voted for some of you. You appeared to be qualified. Big mistake. You're not representing the voice of the residents you serve.

There is a better way. A better plan. A plan that is multifactorial. Your task is to proactively insist that Martirano come up with this plan.

Ironic in all of this, I do not have a child that will be redistricted.

Jack Duke

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 11:58 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Disappointment over CR112, but thank you for fighting CB38 and CB42

Deb Jung
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From: J Zhuo <jiachen.zhuo@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 12:20 AM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Disappointment over CR112, but thank you for fighting CB38 and CB42

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Dear Ms. Jung,

As a Howard County resident and registered voter, I want to express my disappointment of the pass of CR112. But I do thank you for voting YES to CB38 and voting NO to table 42.

I also do appreciate your willingness to listen to us and trying to work things out on CR112. Unlike some other council members who do not care to respond to my emails (Jones or Rigby).

It is clear that all these are linked. Over development in Howard County is a problem, and has been a problem for many years. The county government is too deeply connected with developers, from the top down. I am never an activist or interested in politics. But the current wave of redistricting prompted me to look at the links with development and county policy, and honestly it is eye opening. We residents are not dumb or blind. We can see it and will weight in with our vote next time.

Pease keep fighting and keep doing the right thing.

And especially **please please help pass CB42 as soon as possible**. We are at a growth rate of 1100 new student every year. County school will quickly be out of space county wide, which will not easily be solved by redistricting. Redistricting is extremely disturbing to any family, as you can see from this wave of the action, and the wave 2 years ago, and a foreseeable wave coming when new high school 13 opens.

We family needs stability here in the county.

Also in terms of development and school redistricting, I would propose we need to:

- 1. Update the student yield equation, which is so outdated and cannot accurately capture student increase at all. - URGENT**
- 2. Increase school impact fee to the proper level - pass CB42 - URGENT**
- 3. We do need to redistrict to solve over crowding, and equity if possible. But it should not be equity over everything.**

I thank you for your consideration.

Best regards.

Jiachen Zhuo, PhD
Resident in Highland, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 1:52 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW:

From: Jared Barsky <jbarskylaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 10:44 AM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject:

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Dear Ms. Jung,

I have a concern about CR-112. As you know, closing an achievement gap can be done in at least 3 ways. Lowering the top, raising the bottom, and raising all students, are among 3 examples.

Please clarify your position as to whether or not you support policies that do not help and may hurt some students but still close an achievement gap.

I wish CR 112 would use more precise language than merely to refer to closing a gap, which does not discount harm to some students.

Thank you,

Jared Barsky

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 10:39 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Good job on school integration compromise...

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

From: Glenn Schneider <sfmglenn@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 8:16 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Good job on school integration compromise...

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Thanks for finding a path forward that moves the County ahead.

Really appreciate it.

Glenn and Janice Schneider
12106 Blue Flag Way
Columbia, MD 21044

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 10:30 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: CR 112

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

From: Ainy Haider-Shah <ainyhaider@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 10:08 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Re: CR 112

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Thank you for passing CR112 without gutting it. I am grateful that you all did the right thing.

Thank you.

Cheers,
Ainy

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 7, 2019, at 12:37 PM, Ainy Haider-Shah <ainyhaider@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Deb,

I just want to start off by saying that I know you are under pressure because of some of the terrible tactics used by racist groups and I'm sorry that people think it's ok to say the awful, horrible things they are saying about our community.

In fact, I thanked you a few weeks ago because I thought you took a principled stand by co-sponsoring CR 112.

Now, however, by introducing amendments that completely gut the resolution, you've in fact done quite a bit of harm. The loud racists feel justified in their awful tactics and they will most certainly organize against the right side of history again because you've given them that power.

Candidly, I'm sorry you thought this was the right thing to do. I thought I knew you better than that.

I'm hurt and disappointed but I'd like to understand your thought process. Please feel free to explain when you vote tonight.

Sincerely,
Ainy Haider-Shah

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 10:21 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Thank you CR121

From: Becky McKirahan <Becky@TacoBird.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 7:18 AM
To: Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Yungmann, David <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Thank you CR121

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Dear Council Members,

I know you get so many letters of requests, opinions and complaints. I wanted you to receive one of gratitude today. I am sorry I was not able to attend last night due to family commitments, and yet I watched and cheered on from home!

As a community, we feel it is imperative to follow the progress of fulfilling the Board of Education's vote in March 2018 to open HS #13 in Jessup. Thank YOU very much for voting to pass CR121 to pass the land to the school system. We so appreciate your support and dedication to help ensure the school opens in 2023, for all of Howard County.

Becky McKirahan
Why Not Jessup

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 10:19 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: In support of CR112

Deb Jung
Councilmember, District 4
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Sign-up for my District Update [here](#).

From: Garima Bhatt Handley <garima.handley@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 8:00 AM
To: CouncilMail <CouncilMail@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: In support of CR112

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Hello,

I am writing **in support of CR112** and against Amendment 2. The superintendent's plan is courageous and takes bold action toward equity in Howard County schools. This is an example of a plan that doesn't make small tweaks — this is a plan that has the ability to transform the educational experiences of diverse students and truly put them on a path toward college and career readiness.

This is an important point in history for Howard County, please take this important step toward breaking the system of continuous oppression and vote in favor of CR112 and against Amendment 2.

Thank you,
Garima Bhatt Handley
Ellicott City Resident
609-731-7142

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 7:06 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: Fw: CR-112

From: Kevin McLaughlin <kmack57@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 9:59:16 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: CR-112

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Council Members,

As a county resident I wanted to express my utter disappointment in the passage of CR-112. This resolution forcing social engineering on the residents of the county will not be forgotten come re-election time. Your development policies are the root of the problem and need to be corrected. You may have won this battle but the citizens of Howard County deserve better and we will continue to fight on.

Kevin McLaughlin
kmack57@aol.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 6:31 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: Fw: CR-112

From: Bailey Sterrett <bsterrett@wcgclinical.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 4:03:25 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: CR-112

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Hi Deb,

I hope you are well. I wanted to hear from you personally on why you voted to approve CR-112? In discussions with neighbors, I've been told you are on the record as feeling like the School Boards proposed redistricting disproportionately impacts District 4 and people within our community (rightly or wrongly) feel like the passage of CR-112 is viewed as support for the superintendents plan. I know you were working on amendments to CR-112 and it does appear that portions of your original amendment are included but not all including establishing a task force. Can you tell me why you feel CR-112 will help our district in the long run?

Thanks for your continued work for our community and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Bailey
Constituent

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From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 6:31 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: Fw: You failed your constituents

From: Vipin Sahijwani <vsahijwani@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 4:28:13 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: You failed your constituents

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Dear Council Member, Yesterday, despite the overwhelming opposition to CR 112, the County Council decided to stifle the voice of people. You were the hero one day, only to be just another politician that favors ideology over democracy. Majority of your constituents expressed opposition to CR 112 but sadly you chose party over people or backroom dealing over what was right. I'm shaken at the lack of accountability in Howard County from the council members. I hope people will remember when it comes to reelect you, I will.

Best regards, Vipin Sahijwani

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 6:30 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: Fw: Thank you for passing CR112

From: Katherine Berland <berlandk@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 5:42:04 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Thank you for passing CR112

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Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to thank you for passing CR112 last night, maintaining its original intent and integrity. I appreciate your careful consideration of public input before ultimately passing this important resolution affirming the values that are important to Howard County residents and supports the boundary review process currently underway by the Board of Education.

Katherine Berland
District 4

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 2:40 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Opposition to the redistricting proposal

Deb Jung
Councilmember, District 4
Howard County Council
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From: Linglei <lingleim@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 1:16 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Re: Opposition to the redistricting proposal

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Hi, councilwoman Deb Jung,

We am extremely disappointed on your "strategy" on amendment 2 and your vote on CR112 and amendment.

We, voters, felt like being played by you politicians. I regretted that i even sent a letter to praise and support your amendment 2. How naive i am?

Thanks for teaching us politics!

Linglei Ma

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 7, 2019, at 1:48 PM, Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Thanks for sharing your perspective.

Deb Jung
Councilmember, District 4
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From: Linglei <lingleim@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 12:50 PM

To: mavis_ellis@hcpss.org; kirsten_coombs@hcpss.org; vicky_cutroneo@hcpss.org; christina_delmont-small@hcpss.org; jennifer_mallo@hcpss.org; sabina_taj@hcpss.org; chao_wu@hcpss.org; Kathleen_Hanks@hcpss.org; student_member@hcpss.org; Ball, Calvin <cball@howardcountymd.gov>; Yungmann, David <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>

Subject: Opposition to the redistricting proposal

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To whom it may concerns,

> Please see attached for my letter opposing the superintendent's redistricting proposal.

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> Thanks for your consideration!

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> Linglei Ma

> Polygon 3176

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Sayers, Margery

From: Amanda Clifton <amclifton1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 1:20 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Is anyone listening?

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County Council,

How does one express their deep disappointment with their elected officials? It must only be at the polls because it is clear you all cannot hear our voices. You don't see our protests, read our letters, see how our children are affected by your decisions. I feel like none of you are listening, not one iota. You support CR 112 because we have such economic disparity yet you spit in our faces by voting to allow developers to have loopholes to continue the process which led to today, not to mention the environmental impacts. So can you make up your mind whether this is about equity and saving ALL the children or if this is really about just putting on a good face while you still have that hand out behind your back for developer campaign money. I am so disgusted with our County Executive, County Council and BOE right now. Before we moved to Maryland we thought so hard, researched so much before settling in Howard County. This entire process has made me realize two things - I'm apparently turning into a Republican (No offense, Councilman Yungmann) and that I wasn't smart enough at the polls. A hard lesson learned because I voted wrong. I voted wrong on so many levels and I was so led astray. I'm more educated today, my eyes more open so for that I am thankful to each and everyone of you.

I sincerely hope you all can get your heads on straight and start being wise with your choices, better with what you present to represent the interests of our county and I certainly hope you find the light to start leading wiser and doing right by your citizens. These things will be remembered and while 2020 elections feel so darn far away in this moment, they will be here before you know it and you have to consider whether you'll still be the choice for your districts anymore.

Sincerely,
Amanda Clifton

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 12:28 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Howard County School Redistricting Concern

From: Christopher Sajewicz <csajewicz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 11:00 AM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Re: Howard County School Redistricting Concern

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Councilwoman Jung,

How can you justify that the Asian race should be lumped in the White race in your amendment last night? You are taking away their race and culture...and for what? How will removing an entire race from your demographic better desegregation? My community is a "minority-majority" made up a mixture of Asian, Indian, Black, White families; a melting pot, if you will.

Now, you have basically insinuated that my neighbor is predominantly white, which by Federal Census standards is untrue. SHAME ON YOU!

On Mon, Oct 7, 2019 at 1:59 PM Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Thanks for sharing your perspective.

Deb Jung

**Councilmember, District 4
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From: Christopher Sajewicz <csajewicz@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, August 30, 2019 8:29 AM

To: mavis_ellis@hcpss.org; kirsten_coombs@hcpss.org; vicky_cutroneo@hcpss.org; christina_delmont-small@hcpss.org; jennifer_mallo@hcpss.org; sabina_taj@hcpss.org; chao_wu@hcpss.org; student_member@hcpss.org; redistricting@hcpss.org; boe@hcpss.org; superintendent@hcpss.org

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Subject: Howard County School Redistricting Concern

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Dear Board of Education Members,

We are writing on behalf of residents of 176 who are concerned about the proposed impact of Dr Martirano's Presentation of the Attendance Area Adjustment Plan, dated August 20, 2019. As noted in the Executive Summary on Page 4, this proposal was developed with three primary goals as excerpted below:

The driving priorities for this process:

- 1. Balance capacity utilization among schools throughout HCPSS, cost effectively.*
- 2. Advance equity by addressing the distribution of students participating in the Free and Reduced price meals program (FARMs) across schools to the extent feasible.*
- 3. Plan ahead for the High School #13 redistricting by minimizing double moves as much as possible.*

We have also studied and respect the published policies which the Board of Education utilizes in making decisions with regard to school attendance areas, specifically Policy 6010 (<https://www.hcpss.org/policies/6000/6010-school-attendance-areas/>):

Unfortunately, the Presentation of Attendance Area Adjustment Plan, dated August 20, 2019 is not consistent with the guidelines of Policy 6010 and does not achieve the three primary goals as stated in Dr Martirano's letter. Please consider the following facts.

School Attendance Area:

School Attendance area and geographic proximity is a consideration of Policy 6010. The proposed redistricting of Polygon 176 would more than double the distance students travel to get to school.

- Using Google Maps, Walnut Creek / Polygon 176 is 2.1 Miles from River Hill High School (RHHS). Walnut Creek / Polygon 176 is 5.8 miles from Wilde Lake High School (WLHS).
- Using WAZE, the commute time from Polygon 176 to Wilde Lake High School would be 3x as long as the commute to River Hill High School.
- In addition, many of the students from Polygon 176 would have to drive through River Hill High School bus and car traffic, en-route to Wilde Lake High School under the August 20, 2019 proposal.

Capacity Utilization:

Policy 6010 identifies three key aspects to school capacity which are (1) Projections [item P], (2) Target Utilization [item S] which is defined as enrollment between 90% and 110% utilization of program capacity and (3) Utilization [item T].

The 2019 Feasibility Study (<https://www.hcpss.org/f/schoolplanning/2019/2019-feasibility-study.pdf>) notes the following findings:

1. River Hill High School is projected to be at 94% Projected Utilization for 2019/2020 school. This is at the lower end of the Target Utilization range.
2. Page 33 of the Feasibility Study indicates that River Hill is within Target Utilization through the 10 year projection period of the study.
3. Under Dr Martirano's proposal, River Hill would send 478 students to other schools and receive 741 students from other schools. This is extremely disruptive and unnecessary for a school that is currently operating within each of guidelines [P], [S] and [T] of Policy 6010.
4. We believe the board should reject a plan which moves approximately 7,400 total students including 478 students from River Hill High School which is currently operating within Board Policy guidelines with regard to Projections, Target Utilization and Utilization.
5. We believe any re-districting proposal should instead be focused on those five High Schools that are operating above Target Utilization levels (110%).
6. We believe the Board of Education should support a plan that includes less disruption at schools that are operating within the guidelines of [P], [S] and [T]. For instance, since River Hill High School is operating well within the target utilization range, perhaps it should receive students from nearby schools such as Wilde Lake, Atholton or Howard, without sending 478 students out to other schools. Certainly, the Board of Education can request a plan that achieves better capacity utilization with less than 7,396 total students being relocated.

Equity:

The very first sentence of the Policy Statement of HCPSS Policy 6010 is *The Board of Education of Howard County, with the advice of the Superintendent, establishes school attendance areas to provide quality, equitable educational opportunities to all students and to balance the capacity utilization of all schools.*

Furthermore, "equitable" is defined in the policy statement as: *Just or fair access, opportunities, and supports needed to help students, families, and staff reach their full potential by removing barriers to success that individuals face. It does not mean equal or everyone having the same things.*

The Presentation of the Attendance Area Adjustment Plan dated August 20, 2019 is not consistent with the Board of Education Policy Statement 6010, nor does it follow the BoE's definition of achieving "equitable" educational opportunities. We hereby request the Board of Education identify ways to provide additional educational resources to

the students in need. Transferring students from a school with a low FARM ratio to a school with a high FARM ratio, only results in better "averages" for the schools. IT DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY INCREMENTAL EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES OR OPPORTUNITES DIRECTLY TO THE STUDENTS.

In conclusion, we recommend the Board of Education reject the Presentation of Attendance Area Adjustment Plan dated August 20, 2019 due to the numerous and serious inconsistencies with regard to both Policy 6010 and the stated goals of the proposal.

- The proposal would triple the commuting time of students in Polygon 176
- Many affected schools including River Hill High School are operating within the Board of Education projection, utilization and capacity guidelines and would experience a total student transfer of over 1,000 children inclusive of students being sent and received. Boundary adjustments should be focused on schools operating over capacity or projected to be over capacity based on the 2019 Feasibility study.
- The proposal does not provide additional resources directly to students in need, it simply provides more consistent FARM ratios across schools. Children do not need consistent FARM ratios, they need additional education resources provided directly to their schools.

Thank you,

Christopher Sajewicz

12217 Hayland Farm Way

Ellicott City, MD 21231

Cell: (516) 819-0456

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-Chris

Christopher Sajewicz
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Sayers, Margery

From: Jillianne Shear <jillianne99@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 11:37 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CR112

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

I am saddened by the words and letters I have seen and heard in the past few months towards redistricting. As a single mother that has worked harder than most people can imagine, I cannot fathom why someone would want to keep my child out of their school because of their family's income. I also can't understand why anyone is afraid of a person in our community based on the color of their skin.

I support CR112 and would like to further support that action be taken to start mitigating the drugs that travel through schools, disparity in our communities and the resources available to kids, and why our test scores as a community on whole are starting to decline.

Yes on CR112 from this constituent.

Thanks,
Jillianne M Shear
4728 Dorsey Hall Dr, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: Phyllis Thomas <ppthomas1@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 9:51 AM
To: redistricting@hpcss.org; CouncilMail; chao_wu@hcpss.org; sabina_taj@hcpss.org;
jennifer_mallo@hcpss.org; christine_delmont-small@hcpss.org;
vicky_cutroneo@hcpss.org; kirsten_coombs@hcpss.org; mavis_ellis@hcpss.org
Subject: School Redistricting

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I am writing to voice my opposition to resolution 112. I feel that Dr. Martirano should be able to come up with a better solution with more input from the families, children and citizens affected by this proposal. My polygon # is 196.

Best Regards,
Phyllis Thomas

Sayers, Margery

From: Garima Bhatt Handley <garima.handley@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 8:00 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: In support of CR112

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Hello,

I am writing **in support of CR112** and against Amendment 2. The superintendent's plan is courageous and takes bold action toward equity in Howard County schools. This is an example of a plan that doesn't make small tweaks — this is a plan that has the ability to transform the educational experiences of diverse students and truly put them on a path toward college and career readiness.

This is an important point in history for Howard County, please take this important step toward breaking the system of continuous oppression and vote in favor of CR112 and against Amendment 2.

Thank you,
Garima Bhatt Handley
Ellicott City Resident
609-731-7142

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: joel hurewitz <joelhurewitz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 6:00 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendment 2 to CR112-2019

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Council,

I support Amendment 2 as an improvement to CR112-2019. It stains credulity to claim that the resolution is just about socioeconomic gaps and not race when the resolution begins with discussions about slavery, separate but equal, Plessy v. Ferguson, Brown v. Board of Education, the Harriett Tubman School, desegregation and integration.

Joel Hurewitz

Sayers, Margery

From: Robin Slaw <slaw.robin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 5:27 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR112

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Dear Council People,

I moved to Howard County three years ago after a nationwide job search, in part because I wanted to live in a community that was intentionally built to be an integrated planned community.

Please pass CR112, after rejecting amendment 2. Our schools and communities should center around equity for all, not just for a privileged few.

I live in Longfellow, and my neighbors, all of the rainbow of them, are wonderful!

Sincerely,
Robin Slaw
5042 Hesperus Drive, ColumbiaMD 21044

My phone thinks it's smart. I'm not so sure. Please excuse brevity and typos.

Sayers, Margery

From: exvotostudio <exvotostudio@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 5:20 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Redistricting

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As someone that has lived here 46 years (since the age of 2) and been to several public and private schools I am 1000% in favor of the redistricting plan being voted on tonight. I will also add that my 3 kids (one graduated) are also in the Howard county school system at wonderful schools.

Troy Timberlake
Dorsey Hall resident
Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Sayers, Margery

From: Kirstin Nelson <kirstin99@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 4:57 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please vote in support of CR112 (and against Amend 2)

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

My name is Kirstin Nelson. I live in Elkridge and my child attends Rockburn Elementary. We live in polygon 2087.

I am writing to ask you to REJECT Amendment 2 and to **PASS CR112**. I absolutely support using boundary adjustments to work toward better socioeconomic balance in our Howard County public schools.

Sincerely,

Kirstin Nelson
5937 Meadow Rose
Elkridge, MD 21075

Sayers, Margery

From: Rigby, Christiana
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 4:48 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: CR 112

From: Ainy Haider-Shah <ainyhaider@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:37 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: CR 112

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Hi Deb,

I just want to start off by saying that I know you are under pressure because of some of the terrible tactics used by racist groups and I'm sorry that people think it's ok to say the awful, horrible things they are saying about our community.

In fact, I thanked you a few weeks ago because I thought you took a principled stand by co-sponsoring CR 112.

Now, however, by introducing amendments that completely gut the resolution, you've in fact done quite a bit of harm. The loud racists feel justified in their awful tactics and they will most certainly organize against the right side of history again because you've given them that power.

Candidly, I'm sorry you thought this was the right thing to do. I thought I knew you better than that.

I'm hurt and disappointed but I'd like to understand your thought process. Please feel free to explain when you vote tonight.

Sincerely,
Ainy Haider-Shah

Sayers, Margery

From: Christina K. McGarvey <ckmgarvey@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 4:42 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Jones, Opel
Subject: CR112 - Requesting HCPS Draft and Implement a School Integration Plan

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Good afternoon,

I live in Oakland Mills in Columbia and I want to urge the council to adopt CR112 and to reject amendment 2 to CR112. Social and economic integration of Howard County Public Schools is important for all children in HCPS. Exposing children to other children from diverse backgrounds in public school helps us to build a better community. It is important for Howard County to provide opportunities to all children within the school system. Studies have consistently shown that the poverty rates between schools are balanced, the poorer children will perform better academically and the well off children will perform just as well.

Thank you,

Christina McGarvey

Sayers, Margery

From: Jonathan L. Edelson <jledelson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 3:44 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: I support CR112

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I support Council Resolution 112 as originally submitted, and I urge you to do the same. While I agree that there is more work to be done beyond this resolution and beyond this round of redistricting, a taskforce may be an appropriate next step **after** passage of this resolution. Right now, I believe we must confront our history and our ongoing issues via CR 112 as originally submitted.

Howard County schools are economically segregated. For example, the high school with the highest rate of children receiving FARMS in the county, Oakland Mills, shares boundaries with high schools with rates as low as half the county average. Past redistricting plans implemented have caused this disparity to grow. Furthermore, past redistricting options, fortunately not adopted, including those in this year's HCPSS Feasibility Study would have increased poverty in schools like Oakland Mills High and Hammond High while leaving neighboring schools well below the county average.

This simply cannot continue. We must confront this now. Note that the opposition to redistricting did not come out in force after the Feasibility Study options were released. It only picked up after the Superintendent's plan, which addresses equity, was released. Howard County must confront its past and its present head-on. Separate but equal does not work. In Howard County, we currently have separate but unequal. Children do not even have equal access to field trips, programs, and other enrichment opportunities because of the wealth, or lack thereof, of their school community.

Please adopt CR 112 as originally written. A watered down version with promises of more study does nothing for the children experiencing disparate school environments today.

Thank you,

Jonathan Edelson
6144 New Leaf Ct.
Columbia

Sayers, Margery

From: Darden-Obi, Jo <jdarden@ccbcmd.edu>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 3:44 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Reject Amendment 2

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Pass CR112 and REJECT Amendment 2 to reflect the values of our community because these are the founding principles of Columbia as set forth by Rouse 52 years ago. We cannot abandon those principals, especially now. This value system of diversity and inclusiveness regardless of race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic background is the reason why we live in Columbia, which is not priced for the average American citizen. We make sacrifices to raise our children here. Be mindful of those sacrifices and willing, even when it is difficult, to uphold these founding principles. We implore you.

Josette Darden-Obi
Associate Professor- English
Director of OWL-
The Online Writing Lab
AHUM 238
School of Liberal Arts- Essex
"You shall know the truth,
and the truth shall set you free."

Sayers, Margery

From: Rigby, Christiana
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 3:41 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: Fwd: Please reconsider your proposed amendment to CR112
Attachments: Ethics complaint redacted.pdf

From: Dawn Popp <dawnpopp001@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:49:46 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Please reconsider your proposed amendment to CR112

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Dear Councilwoman Jung,

I was deeply disappointed when I read your proposed amendment to CR112, which would completely eviscerate the original Resolution and replace it (almost in its entirety) with some optimistic words about Howard County's diversity and a call for a task force to "examine" various issues and possibly recommend action at some undetermined future date.

As you may be aware, I had some concerns about the timing of the original announcement regarding CR112, as I was worried about the perception that the Council might be attempting to meddle in the already pending redistricting process. But regardless of those initial concerns about timing, I firmly believe that the Resolution is a courageous and important statement regarding the values we hold dear in this County, including the need to acknowledge and begin to address our painful history of structural racism. Deleting those words does not erase that history, and appears to be merely an attempt to soothe the fragile feelings of those who believe that a discussion of historical facts is somehow "offensive" and "inflammatory." Moreover, while you may have intended it to be more neutral, removing the language encouraging HCPSS to use redistricting to address racial and socioeconomic disparities can only be interpreted as a statement that you no longer support those efforts and prefer to further study the issue before taking any action at all.

I *know* that you are as horrified and disgusted as I am at some of the racist and classist rhetoric we've seen in response to the Resolution and the Superintendent's proposal, in testimony, on social media, and on protest signs. In addition, I've been dismayed at the tactics used by some of those opposing the Resolution and the Superintendent's proposal - holding repeated protests, intimidating supporters attending public hearings, personally attacking religious and community leaders, and calling for impeachment or "recall" of elected officials are hardly signs of "choosing civility." (Not to mention the reported threats of violence against the Superintendent and other HCPSS personnel.)

Despite any concerns about timing, or any second thoughts you may now be having about some of the wording of the Resolution that you originally agreed to, the genie is now out of the bottle. Whether the Resolution is defeated via a "no" vote or via an amendment that completely wipes out the original intent, either result would be seen as a victory for the Resolution's opponents and would further embolden the kind of ugly behavior we have seen over the last several weeks.

Finally, it has not escaped notice that the idea to establish a task force *instead of* redistricting was suggested by the lobbyist hired by "Families for Education Improvement" in her testimony on October 26. Quite frankly, I find it offensive that a group of affluent families would hire an expensive lobbyist to represent their interest in not having their children attend school with poor children. (Even worse when that lobbyist is from "out of town" and so disconnected from Howard County that she doesn't even comply with the rules regarding lobbying here, as reflected in the attached Ethics Complaint filed this morning.) Please consider what the "optics" would be for the Council to adopt an amendment proposed (perhaps even drafted?) by such a lobbyist.

I urge you to withdraw Amendment 2 and to pass CR112-2019 as written (or as amended by Amendment 1). I would fully support establishing a task force as an additional measure to continue to address the opportunity gap and the racial and socioeconomic disparities in our schools and neighborhoods. But to do so instead of passing CR112 as written is unacceptable.

Sincerely,
Dawn Popp

Sayers, Margery

From: Patti Gonzalez <pattigonzalez1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 3:39 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: PASS CR112

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Reject Amendment 2! PASS CR112!

Sayers, Margery

From: Maura Dunnigan <dunniganzoo@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 3:28 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Resolution Vote

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Howard County Council Members,

As our elected officials charged with visioning the goals for our county through your leadership and policies, we implore you to vote in favor of CR 112 and reject amendment 2. Though we realize this is a non-binding resolution, this is such a vital time when our county needs leadership that upholds the core values of our community. If our government and elected officials can't stand for equity, who will?

When I go into classrooms for simulated congressional hearings and students talk about individual rights vs common good... this is an example. Be on the side of children and families who need your voice. We cannot go down the road of intolerance, where only those with resources get a voice in our democracy. Only those who can afford lobbyists, t-shirts, and to buy a home in a certain neighborhood get to dictate policy or have access to resources.

Howard County has been and should continue to be a model for COMMUNITY, INCLUSION, and EQUITY.

Thank you for holding up those values that keep the threads of our beautifully diverse area intact.

Thank you for standing up to individuals who believe only their rights to have it all are the only thing that matters.

Thank you for being the leaders we elected you to be: bold, visionary, and building a community we can all be proud of.

Rouse won the Congressional Medal of Freedom because of his vision that there is a sense of responsibility to one's neighbor. Not because he built shopping malls.

Thank you for valuing and continuing to foster that economic, racial, and cultural harmony in Howard County.

With appreciation and encouragement for our future,

The Dunnigan Family

Keith Dunnigan
Maura Dunnigan
Connor Dunnigan
Nolan Dunnigan
Bridget Dunnigan
Maeve Dunnigan
Quinn Dunnigan

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Missy Lemke <hmlemke@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 3:16 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR112
Attachments: lemker letter.docx

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See attachment

Dear Council,

I am writing to request that you REJECT Amendment 2 and to PASS CR112, a nonbinding resolution (but an important statement of values) supporting the idea of using boundary adjustments to work toward better socioeconomic balance in our schools.

While no plan is perfect, I appreciate Dr. Martirano's attempt at socioeconomic balance as well as an attempt to alleviate overcrowding. My child is slated to go to a dangerously overcrowded school (Howard) and I am glad that was addressed in his plan.

I feel the racist comments and demonstrations regarding this proposal are embarrassing and a blight on our community. The richest part of the county needs to learn share the spoils.

Please pass CR112 and reject Amendment 2.

Thank you,

Melissa Lemke

6309 Old Washington Rd

Elkridge, MD 21075

HOWARD COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION
c/o Beverly Heydon, Executive Secretary
3450 Courthouse Drive
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COMPLAINT

Name of Individual Filing Complaint: Dawn M. Popp

Address: [REDACTED] / Elkridge, MD 21075

Telephone Number: (H) [REDACTED] (W) [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Person Who is Subject of Complaint: Barbara Zektick, Alexander & Cleaver

Employee Other public official
 Board/Commission Member Other party covered by the Ethics Code

What section of the Ethics Law was allegedly violated:

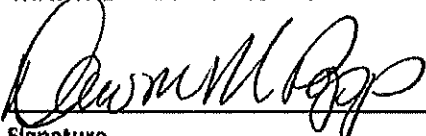
Section 22.207(d) regarding registration of lobbyists.

Brief Description of Substance of Complaint: On October 26, 2019, Ms. Zektick testified before the County Council in opposition to CR112-2019, on behalf of an organization called Families for Education Improvement, Inc. (FEI). That is the latest possible date on which she first engaged in lobbying activities on behalf of that organization, although it is likely she met with her clients and/or engaged in other lobbying activity on their behalf before that date. Upon information and belief, Ms. Zektick was not registered as a lobbyist on behalf of FEI as of the date of her testimony, nor within 5 days thereafter. Upon information and belief, neither Ms. Zektick nor any other lobbyist is registered to lobby on

behalf of FEI as of the date of this complaint.

Names and contact information of potential witnesses who have knowledge of the substance of the complaint: Most of the information underlying this complaint is in the public record, and thus no witnesses are necessary. Should the Commission wish to determine the exact date on which Ms. Zektick first engaged in lobbying activities on behalf of FEI, before her testimony on 10/26, members of the County Council or their staffs could identify when she first contacted them. (I have also submitted an MPIA request for this information.). If the first meeting/contact with the client is considered "engaging in lobbying activity," Board members of FEI would have that information. I do not have their names or contact information at this time.

I HEREBY AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF.

 10/7/19
Signature Date

Dawn M. Popp
Printed Name

NOTE: During the pendency of a Complaint all proceedings relating to a Complaint, including a preliminary inquiry following the filing of a Complaint, hearings, meetings, and activities of the Commission and its staff in connection with the Complaint shall be conducted in a confidential manner. The final Decision and Order of the Commission, however, shall be public. The Ethics Commission may, in its discretion, release the name of the Complainant and a copy of this Form to the Person who is the subject of the Complaint. The Complainant may also be interviewed during the investigation and may be subpoenaed to appear at a hearing.

(Rev. 10/01/2019)
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Sayers, Margery

From: Marybeth Steil <marybeth.steil@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 2:09 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Amendment 2 to CR-112

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Good afternoon:

I am writing to voice my **support** for Deb Jung's **Amendment 2** to CR-112. It is a marked improvement from the original draft of CR-112.

Clearly, more work needs to be done in Howard County to improve educational outcomes for our students. I support efforts by all parties to increase school funding, improve the physical plant for our schools, and provide innovative solutions to classroom challenges.

Please note:

1. A transparent selection process for the Task Force called for in this resolution could go a long way towards healing a battered community. Open communications in the Task Force's working meetings would also go a long way towards listening to and incorporating various points of view from around the county, both in demographic as well as geographic diversity.
2. Using school assignment boundary adjustments as a tool should be a last resort. Neighborhood schools should be the norm, not the exception.
3. Expert research needs to be considered in an unbiased manner.
4. Validity and integrity of data used (primarily, but not exclusively, enrollment figures and capacities for schools) is central to any effort by the Task Force.
5. Commuting considerations should also be at the forefront: both for the cost in time and money for Howard County families and taxpayers, but also for the environmental and traffic concerns on our roadways.

Thank you for your time and attention, and for working diligently to improve Howard County for all its residents.

Sincerely,
Marybeth Steil
South Wind Circle, Columbia
District 4

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 2:09 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Amendment to CR112-2019

Deb Jung
Councilmember, District 4
Howard County Council
3430 Court House Dr., Ellicott City, MD 21043
410-313-2001

Sign-up for my District Update [here](#).

From: Daniel Newberger <daniel.newberger@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:52 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Amendment to CR112-2019

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Deb,

I'm writing to express my disappointment in your proposed amendment to CR112-2019.

By removing all references to school redistricting, the amendment is a blow against those seeking to reduce educational inequity through what has unquestionably been proven by researchers to be the most effective and efficient solution -- namely, redistricting to desegregate student populations. Additionally, by proposing to strip away the original bill's opening paragraphs, the amendment removes the historical background and context which are so critical to understanding how our otherwise wonderful school district finds itself in the position of failing its most economically-disadvantage students.

As a District 4 resident, as an early supporter of, and donor to, your primary and general election campaigns, and as part of the community of progressive Democratic Party activists who are fighting every day to support Superintendent Martirano's proposal in the face of blistering and ugly opposition, your amendment feels like a real betrayal.

I hope you reconsider and withdraw the amendment.

Warm regards,
Daniel Newberger

Sayers, Margery

From: Vrushali Nikte <vrushali.nikte@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:46 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Supporting Amendment #2 to Council Resolution 112

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Dear Members of the County Council,

I write in support of Councilmember Deb Jung's Amendment #2 to Council Resolution 112 but do have important additional suggestions. This amendment is a significant improvement over the original resolution and amendment #1, which relies on inflammatory language and flawed research and policy.

I do want to express my concern and disappointment that school assignment boundary adjustment was included as a potential solution to the achievement gap.

Regarding the Task Force, I also would like to strongly express my expectation that its composition and work will be transparent and inclusive. It is critical that independent and credible experts be included, as well as community members representative of our County's diverse backgrounds and perspectives.

The lack of representative composition of the Area Attendance Committee underscores the absolute necessity for the recommended Task Force to be carefully constructed.

For an issue of this magnitude and importance, the process is critical, and we must get this right, for ALL of our kids.

Thank you again for the thought that went into Amendment #2. If at all possible, I urge you to consider Amendment #3 which

1. removes the reference to the school assignment boundary as a potential option
2. provides express assurance that the Task Force will be inclusive of independent experts and representatives of the community.
3. While weighing any decisions, commute considerations for children/families and climate change impacts should be considered as impacting factors.

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Thx,
Vrushali
Council District: 5

Sayers, Margery

From: Amit Grover <amit111grover@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:37 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CR112 - amendment 2 by Jung

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Hi,

Sending an email note to share my support for the CR112 Amendment#2.

Thanks
Amit Grover

Sayers, Margery

From: Elena D'Aiutolo <edaiutolo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:21 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support of CR112

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Hello,

I am a county resident who is in favor of CR112. I have a small child who is not yet school age but we live in a development that is part of the redistricting. We live in an area that has already been redistricted twice; however I feel that CR112 is the right choice for our neighborhood and our county. I grew up in the Howard County School system and my mother was a teacher in the County for over 35 years. I understand first hand the diversity but also segregation within the community and believe that it is in all residences interest to make our schools as diverse as possible.

Thank you for your time,
Elena D'Aiutolo Mongello
2910 Ordway Dr, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: pascottbtr <pascottbtr@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:18 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: support for Amendment 2 of CR-112

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I am writing to express my support for Amendment 2 for CR-112. I have previously written to oppose CR-112, pointing out the needlessly controversial and offensive language equating the current environment to the worse examples of racism in the past, the ridiculous citing of a report using the metric that any school class that is 40% or less white should be considered segregated, and in general the fact that the Council should be focused on issues within your purview instead of meddling in the activities of another independent duly elected group (the BOE). I still believe that the Council should withdraw or table this resolution and focus on actual legislation that will address the larger context and issues that contribute to uneven socioeconomic representation in the HCPSS, However, if you are going to go forward with a vote, I believe that Amendment 2 addresses the problematic language in the original resolution and proposes a commonsense approach to have the county and its citizens work together to study and understand the issues and come up with a comprehensive set of recommendations to address them.

Sincerely,

Paul Scott
District 4I

Sayers, Margery

From: Regina Clay <reginamclay@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:17 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jung, Deb
Subject: SUPPORT of CR112

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After reading the headline as well as the comments in NATIONAL HEADLINES about my beloved community which I grew up in for over 40 years I was compelled to send this email in Support of CR 112 with NON of the AMENDMENTS proposed by MY COUNTY COUNCIL representative Deb Jung. To realize that we have people that still feel this way in our beloved community which was founded on diversity and inclusion.

I am in FULL SUPPORT of CR112

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Regina Clay

Howard County Council Re:CR112

I am writing about CR112, a county resolution that calls for the socioeconomic desegregation of our schools. Deb Jung the councilwoman for D4 has filed an amendment that nixes most of it. There is no longer any mention of achievement gaps or concentration of poverty in our school system. This is a terrible disservice to our students and our communities. She is basically calling for the formation of a task force to look at housing inequity in our county, which means this is not going to get addressed any time soon. Ending the purposeful segregation of our students should be the top priority of the council.

I am very unhappy with this new wording of the resolution and support the original resolution in its entirety.

Colleen Cotton

Howard County resident, teacher, Title 1 school parent and PTA member

Sayers, Margery

From: Krishna Veeramachaneni <kveeramachaneni@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 1:09 PM
To: CouncilMail; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Walsh, Elizabeth; Ball, Calvin
Subject: Appalling letters from FAKE addresses for CR-112 2019

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Hello,

I humbly request the council to please remove the appalling letters sent from fake addresses that were uploaded as testimonies for CR-112. Those letters are causing a lot of community disruption which is not good for anyone. I believe these are the same letters Ms.Rigby even suggested everyone read while she was supporting a proponent of the resolution. Several letters were mailed from Baltimore and below are few of the addresses:

6020 Marshalee Dr, Elkridge, MD. -- Giant in Elkridge

12268 Clarksville Pike, Clarksville, MD-21029. Retail place.

9255 BERGER RD, COLUMBIA 21046 -- Garage

10207 WINCOPIN CIR, COLUMBIA MD 21044 -- Sheraton Hotel

All letters should be vetted for authenticity before uploading.

Thank you,
Krishna Veeramachaneni.

Sayers, Margery

From: Amanda Davis <amanda.mr.davis@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:58 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR112 Ammendment

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I am strongly opposed to the proposed amendment changes suggest by Councilwoman Deb Jung. Her proposal removes language important to the meaning of the original resolution. despite the very vocal opposition, my family and I fully support the redistricting proposal. Something needs to be done to address the disparities in the school system now, we can't wait until some future date when developers will build affordable housing in more wealthy neighborhoods - which will be opposed by the same people opposing the redistricting.

Again, I and my family DO NOT support the changes that Councilwoman Jung proposes.

Thank you,
Dr. Amanda Davis

Amanda M. Roberts Davis, Ph.D.
202-445-5293 | amanda.mr.davis@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Sarah McConnell <scmcconnell@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:44 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: In support of Amendment #2 of CR 112

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Dear Members of the County Council,

I support Council member Deb Jung's Amendment #2 to Council Resolution 112. This amendment is a significant improvement over the original resolution and amendment #1, which uses divisive language. I do believe that we need to study all of the possible solutions to reduce the achievement gap, not just redistricting. Regarding the Task Force, I expect the group composition will include a diverse group of citizens (including diversity in political party, socio economic status, race, background and experience). We can't keep the status quo or same group of influencers if we want to see change. Their work should be transparent, inclusive and independent of influence. Please take time to design an effective process that will provide meaningful solutions.

Thank you again for the thought that went into Amendment #2.

Thank you,
Sarah McConnell
District 5

Sayers, Margery

From: Shyam Balani <shyambalani@me.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:40 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendments to CR 112

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Dear Members of the County Council,

I write in support of Council member Deb Jung's Amendment #2 to Council Resolution 112.

This amendment is a significant improvement over the original resolution and amendment #1.

I do want to express my concern and disappointment that the school assignment boundary adjustment was included as a potential solution to the achievement gap.

Credible, independent and expert analysis by Georgetown School of Public Policy cites significant flaws of research on economic integration as a strategy for the achievement gap, and advises the research is in fact not conclusive, despite proponents claims. I trust the proposed Task Force will reach the same conclusion.

Regarding the Task Force, I also would like to strongly express my expectation that its composition and work will be transparent and inclusive.

It is critical that independent and credible experts be included, as well as community members representative of our County's diverse backgrounds and perspectives.

We have unfortunately seen with the current redistricting process and the original Resolution 112 how a lack of transparency and inclusion fails to lead to successful outcomes.

The lack of representative composition of the Area Attendance Committee underscores the absolute necessity for the recommended Task Force to be carefully constructed.

For an issue of this magnitude and importance, process is critical, and we must get this right, for ALL of our kids.

I therefore urge you to consider an Amendment #3 which removes the reference to school assignment boundary as a potential option and also provides express assurance that the Task Force will be inclusive of independent experts and representative of the community.

Shyam K Balani
Ellicott City
Cell: [1-253-678-4503](tel:1-253-678-4503)

Sayers, Margery

From: Milan Kaur <mkaur77@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:03 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR112 Amendment #2

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Hello,

I would like to write in support of Council woman Deb Jung's amendment #2 to the council resolution 112. I appreciate the amendments that have been made to the original resolution but I would like to state that I would not feel boundary adjustments should be a solution to the achievement gap.

I appreciate the start of a task force and would hope for it to include community members so that there is an open communication and working relationship that develops from this.

Thank you again,
Milanjit Kaur
District 5

Sent from [Outlook](#)

Sayers, Margery

From: Sharma, Hemant <HSharma@childrensnational.org>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:01 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Important Considerations re: Amendment 2 to CR 112

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Dear Members of the County Council,

I write to thank Councilwoman Deb Jung for her careful and thoughtful consideration of concerns raised in public hearing and written testimony regarding Council Resolution 112. Amendment #2 is a significant improvement over the original resolution and amendment #1, but I do have important additional suggestions:

First, I would like to express my concern that school assignment boundary adjustments are still included as a potential solution to the achievement gap, when there is not any conclusive research to support that strategy. Credible, independent and expert analysis by Dr. Sarah Cordes (Future Ed, Georgetown School of Public Policy) has concluded "the research on the effects of socioeconomic integration, including studies frequently cited by the strategy's proponents, is inconclusive." (Source: *A Reality Check on the Benefits of Economic Integration*, future-ed.org, FutureEd, Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy, Sarah A. Cordes PhD, August 26, 2019)

Also, regarding the proposed Task Force, Amendment #2 does not specify any guidelines for its formation. It is critical that independent and credible experts be included, as well as community members representative of our County's diverse backgrounds and perspectives. We have unfortunately seen with the current redistricting process and the original Resolution 112 how a lack of transparency and inclusion fails to lead to successful outcomes. The lack of representative composition of the Area Attendance Committee underscores the absolute necessity for the recommended Task Force to be carefully vetted and approved by members of the County Council, and this language must be included in the Amendment.

Thank you again for the thought that went into Amendment #2. If the above concerns are not effectively addressed, Amendment #2 will not accomplish its stated goals.

Sincerely,
Hemant Sharma MD
Ellicott City, MD

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Sayers, Margery

From: Christi Snyder <christisnyder0@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:58 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR112 Amendment #2

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Council Members,

I support Deb Jung's amendment to CR112. The creation of a Task Force is a much more appropriate solution to identify and address the root causes of socioeconomic disparities between schools in Howard County. While there is still references to school boundary adjustments as a "tool" to achieve socioeconomic adjustments, I would fully expect this Task Force to look beyond that singular method / use as a last resort and utilize ALL tools at their disposal that would truly make a difference in all student's lives.

Directing HCPSS to merely redistrict and move students between schools, as outlined in the original resolution AND Amendment #1, will not solve the problem. In fact, doing so will only manipulate / marginally improve percentages and just hide the underlying issues.

Lastly, this Task Force MUST be carefully constructed, transparent, and consist of a broad representation of Howard County.

Regards,
Christi Snyder

Sayers, Margery

From: 秦兵 <bingking@q204.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:50 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: I urge you to cancel, stop the CR 112 and its the amendment

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Hello, County Council,

Dear County Councils,

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I highly praise and affirm the attitude of Ms. Deb Jung's serious correction. But the amendment has made this resolution even more dangerous by mentioning housing equity. Equity should occur naturally, organically; any forced integration will cause disaster to our community and we do not have any resources to cope with the impact.

As county council, you should focus on the county development for all current residents and citizens; we have places in eastern section of the county that needs new development and re-development; There are schools that have more than 10 trailer classrooms outside because it is overcrowded; there are schools where kids have to ride through industrial zones to go to school, there are areas that need to have a school nearby. Moving blocks of people against their will is unethical and this resolution will put all of us into a social experiment that will bring down this county that it took so much effort and time to build.

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Sincerely,

Bing Qin

District 5

Sayers, Margery

From: Archana Gupta <archigupta@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:47 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Polygon 176, Amendment # 2

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I write in support of Council member Deb Jung's Amendment #2 to Council Resolution 112, but do have important additional suggestions. This amendment is a significant improvement over the original resolution and amendment #1, which rely on inflammatory language and flawed research and policy.

I do want to express my concern and disappointment that school assignment boundary adjustment was included as a potential solution to the achievement gap. Credible, independent and expert analysis by Georgetown School of Public Policy cites significant flaws of research on economic integration as a strategy for the achievement gap, and advises the research is in fact not conclusive, despite proponents claims. I trust the proposed Task Force will reach the same conclusion.

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For an issue of this magnitude and importance, process is critical, and we must get this right, for ALL of our kids.

Thank you again for the thought that went into Amendment #2. If at all possible, I urge you to consider an Amendment #3 which removes the reference to school assignment boundary as a potential option and also provides express assurance that the Task Force will be inclusive of independent experts and representative of the community.

Sayers, Margery

From: Archana Gupta <archigupta@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:44 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Polygon 176, amendment #2

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Hemant provided this : Dear Members of the County Council,

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Sayers, Margery

From: Ming Du <duming142@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:44 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Supporting CR-112 Amendment 2

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Hello, County Council,

I'm writing to show my support to CR-112's Amendment 2, though with some concerns: there's no language to guarantee the transparency and fairness of the selection process of the mentioned task force. A bad example would be the current AAC composition of the Superintendent's redistricting plan - there's no transparency in member selection, resulted in no representation from several highly impacted high schools; it did not reflect the demographics of our county; and suspiciously none of the member's schools were impacted by the Superintendent's redistricting plan. This is the very pattern that the government should not operate in, and I hope the Amendment 2 will be able to fix and restore people's confidence in our government.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Ming Du
District 5 resident

Sayers, Margery

From: Sriman Sista <sistasriman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:40 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CR112 Amendment 2 with additional changes

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Dear Members of the County Council,

I write in support of Councilmember Deb Jung's Amendment #2 to Council Resolution 112 but do have important additional suggestions. This amendment is a significant improvement over the original resolution and amendment #1, which relies on inflammatory language and flawed research and policy.

I do want to express my concern and disappointment that school assignment boundary adjustment was included as a potential solution to the achievement gap. Credible, independent and expert analysis by Georgetown School of Public Policy cites significant flaws of research on economic integration as a strategy for the achievement gap and advises the research is in fact not conclusive, despite proponents' claims. I trust the proposed Task Force will reach the same conclusion.

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Thank you again for the thought that went into Amendment #2. If at all possible, I urge you to consider Amendment #3 which removes the reference to school assignment boundary as a potential option and also provides express assurance that the Task Force will be inclusive of unbiased independent experts and representatives of the community with complete transparency and considers the impact of commute aspects as well on students and the families.

Thank you,
Sriman Sista.

Sayers, Margery

From: Poornima B.S <poorni_bs@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:41 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support Amendment 2 for CR 112 by Deb Jung

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Regards
Poornima Balaji
Ellicott City

Sayers, Margery

From: David Clifton <dmclifton@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:40 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Amendment 2 to CR112

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Council,

I am writing in support of Amendment 2 to CR112. This amendment is a significant improvement over the original resolution and Amendment #1. The inflammatory language and flawed research in CR112 should be removed and the more forward-thinking policies described in Amendment 2 embraced.

Equity in Howard County and its schools is a challenging problem and requires that the community come together, as one - not divided - to embrace solutions to this problem. CR112 in its original form divides our community and reduces the positive impact this resolution can have on our children. Through Amendment 2, Councilmember Jung puts in place a process by which the capabilities of our whole county can be brought to bear on these challenges.

I would hope that the construction of the Task Force will consider leveraging key knowledge and resources which the original construction of CR112 lacked, and will include a diverse group of individuals with representation from all parts of our county in constructing and proposing solutions.

Thanks,

David M. Clifton
Resident, Ellicott City MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Subba R <subba.sista@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:39 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CR-112 Amendment 2 with additional changes request

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Thanks,
Subba R
410 908 9959 Cell

Sayers, Margery

From: Jianning zeng <jnzeng@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:32 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Oppose the CR112 and its amendment

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Dear County Councils,

I urge you to cancel, stop the CR 112 and its the amendment.

I highly praise and affirm the attitude of Ms. Deb Jung's serious correction. But the amendment has made this resolution even more dangerous by mentioning housing equity. Equity should occur naturally, organically; any forced integration will cause disaster to our community and we do not have any resources to cope with the impact.

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Sincerely,

Jianning Zeng

District 5



Sayers, Margery

From: Krishna Veeramachaneni <kveeramachaneni@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:28 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CR-112 Amendment 2 with additional changes request

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I do want to express my concern and disappointment that school assignment boundary adjustment was included as a potential solution to the achievement gap. Credible, independent and expert analysis by Georgetown School of Public Policy cites significant flaws of research on economic integration as a strategy for the achievement gap and advises the research is in fact not conclusive, despite proponents' claims. I trust the proposed Task Force will reach the same conclusion.

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Thank you,
Krishna Veeramachaneni.

Sayers, Margery

From: Eun-A Kim <eunakim0508@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:27 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CR 112 Amendment 2 proposed by Deb Jung

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Dear Howard County Council,

I would like to let you know that I support the CR 112 Amendment 2 proposed by Deb Jung.

Thanks for considerations.

Sincerely,

Euna Kim

Sayers, Margery

From: Kerri Ukstins <kukstins@ymail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:26 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB-42-2019

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My name is Kerri Ukstins, I support the intent of CB-42-2019 to raise the school surcharge rate to the levels needed to accommodate student enrollment with permanent facilities in the Howard County School System. Thank you for doing what's best for our children by not pushing this off.

Kerri Ukstins
Laurel, MD 20723

Sayers, Margery

From: Fen Han <fenhan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:25 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Deb Jung CR112 Amendment 2 but with concerns

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Dear Members of the County Council,

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I am also surprised that Housing Equity is brought up in this resolution. I believe this is a totally separate issue which be addressed separately in a new resolution.

Thank you again for the thought that went into Amendment #2. If at all possible, I urge you to consider an Amendment #3 which removes the reference to school assignment boundary as a potential option and also provides express assurance that the Task Force will be inclusive of independent experts and representative of the community. You should remove housing equity from the amendment #3.

Thanks,
Fen Han

Sayers, Margery

From: Tim & Deb Lattimer <lattimertp@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:25 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amended testimony on CR112-2019 - Tim & Debi Lattimer

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

We wish to amend Tim Lattimer's original Sept. 26 testimony in favor of CR112 (repeated below).

First, we do not support amendments that strike nearly all of CR112's preambular paragraphs. As originally drafted, CR112 spoke the truth. As amended, it would omit significant historical context. Whatever the intent behind the extensive and significant deletions proposed by one of CR112's original co-sponsors, the impact is to effectively whitewash the historical context behind CR112. We simply can't move forward to solve complex problems unless we acknowledge explicitly the uncomfortable truths about the nature and context of those problems.

Second, we would not support the proposed amendment to CR112 calling for a new "task force" if doing so would delay action on the proposed Matirano Plan for adjusting school boundaries in Howard County. All too often the creation of task forces is a pretext to postpone meaningful action to resolve pressing problems related to inequities and capacity utilization on Howard County's schools.

We might support such a body if it meets the following conditions:

- (1) said body is organized subsequent to Council action on CR112 and HCPSS action on the Martirano Plan;
- (2) said body is explicitly organized as a "truth & reconciliation" commission composed of members that are truly representative of HoCo stakeholders; and,
- (3) said body is charged with taking an honest look at the factors that contribute to inequities in our school system and with offering unvarnished recommendations by a specified date for County and/or HCPSS policies, programs, and actions that would materially advance equity in Howard County schools.

We are grateful to have members on the County Council who maintain the courage of their convictions and who are willing to stand up to those who might use their wealth, privilege, influence, or threats in an effort to bully others into silence and into accepting an unacceptable status quo in Howard County.

Thanks for your consideration.

Tim & Debi Lattimer
Columbia, MD

ORIGINAL SEPT. 26 TESTIMONY

**Testimony on CR 112-2019
Tim Lattimer, Columbia, MD 20145
September 26, 2019**

My name is Tim Lattimer and I live in the Long Reach Village portion of Columbia.

Speaking only for myself, I strongly support Council Resolution 112-2019.

I recall that when my wife & I returned to the U.S. in 2002 after many years of living overseas, we opted to move to Columbia. We knew very little about Howard County at the time and, as we were deciding on buying our home practically across the street from Long Reach High School, we asked our realtor whether we could expect our toddlers to eventually go to Long Reach HS.

She replied, "This is Howard County, which changes its school boundaries frequently. I know that Long Reach HS is close by, but if you want a guarantee that your kids will someday go there, then you'd better find yourself another buyer's agent." Apparently, that sort of candor is rare around here.

That was our first introduction to what we came to learn was the caste system in Howard County's schools. Over the years, we grew accustomed to the scowls or worried, sympathetic looks from other parents when we told them that we thought our kids would go to Long Reach HS.

Likewise, our kids grew accustomed to similar looks from their friends and fellow soccer players from other parts of the county. But they - and we - found Long Reach HS to be the perfect place for them, as they learned to make friends with an extraordinarily diverse range of people. This has better enabled them to deal with our changing society and our globalizing world. As my daughter put it in her graduation speech last May, "At Long Reach, we not only embodied 'e pluribus unum' as a living reality, we have given it a voice."

Some of you may know me as an advocate for action on climate change and sustainable development. After decades of working on these issues, I've come to understand that it's simply not enough to say we want to protect open space, save trees, or develop clean energy. We cannot and will not solve our climate and sustainability challenges if we do not simultaneously dismantle systemic barriers to equity, inclusion, and justice. We can't deal with these problems as if they are unrelated or isolated challenges. They go together and we have to solve them, together.

Whether it's solving climate or advancing justice, equity, and inclusion, business as usual is not the solution - it's the problem. We need great resolve to break from the outmoded ways of the past and to make ours that "more perfect union" our nation's founders envisioned.

A great place to start would be to reduce the racial and socioeconomic disparities in the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS).

Of course, as a NON-BINDING Council resolution, CR-112 does not obligate the HCPSS to do anything. Decisions on the Martirano Plan or other school redistricting plans rest solely with the HCPSS Board of Education. Nonetheless, I applaud the sponsors of this resolution for their willingness to stand up for vital principles and to express clearly the Council's desire for HCPSS to use the lens of equity as a priority in any school redistricting and boundary review processes.

Some have questioned whether the Council should weigh in on HCPSS business. But, after seeing the nature and extent of much of the opposition to the Martirano Plan, it's clear to me that adopting this resolution is absolutely the right thing to do. Changing the status quo that advantages some over others and dismantling systemic barriers to equity and inclusion are not things that come easily, much less automatically. They must be done with great intention and commitment.

I urge this Council to put itself on the right side of history by adopting this resolution. I hope this Council will demonstrate its - and Howard County's - unequivocal support for equity in our public schools by approving CR-112 overwhelmingly, if not unanimously.

Thank you.

Sayers, Margery

From: Susan Lofft <susanlofft@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:22 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR112-2019

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Regarding the proposed resolution that changes the school boundary adjustment process to require a task force (CR112-2019):

There are schools that have been waiting for YEARS to alleviate overcrowding and severe inequity, only to have a small number of people pay representatives to convince the council to toss out a long-term process just so their own children don't have to change schools. Why should so many children suffer in crowded and understaffed schools because a wealthy few feel the equity policies shouldn't apply to them?

As someone who has lived in this county for nearly 50 years, I am not accustomed to seeing people put up such a huge fight over redistricting. The process has worked very well in this county until about 15 years ago when some people seemed to think that some schools were more important than others. Because of that, the redistricting process was stifled causing even more inequity and socio-economic segregation in the schools and in housing. This is not what Howard County should look like. Regular adjustments of the school boundaries is one of the major reasons Howard County's school system is regularly rated as one of the top school systems in the country.

Changing the legislation at the very last minute only to reboot the process with a task force is the same as cancelling the process altogether. All that would mean is that the process will be changed every time by the few who can pay for the privilege of lobbying to the county council.

Thank you for your consideration,
Susan Lofft
District 4

Sayers, Margery

From: sjani430 <sjani430@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:10 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: cr112-amendment 2

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to show support Deb Jung's amendment to CR112.

We need to address the root causes of the problem by creating a task force and systematically reviewing the reasons for the disparities. This research can then be presented and we can have an educated decision on how to begin to solve the problems. Forcing our children to move out of their schools is not the solution to this problem, this merely masks the problems.

I urge you to support Deb Jung's amendment #2 for CR112. Do not simply put a bandaid on the problem, address the root causes of the socioeconomic disparity in our wonderful county by creating a task force and how this will impact the future of our HCPSS students.

Thank you

Sejal Jani

Sayers, Margery

From: jusleen@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:10 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR112 in favor of Amendment #2

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Dear Members of the County Council,

I write to you in support of Council Member Deb Jung's Amendment #2 to Council Resolution 112 but do have some additional suggestions. The amendment is a significant improvement over the initial one that relied on flawed research and policy.

I want to express my concern that school assignment boundary adjustment was included as a resolution to solve the achievement gap in Howard County. Numerous studies have also shown that economic integration as a strategy for achievement gap is flawed.

I would encourage the task force to be transparent and inclusive. It is vital that independent, credible experts be included as well community members of various backgrounds and ethnicities. For an issue of this magnitude, we need to get it right for ALL children.

Thank you again for taking the first step to ensure that all kids get a fighting chance with this amendment #2. I urge you to consider an Amendment #3 which removes the reference to school assignment boundary as a potential option and also provides assurance that the Task Force will be all inclusive and transparent.

Thank you,

Jasleen Bedi (Concerned parent)

Sayers, Margery

From: Yong-Woo Lee <lywosu@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:08 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support of CR 112 Amendement #2 proposed by Deb Jung

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Dear council,

I live in Clarksville, MD., and I support the CR 112 Amendement #2 proposed by Deb Jung, over other proposed amendements. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Yong Woo Lee

Sayers, Margery

From: Reena Tuliani <rmlala@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:04 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Conditionally support CR 112-2019 Amendment 2 (Deb Jung)
Attachments: 100719_RRT - Conditionally support CR 112 Amendment 2.pdf

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Please see attached.

Conditionally support CR 112-2019 Amendment 2 (Deb Jung)

October 7 2019

**Howard County Council George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043**

Name: Reena Tuliani

Dear County Council Members:

I do appreciate the thoughtful effort that has gone into writing amendment 2 which is a huge step forward after receiving feedback to the original CR 112.

I write in conditional support of Council member Deb Jung's Amendment #2 to Council Resolution 112. I believe a task force comprised of community stakeholders would be a good idea to examine the root causes behind student achievement gaps and make necessary recommendations.

The conditional support is to include some language in this amendment or separately make a commitment toward:

1. A transparent selection process for this task force as well as open communication around its working meetings.
2. Using school assignment boundary adjustment as a tool of last resort. Expert research needs to be considered in an unbiased manner.
3. While weighing any decisions, commute considerations for children/families and climate change impacts should be considered as impacting factors.

Respectfully,

Reena Tuliani

Sayers, Margery

From: Vanita Tuliani <vanitatuliani@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 11:03 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Conditionally support CR 112-2019 Amendment 2 (Deb Jung)
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Conditionally support CR 112-2019 Amendment 2 (Deb Jung)

October 7 2019

**Howard County Council George Howard Building
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Name: Vanita Tuliani

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Respectfully,

Vanita Tuliani

Sayers, Margery

From: Regan Mercer <reganmercerc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 10:21 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR 112

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Good morning,

I made this comment on Facebook but I think it's pertinent enough to send to you as well. I think it's important to understand this type of redistricting is something we (and others) used as effective strategy before, not a new experiment.

Only the Columbia section of HoCo was designed with neighborhood schools, traditional piecemeal developers in the rest of the county did not follow suite, and don't have neighborhood schools. This lopsided development is something HoCo had successfully balanced for years through redistricting till the anti redistricting crowd got in power, and now look at the mess. Overcapacity schools, under capacity schools, and the concentration of poverty at certain schools, despite the massive amt of research showing the*last* thing you want in your community is to concentrate poverty to specific areas.

Thank You,
Regan Mercer

Sayers, Margery

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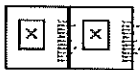


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OPINION: When wealthy parents hold sway in public schools

• Annette Lareau, Elliot Weininger and Amanda Barrett Cox

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There is a widespread view in education that poor parents are trouble: They don't spend enough time reading to children, monitoring their homework, attending school events or helping teachers. Educators, at times, complain bitterly about them, and many policies have been designed to address these issues. With economic segregation in the United States worsening, there is likely to be a growing number of school districts where poor children, and poor parents, predominate.

Yet, economic segregation, which is more pronounced among families with children, also creates public school districts where affluent families predominate. This can lead to trouble in schools, but of a distinct kind. Motivated by a fierce desire to protect their children and themselves from difficulty, and armed with a robust sense of entitlement as well as ample economic, cultural and social resources, affluent parents can trigger conflict and interfere with school districts on a scale that is rarely acknowledged.

We saw this firsthand during the research for our recent study of an affluent school district in the Northeast. We call this district Kingsley, to preserve the anonymity of the interviews we conducted with families and school officials. As of the 2010 census, more than a third of households in the district had an annual income of \$150,000 or more, and the median home value exceeded \$450,000. More than 70 percent of adult residents had at least a bachelor's degree, over twice the national average. Kingsley was also extremely successful academically. It was a "destination district," with average SAT scores nearly 250 points above the state average on the 2,400-point scale.

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We started visiting this community — which is similar to places like the Boston suburb Newton, Mass. — to understand how parents decide where to live and send their children to school. After the study had begun, Kingsley administrators began the process of redrawing attendance boundaries for the district's high schools to balance attendance numbers. Administrators, of course, don't want children crowded into one school while there are empty seats in classrooms in another. Since they cannot control where parents live within the district, they sometimes reassign certain neighborhoods' students from one school to another. This provoked an outcry among many of the parents, which we documented.

At no point was there a suggestion, by parents or administrators, that the educational quality of one of the two high schools was worse. However, the reassignment would have increased some students' travel time, by an average of about 10 minutes.

The reassignment process lasted for almost a year. Once the district began releasing proposals, there were vigorous protests, which led to revised proposals and new protests. We read more than 3,000 emails and letters from parents to administrators and the school board on the subject. We transcribed video recordings of the 18 board meetings that took place during the controversy, including the public commentary at these sessions.

Many of these meetings were held in packed auditoriums, with hundreds of angry parents. At the end of one meeting, parents were visibly distraught. Groups of mothers gathered together, and one was crying as she said, "It is not fair." Her friend told her, "We will fight it!" Another agitated mother worried, "How am I going to tell my 12-year-old?"

The capacity of the parents and guardians at Kingsley to impede the reassignment process was due in large part to their noneconomic resources: the professional skills and connections they could deploy in a fight against the school district. School administrators found themselves confronted not just by disgruntled parents but by pediatricians, urban planners, public relations specialists and psychologists.

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These parents had an extraordinary capacity for mobilization. At one parent meeting we observed, no fewer than 10 committees were formed. When administrators denied parents' requests for a school-bus ride-along so that parents could time the proposed bus routes, parents — with stopwatches in hand — collected their own data on travel times.

They recruited local politicians to attend their planning meetings and solicited letters of support from outside experts. At school board meetings, administrators found themselves presented with two inch-thick binders full of copies of peer-reviewed studies, meant to demonstrate the shortcomings of the administrators' proposals.

"Affluent parents are much more likely to sue than poorer parents over special education."

Although the district ultimately passed and implemented a plan, the process consumed vast amounts of administrators' time, energy and resources. The superintendent estimated that he devoted 70 to 80 percent of his working time over several months to the redistricting process. At one point, the administration felt it necessary to have law enforcement present at board meetings, after an incident in which a board member was confronted by a hostile resident. The superintendent called the process a "Nor'easter" that damaged the school district's reputation and diverted his attention from substantive issues, including curriculum planning and supporting students in the transition from middle school to high school.

This kind of conflict between school districts and affluent parents is not unique to Kingsley. Parents protested when their school districts redrew attendance boundaries in Union County, N.C., and they sued in Forsyth County, Ga. On the Upper West Side of Manhattan, some affluent parents of children from a well-funded, overwhelmingly white school bitterly protested a plan to increase racial diversity in schools, despite support for the plan from the parent councils and school leadership. A PTA "donation balancing system" in California's Santa Monica-Malibu district, in which funds are shared across the district, helped fuel a movement to create a separate, more affluent school district.

There are consequences to this phenomenon of "opportunity hoarding" by well-to-do parents. A number of researchers have described, for example, the various ways that parents, generally upper-middle-class, monitor and scrutinize teachers and principals, which can diminish educators' authority. Parents who secure their child's admission to a "gifted" program, despite insufficient test results, undermine the legitimacy of these tests and programs.

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Intense parental involvement in schools is not always helpful to children, either. In certain situations, it can lead to higher levels of stress among children and intrafamilial conflict.

In 1932, Willard Waller's classic work on the sociology of teaching pronounced parents and educators to be "natural enemies": Parents are concerned for their own children, while educators look to the success of all students.

This is an inherent tension, and one that parents and school administrators should understand better. Controversies can escalate quickly, and unprepared educators sometimes make things worse. Democratic processes are essential in public school districts, but educators should also find ways to listen to parents' concerns and resolve matters quickly and decisively.

All parents want the best for their children, but a key goal of public education is to create citizens with a vision of a common good. Upper-middle-class parents are understandably anxious about the futures of their children in an increasingly competitive global economy, but not every issue is worthy of a fight. Parents should think about what matters in the long run and reflect on whether their actions might be contributing to greater inequality. Affluent parents bring powerful resources to schools. They should also model thoughtful civic engagement that considers collective, rather than simply individual, benefits.

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Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 9:09 AM
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Subject: CB-42 vs CB-112

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It's important that you vote to pass CB-42. If you do not but then do pass CB-112, it will be clear this council is passing the buck onto the school system instead of taking pro-active responsibility. The school system does not generate revenue. The school system can only use the funds that are available. If you do not vote to increase the availability of those funds then what CB-112 is asking cannot happen without bussing students across the county. The school system needs funds to improve buildings, capacity and the achievement gap.

We will remember this in 2022. Do not think this is far enough out for us to not remember, we will.

Beth Stolte

Sayers, Margery

From: Evie Callahan <eviemah@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 8:16 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Amendment 2 on CR-112

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County Council,

I am in full support of Council member Deb Jung's **Amendment #2 to Council Resolution 112**, but do have important additional recommendations. This amendment is a significant improvement over the original resolution and amendment #1, which had inflammatory language and flawed research and policy.

I do want to express my concern and disappointment that school assignment boundary adjustment was included as a potential solution to the achievement gap. Credible, independent and expert analysis by Georgetown School of Public Policy cites significant flaws of research on economic integration as a strategy for the achievement gap, and advises the research is in fact not conclusive, despite proponents claims. I trust the proposed Task Force will reach the same conclusion.

Regarding the Task Force, I also would like to strongly express my expectation that its composition and work will be transparent and inclusive. It is critical that independent and credible experts be included, as well as community members representative of our County's diverse backgrounds and perspectives. We have unfortunately seen with the current redistricting process and the original Resolution 112 how a lack of transparency and inclusion fails to lead to successful outcomes. The lack of representative composition of the Area Attendance Committee underscores the absolute necessity for the recommended Task Force to be carefully constructed.

For an issue of this magnitude and importance, process is critical, and we must get this right, for ALL of our kids.

Thank you again for the thought that went into Amendment #2. I suggest to consider an Amendment #3 which removes the reference to school assignment boundary as a potential option and also provides express assurance that the Task Force will be inclusive of independent experts and representative of the community.

Thank you,
Evelyn Callahan
Clarksville, MD 21029

Sayers, Margery

From: emdevries@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 7:51 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CR-112 Amendment 2

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Please support Deb Jung's Amendment 2 for CR-112. We definitely need a very holistic approach to resolving the issues of inequality in our County. Creating an inclusive task force with all sectors of our county is the best way.

Thank you Deb Jung for the Amendment, and thank you County Council for your thoughtful consideration.

Elyse DeVries
12152 Mt Albert Ct

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Sayers, Margery

From: randy hedgeland <rhedgie54@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 7:45 AM
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In support of Amendment 2, its a move in the right direction.

Sincerely
Randy J. Hedgeland

Sayers, Margery

From: Jason Zeruto <jasonzeruto@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:56 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Amendment 2 on CR-112

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Dear Council,

I would like to express my support for Deb Jung's proposed changes to CR-112. The creation of a Task Force to study root causes of issues concerning our county is a promising first step to improving our communities.

Kind Regards,
Jason Zeruto

Sayers, Margery

From: Nicole Koonce <nicolefkoonce@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:14 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: David Koonce
Subject: Support for CR112 Task Force.

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Council Members,

My name is Nicole Koonce and I am a resident of Polygon 2176.

I fully support Deb Jung's amendment to CR112. The creation of a Task Force to identify and address the root causes of socioeconomic disparities between schools in Howard County, while trying to address the overcrowding issue plaguing so many of our schools, is the appropriate next step.

The current plan is flawed and tearing apart our community. That matters. I can't imagine any of you want the county to remain this fractured. The community is deeply troubled by the negative effects the plan will have on many of the students in the county. There MUST be constructive dialogue on how to find a productive way forward.

If Council Members truly care about the well being of ALL Howard County Students, they will approve Ms. Jung's amendment and the residents of this county to roll their sleeves up to try and help find a solution to this difficult problem.

Transparency in the recruitment and assignment of the Task Force is paramount. I would ask that there be a balance of representation on the Task Force from across the county/polygons and that representatives bring varying perspectives on the current plan.

Sincerely,

Nicole Koonce

Sayers, Margery

From: Priti Bajaj <priti.kaur.bajaj@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:12 AM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Jung, Deb
Subject: Support of Deb Jung's Amendment #2 to Council Resolution 112
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Please see the attached letter regarding Council Resolution 112. Thank you.

October 6, 2019

Re: Support of Deb Jung's Amendment #2 to Council Resolution 112

Dear Members of the County Council,

My name is Priti Bajaj and I am a current resident of Howard County. I am writing to express my support of Deb Jung's Amendment #2 to Council Resolution 112.

Although this amendment is a great improvement from the original resolution, I am concerned that school boundary adjustment is still included as a potential solution to the achievement gap, despite research that does not support this claim.

I also would like to express the need for a task force that is fully inclusive and transparent. It is necessary that the task force include credible experts and representatives of all parts of our community in order to make sure we do what is best for our Howard county children.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Priti Kaur Bajaj, MD
Ellicott City, Maryland

Sayers, Margery

From: Sharma, Indira K. <Indira.Sharma@saul.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 11:37 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendment 2 to CR 112

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Dear Council Members,

I applaud Councilwoman Deb Jung for listening to the concerns expressed during the public hearing and through written testimony. After all – that is the purpose of having public feedback and it is refreshing to know that such feedback is seriously considered by Council Members even those who originally co-sponsored the resolution. I believe that Amendment 2 proposed by Councilwoman Jung is a huge step in the right direction and the best option for CR 112 that we have before us. However, there are two concerns with Amendment 2 that require attention.

- 1) Amendment 2 still lists “school boundary assignments” as a possible tool when there is no support for the use of school boundary assignments to address the achievement gap. The Council need look no further than the many recommendations for eliminating the achievement gap set forth by the National Education Association. **Redistricting students is not one of them.** See <http://www.nea.org/home/36073.htm>. In a very recent August 2019 analysis by Dr. Sarah A. Cordes at Georgetown School of Public Policy of all the socioeconomic integration in schools data to date, she determined that the research is *inconclusive*. Specifically, Dr. Cordes stated, “It is not clear from the research available today that socioeconomic integration alone would produce the hoped-for gains on the academic side of the integration equation. The research on the effects of socioeconomic integration, including studies frequently cited by the strategy’s proponents, is inconclusive.” (*Source: A Reality Check on the Benefits of Economic Integration, FutureEd, Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy, Sarah A. Cordes PhD, August 26, 2019*)
- 2) Amendment 2 does not provide any parameters for the formation of the task force. By way of example, it only states that the task force should be comprised of “community stakeholders” but it fails to define what constitutes a “community stakeholder.” Further, there is no assurance that the composition will be fair and representative of the community. Given recent concerns over the composition of the AAC that assisted the Superintendent in deriving the current redistricting proposal before the Board of Education, I highly encourage the use of clearer language stating that the task force must be representative of the County in terms of race, socioeconomic status, geography, political affiliation and the task force must also include independent experts and consultants in the areas of the educational achievement gap and equity. The County of Executive should not appoint members of the task force given that 5 out of the 14 AAC members were part of his transition team thereby politicizing the process and he failed to allow the Board of Education to have the independence necessary to do its job. Members of the County Council should have to approve each member of the task force and should be required to ensure that the task force is representative of the County and the many diverse viewpoints.

I urge the County Council to address these concerns and if they cannot be sufficiently addressed then Amendment 2 should not proceed and neither should the original CR 112 for all the very good reasons stated by those in opposition to CR 112. Thank you all for your attention to this important issue of addressing equity in our communities and schools.

Respectfully,

Indira K. Sharma
Ellicott City, MD

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From: jen <jenlz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 10:52 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Stanley McCluskey
Subject: Deb Jung's Ammendment to CR112

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Good morning,

As a new resident to Howard County am very concerned about the lack of research that went into the recent plans for the HoCo redistricting plan. The lack of concern from the current administration shows contempt to all of the children in Howard County. I feel an external review is needed before we gamble with our children and put them at risk.

Deb Jung is a voice of reason; please carefully consider her nomination for a Task Force to study the best way to achieve equity in the HoCo school system before moving forward with the radical and damaging redistricting plan on the table.

Deb Jung has nominated an Ammendment to this resolution with language asking for a TASK FORCE to study the matter further before and I fully support Deb Jung's amendment to CR112. The creation of a Task Force is a much more appropriate solution to identify and address the root causes of socioeconomic disparities between schools in Howard County.

Directing HCPSS to merely redistrict and move students between schools, as outlined in the original resolution AND Amendement #1, will not solve the problem. In fact, doing so will will just hide the issues and damage many of the children it seeks to help. It puts summer programs at risk since some are based on FARM numbers. I urge you to proceed with extreme caution when making decisions that impact the most vulnerable in our community.

If Council Members truly cared about all Howard County Students, they will approve Amendement #2 and actually help students or schools in need, not just manipulate the percentages between schools.

Transparency in the recruitment and assignment of the Task Force is paramount. The Council should avoid the same tactics used by the BOE for the Attendance Committee; which was done in a secretive and partial manner.

Sincerely,
Jen McCluskey

Sayers, Margery

From: Beth Kunkoski <el frank@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 10:02 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Amendment 2 on CR-112

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I support amendment 2 for CR-112 and only amendment 2.

Elizabeth Kunkoski

Sayers, Margery

From: Edral Laurita Finch C <lauritafinchclarke@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 9:55 PM
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Subject: In Support of Amendment #2 to CR112

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Good evening County Council,

I am writing in support of Amendment #2 to CR112 to create a Task Force to understand root causes. This is imperative to the educational needs of our students. I am very much against Amendment #1. I write as one who testified at the Council hearing on CR112, and continue to watch this issue very closely. I look forward to seeing the Council and our community working in unison to ensure that the individual needs of our children are met.

Warmly,
Laurita Clarke

Sayers, Margery

From: Deepika Dhuria <d_dhuria@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 9:27 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Amendment 2 - CR 112

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Council Members,

I fully support Amendment 2 to CR112-2019.

The original resolution does not reflect the Howard County that we live in today and the issues that we would like to address.

Amendment 2 proposed by Councilwoman Jung addresses the concerns and provides a thoughtful means to achieve these concerns. We must create a task force to understand the best way forward to achieve equity for all students and be in alignment with Policy 6010.

Please adopt Amendment 2.

Sincerely,
Deepika Dhuria
Ellicott City, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Nimesh Shah <nimesh.shah.unc@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 9:26 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: arunima pande
Subject: Support for Amendment 2 of CR112 by Deb Jung

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To County Council,

We are new residents of District 5 and school polygon 1199.

We would like to support **Amendment 2 of council resolution # 112** written by council member Deb Jung.

Thank you,

Nimesh S Shah
Arunima Pande

13623 Curtis Vista Way
Clarksville, MD 21029

Sayers, Margery

From: dena brzezicki <dbrzezic@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 9:25 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for amendment 2 on CR-112

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I am writing this email to voice my support for amendment 2 on CR-112. The original amendment of integrating by socioeconomic factors alone would do little make a meaningful change. I strongly feel that a multi-pronged approach that examines county policies on housing and the socio-economic factors that impact achievement and funding those recommendations will be more effective in eliminating the achievement gap.

Thank you,
Dena Brzezicki

Sayers, Margery

From: Prabir Chakrabarty <pchakus@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 8:51 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendment#2 to CR112-2019

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Prabir Chakrabarty, I reside in Ellicott City, District 5. I want to send my support for Amendment #2 to CR112-2019.

Councilwoman Jung's Amendment addresses the valid concerns raised by opponents of the original resolution and presents a framework for a long-term plan to create a task force to study the challenges facing FARM students as well as overcrowding of schools consistent with Policy 6010.

Therefore I ask that the Howard County Council adopt Amendment #2 to CR112-2019.

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Joe <josephlove@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 8:39 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Amendment 2 on CR-112

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Dear county council,

I'm writing to you as a resident of howard county with 3 children. My wife and I would like to take this time to offer our support for amendment 2 on cr-112 authored by Councilmember Jung. I think it identifies a more practical way forward in determining a solution to the problems this resolution looks to address.

Thanks,

- Joe Love

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Paul Gani <paulgani@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 8:38 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Updated Testimony for CR112-2019, REJECT Amendment #1, APPROVE Amendment #2

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Dear Howard County Council,

I am writing to provide my updated testimony for CR112-2019. Please see my original testimony at the bottom of this email.

Councilmember Jung:

Thank you for proposing Amendment #2. I find your responsiveness to your constituent's concerns to be highly admirable. No politician will ever have the exact same priorities as me, but your actions are precisely what I am looking for in an elected representative. Please make sure the community stakeholders in the Task Force are adequately representative of the entire community. I now change my testimony to APPROVE for CR112-2019 with Amendment #2.

Councilmember Rigby:

Thank for you pointing out during the hearings and in testimony replies that your resolution was written as a response to the Feasibility Study and not the Superintendent's proposed plan.

Councilmembers Rigby and Jones:

After several hours of public testimony by predominantly first generation Asian American residents with limited English language skills testifying how their families would be adversely affected by the Superintendent's plan, I find your proposed Amendment #1 to merely add "Asian" to the racial comparisons justifying your resolution to be insensitive at best, and downright offensive and appalling at worst.

I understand your original intent of this resolution was as a response to the Feasibility Study, but clearly the public has interpreted it as an endorsement of the Superintendent's proposed plan. Proposing your technical Amendments now, with no substantive changes to the resolution or acknowledgement of the competing plans, will merely reinforce the public's impression that you are indeed endorsing the Superintendent's plan and are completely insensitive to the testimony you have received thus far.

I urge you to consider the good will you saw at the public hearings for additional support for economically disadvantaged students. Please don't squander this good will by being completely dismissive to the testifier's concerns. I assure you, if you are not sensitive to their priorities, they will not be supportive of yours when the HCPSS budget season comes around. I refer you to the two year spending level budget agreement by Pelosi and Trump this summer. When all sides have at least some of their priorities included, then mutual agreement is possible, even in the most divided government.

Thank you,

Paul Gani

Howard County Council District 4

On Fri, Sep 13, 2019 at 2:01 PM Paul Gani <paulgani@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Howard County Council,

I am writing to register my objection to CR112-2019. I am objecting not because I disagree with the ultimate goal of the resolution: socioeconomic integration of the Howard County Public Schools, but because the current resolution as written neither considers or reflects the priorities of community public stakeholders and taxpayers, nor offers or recommends any protections against integration plans that severely impact Howard County children, families, and taxpayers.

I would like to direct you the text of the Superintendent's presentation:

<https://www.hcpss.org/f/schoolplanning/2019/mjm-boundary-review-presentation-text.pdf>

in the section **Stakeholder voices**:

Below are the clear preferences expressed by the community public stakeholders, in the words of the Superintendent:

"Other priorities held more weight in the feedback expressed by stakeholders participating in our community input sessions and online survey. Over 800 participants took part in four community input sessions representing various regions. Overall, these stakeholders preferred options that **limit student travel times** and **boundary continuity**, and preserve the concept of **neighborhood schools** wherever possible. Socio-economic impact was also expressed as a priority consideration among participants at one of the four sessions. Our online feedback survey received 2,176 responses, and 276 alternative scenarios were submitted. This feedback leaned heavily toward **limiting student travel times, maintaining walkable distances, and boundary continuity.**"

However, the Superintendent instead went with the preferences of a non-elected, 100% appointed by him Area Attendance Committee:

The committee's consensus was that achieving **socio-economic balance**, represented by schools' FARM proportions, should be the **driving factor** for all attendance area decisions. The AAC also recommended that we do more extensive reassignments at once, rather than more limited boundary adjustment processes more frequently. Other AAC priorities were to provide for neighborhood schools with walkable distances as much as possible, and to avoid the use of relocatable classrooms as a long term solution for school crowding. Overall, the AAC recommended that we take **dramatic action to make schools more equal social-economically**, despite what would be a consequential **doubling or tripling of transportation costs, significant increases in student travel time**, and a need to **create islands** with feeder patterns distributed throughout the county.

The County Council passing a resolution which supports a redistricting plan which ****openly**** declares that **doubling or tripling of transportation costs, significant increases in student travel time**, and a need to **create islands** are necessary and acceptable to achieve socioeconomic integration is a slap in the face to all public stakeholders and taxpayers. I strongly urge the County Council to vote to **REJECT** or **AMEND** the current legislation to better reflect the priorities of community public stakeholders and taxpayers.

Thank you,

Paul Gani
Howard County Council District 4

Sayers, Margery

From: linglei ma <lingleim@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 8:21 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: support for Deb Jung but with concerns

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Dear Members of the County Council,

I write in support of Council member Deb Jung's Amendment #2 to CR-112, but do have important additional suggestions. This amendment is a significant improvement over the original resolution and amendment #1.

I do want to express my concern and disappointment that school assignment boundary adjustment was included as a potential solution to the achievement gap. Credible, independent and expert analysis by Georgetown School of Public Policy cites significant flaws of research on economic integration as a strategy for the achievement gap, and advises the research is in fact not conclusive, despite proponents claims.

Regarding the Task Force, I also would like to strongly express my expectation that its composition and work will be transparent and inclusive. We have unfortunately seen with the current redistricting process and the original Resolution 112 how a lack of transparency and inclusion fails to lead to successful outcomes. The lack of representative composition of the Area Attendance Committee underscores the absolute necessity for the recommended Task Force to be carefully constructed.

I am also surprised that Housing Equity is brought up in this resolution. I believe this is a totally separate issue which be addressed separately in a new resolution.

Thank you again for the thought that went into Amendment #2. If at all possible, I urge you to consider an Amendment #3 which removes the reference to school assignment boundary as a potential option and also provides express assurance that the Task Force will be inclusive of independent experts and representative of the community. You should remove housing equity from the amendment #3.

Linglei Ma

Sayers, Margery

From: Katherine Berland <berlandk@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 2:08 PM
To: Jung, Deb
Cc: CouncilMail
Subject: CR112

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Dear Councilmember Jung,

I am writing to express my disappointment at the amendment you have proposed to CR112, which effectively would gut the resolution. I strongly support the intent of CR112 as originally introduced, and urge you to withdraw the amendment. Your amendment would not only remove the factual whereas clauses that provide context for the resolution, but would also add support for establishing a new task force to examine factors contributing to achievement gaps. While I'm sure you intend well with this, the new resolution you propose would serve to delay or stall current efforts to address badly-needed and long overdue school boundary adjustments. I have been following closely both the council's work on this resolution and the board of education's work on redistricting. I have been saddened and distressed at some of the narrative arising in opposition to what I see as basic, fundamental moral values that I believe most residents of Howard County believe in, including equity, social justice, and desegregation.

I strongly urge you to withdraw this amendment, and I urge you, along with the rest of the council, to pass CR112 as originally drafted (accepting amendments that add information or clarity to the existing whereas clauses).

Katherine Berland
District 4

Sayers, Margery

From: Timothy Dull <tdull@dullpartners.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 11:45 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendment No. 2 to Council Resolution No. 112 by Deb Jung

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I am writing in support of this amendment. I think the amendment as originally written doesn't represent where we are at in Howard County. Maybe we are headed that way but we are a long ways from where Maryland once was. Creating a task force to look at this complex issue and develop action items that will first mitigate this issue and then reverse it, is what we need. Maybe eventually it should be pushed to the Board of Education but first, it should be thoroughly studied by the County Council with broad input from the community. I believe there are many actions the Council is capable of which can address this issue.

If this amendment is approved the task force should be composed of a broad range of interests to reflect our entire community.

Please vote in favor of Amendment No. 2 to Council Resolution No. 112 by Deb Jung.

Thank you,
Timothy Dull
4269 Buckskin Wood Dr.
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: Kripa Tiwari <kripa_tiwari@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 11:26 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CR112 Amendment #2

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Hello,

I support CR 112 Amendment #2 proposed by council member Jung. This is more reasonable and represents views of community.

Thanks for listening to the community.

Thanks,
Kripa Tiwari
Ellicott City

Sayers, Margery

From: Jorge Elguera <jorge.elguera@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 10:53 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support Amendment #2 to CR112

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Dear Council members,

I'm a resident and parent in Howard county and I support Amendment 2 to CR112.

Without an understanding of the root causes for socioeconomic problems and disparities, those problems cannot be effectively solved.

The current redistricting debate is an example of an attempt to solve problems without an understanding of causes and consequences. As heard from hundreds of affected families in recent testimony regarding the proposed school redistricting plan, there is no evidence that this plan will help students and families, and quite the opposite it creates harm and disruption. We also heard clearly that there is no real definition of what problems or root causes the plan tries to address, other than very generic definitions that are not enough to support the elaboration of a plan.

If the Council takes the opportunity to require that studies are conducted to identify and provide clear evidence on what the problems and root causes for them are, it will lead to the presentation of plans that actually address them in a demonstrable way. With clear definitions of what the problems and causes are, debates will be based on which is the best way to solve them and will help take politics and bias out of those discussions.

I would like to take this opportunity to also recommend that the county adopts a requirement of "feasibility and cost" be included in any proposed plan. Redistricting is an example of the lack of this information. The implementation of the plan will cost Millions of dollars, time and effort, and harm to the environment. Shouldn't those impacts be clearly determined and communicated as part of proposing the plan? How could a plan be adopted or rejected without that knowledge?

Citizens of Howard county deserve plans that clearly link problems and solutions. With these requirements the county can avoid having its citizens go through debates on initiatives where it's unclear what problems they solve and what benefits they provide.

Let's raise the standard for how we approach solving problems. The county has a good opportunity to do that by adopting the requirements from Amendment #2

Respectfully,

Jorge Elguera
Ellicott City, 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: Balaji Balasubramaniam <balajib@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 10:19 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Supporting CR 112 Amendment #2 - Deb Jung

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My Name is Poornima Balaji. I live in Ellicott City, Howard County, MD.
I support the CR 112 Amendment #2 proposed by Deb Jung.

Thanks,

Poornima Balaji
balaji@yahoo.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Balaji Balasubramaniam <balajib@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 10:17 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Supporting CR 112 Amendment #2 by Deb Jung

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My Name is Balaji Bala. I live in Ellicott City, Howard County, MD.
I support the CR 112 Amendment #2 proposed by Deb Jung.

Thanks,

Balaji Bala
balaji@yahoo.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Deepthi Bommadevara <dbommadevara@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 6, 2019 9:15 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CR112 amendment #2

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Dear Council,

I am writing to give my support for amendment #2 of CR 112. The establishment of a Task force to look into housing policy and socioeconomic factors that affect student achievement is the right step forward.

Thank you,

Deepthi Bommadevara
Ellicott City

Sayers, Margery

From: Raj Tuliani <rstuliani@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 4:08 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CONDITIONALLY SUPPORT Amendment 2 to Council Resolution No. 112 (Deb Jung)
Attachments: 100519_RST - Conditionally support CR 112 Amendment 2.pdf

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Dear County Council,

Please see attached testimony to conditionally support Amendment 2 to CR 112.

Sincerely,

Raj Tuliani
rstuliani@gmail.com

Conditionally support CR 112-2019 Amendment 2 (Deb Jung)

October 5 2019

Howard County Council George Howard Building

3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043

Name: Raj Tuliani

Email: rstuliani@gmail.com

Dear County Council Members:

I do appreciate the thoughtful effort that has gone into writing amendment 2 which is a huge step forward after receiving feedback to the original CR 112.

I write in conditional support of Council member Deb Jung's Amendment #2 to Council Resolution 112. I believe a task force comprised of community stakeholders would be a good idea to examine the root causes behind student achievement gaps and make necessary recommendations.

The conditional support is to include some language in this amendment or separately make a commitment toward:

1. A transparent selection process for this task force as well as open communication around its working meetings.
2. Using school assignment boundary adjustment as a tool of last resort. Expert research needs to be considered in an unbiased manner.
3. While weighing any decisions, commute considerations for children/families and climate change impacts should be considered as impacting factors.

Respectfully,

Raj Tuliani

Sayers, Margery

From: Audrey Fernandes <afernand2005rad@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 1:45 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support Amendment 2 to CR112
Attachments: Support Amendment 2 of CR112.docx

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Dear County Council,
Please see my attached letter in support of Deb Jung's Amendement #2 to council resolution 112. I DO NOT support Amendement #1.
Thank you,
Audrey Fernandes

Dear Members of the County Council,

I am writing to support Council Member Deb Jung's Amendment #2 to Council Resolution 112. This amendment is a significant improvement over the original resolution and amendment #1, which utilize inflammatory language and based on flawed research and policy.

I do want to express my concern and disappointment that school assignment boundary adjustment was included as a potential solution to the achievement gap. The underlying intent of the county council to address poverty is a noble one. However, a school system should not be held responsible for fixing prior flawed housing development mistakes resulting in clustered pockets of poverty in the county. The onus of decades of mismanaged development cannot, and should not be placed on the backs of our children or on our school system. Furthermore, credible, independent and expert analysis by Georgetown School of Public Policy cites significant flaws of research on economic integration as a strategy for the achievement gap, and advises the research is in fact not conclusive, despite proponents claims. I trust the proposed Task Force will reach the same conclusion.

Regarding the Task Force, I also would like to strongly express my expectation that its composition and work will be transparent and inclusive. It is critical that independent and credible experts be included, as well as community members representative of our County's diverse backgrounds and perspectives. We have unfortunately firsthand seen with the current redistricting process and the original Resolution 112 how a lack of transparency and inclusion fails to lead to successful outcomes. The lack of representative composition of the Area Attendance Committee underscores the absolute necessity for the recommended Task Force to be carefully constructed.

For an issue of this magnitude and importance, process is critical, and we must get this right, for ALL of our kids.

Thank you again for the thought that went into Amendment #2. If at all possible, I urge you to consider an Amendment #3 which removes the reference to school assignment boundary as a potential option and also provides express assurance that the Task Force will be inclusive of independent experts and representative of the community.

Sincerely,
Audrey Fernandes
District 5

Sayers, Margery

From: Nimrita Dhanjal <nimrita@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 11:01 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendment 2- supporting

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I am requesting that the council please consider and approve amendment #2 for CR112- by Deb Jung to look at creating a Task Force to evaluate the root cause of socioeconomic disparity and not mask this by redistricting.

Thank you
Nimrita Dhanjal Dadyala
Ellicott City
Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Andrea Elguera <aivillalba@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 8:13 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Andrea Elguera - CR112 amendment # 2

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I'm writing to express my support for amendment # 2 to the original language of CR112.

Please stop dividing our communities! Bring people together!!!!

Andrea Elguera
Ellicott City MD

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: ayesha naseem <ayeshoo7@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 8:10 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR112 amendment

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Good morning ,

My name is Ayesha Naseem and we live in polygon 176 . Me and my family support the amendment to CR112 by Deb Jung .

Thank you

Ayesha Naseem
Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: cmanganillo@proclaimsystems.com
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 7:10 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Applaud amendment 2 by Deb jung to CR112

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Hi,

I'm just writing to express my happiness to the changes made to CR 112 through the amendment. I believe this is the correct course of action rather than putting all our eggs (not eggs...our kids... actually .. you only get one chance to raise your kids.. this is not one of those things where you can call 'do over') in a basket with results and studies which are dubious at best. Thank you for your consideration of this new amendment.

Thanks

Sayers, Margery

From: cmanganillo@proclaimsystems.com
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 7:01 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Re: Applaud amendmet to CR112

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I am referring to amendment 2. Thank you

From: cmanganillo@proclaimsystems.com
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 6:58:41 AM
To: councilmail@howardcountymd.gov <councilmail@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Applaud amendmet to CR112

Hi,

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Thanks

Sayers, Margery

From: cmanganillo@proclaimsystems.com
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 6:59 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Applaud amendmet to CR112

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Hi,

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Thanks

Sayers, Margery

From: Mike Buscher <mikeb730@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 6:00 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Amendment Support

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Dear Council Members,

My writing to you is to enthusiastically and fully support Deb Jung's amendment to CR112. The idea to create a focused Task Force is a much more appropriate solution to identify and address the root causes of socioeconomic disparities in Howard County- and especially those and their root causes that impact student in HCPSS.

When forcing HCPSS to redistrict and move students between schools it's merely masking many more serious problems for vulnerable children and families. The original resolution and now corresponding Amendment 1, will not solve the problem rather doing it will just hide the issues. As a constituent reading CR112; I feel that the language and the assertion of the need to desegregate is taking us far back in history and undoing so much work and organic unity that has taken place in HoCo for the 15 years I have been here.

If Council Members care about the livelihood and success of all Howard County Students, they will serialist consider and approve Amendement #2 and actually help students or schools in need, not just manipulate the percentages between schools. My family, especially my children and I, are watching this and our council's actions and behaviors very closely. We do feel that more study and maybe more public input are necessary before the county makes declarative resolutions as in CR 112.

Transparency in the recruitment and assignment of the Task Force is paramount. The Council should avoid the same tactics used by the BOE for the Attendance Committee; which was done in a secretive and partial manner.

Respectfully,

Mike Buscher
Ellicott City, MD
District 5

Sayers, Margery

From: alihashimrao . <alihashimrao@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 1:25 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: I support amendment #2 in CR112

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I support amendment #2 in CR112

Best Regards,
Rao A Khan, MD
Ellicott City
21042
Polygon 176

Sayers, Margery

From: Kanwal Razzaq <kanwalalirao@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 1:22 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: I support amendment #2 in CR112

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I support amendment #2 in CR112

Best Regards,
Kanwal Razzaq, MD
Ellicott City
Polygon 176

Sayers, Margery

From: Baoge Ying <baogeying@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 12:32 AM
To: CouncilMail; Jung, Deb
Subject: Support for Deb Jung and Amendment 2 to CR112

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to you to express my full support to Deb Jung's Amendment 2 to CR112.

I strongly oppose the original CR112 and corresponding Amendment 1. I am sure all of you know, deep in your hearts, that the original CR112 and Amendment 1 won't solve so called segregation problem; On the contrary, they will make both students and parents segregated physiologically and mentally, because radical school redistricting and busing student to a faraway school will make everybody suffer.

I wholeheartedly support Deb Jung's Amendment 2 to CR112. Deb's idea of creating a focused Task Force will identify and address the root causes of socioeconomic disparities in Howard County. Fixing the socioeconomic disparities is the fundamental solution to the academic performance problems with some Howard County public schools.

Regards,

Baoge Ying
Howard County Resident

Sayers, Margery

From: Marc Norman <marcnorman@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 12:29 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Reject CR-112

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Council Members,

Please reject CR-112 as written. I moved to Howard County in 2001 as a corporate executive relocation. The realtor showed my family homes in the top school districts and we decided on Turf Valley (before the massive development). The ONLY reason we agreed to pay top dollar for the house (and taxes) was the school district, confidence in the HCPSS track record and their future predictability.

While I am proud of the values that are the foundation of our county, I am very disappointed in the attempted social engineering being undertaken by you, Dr. Ball and the BoE. Furthermore, as my wife and I are contemplating whether to stay (and pay high taxes) as empty nesters, we are very concerned about the angry and divisive climate that your experiment has unleashed.

I've been a lifelong Democrat and never thought that I'd be forced to reconsider my support for the county party and their candidates. Now that you've let the Genie out, it's time to publicly apologize, take a step back to study the issues/causes of SES inequality and find solutions that will help the affected families while keeping them in the neighborhoods and schools where they've chosen to live and have community support.

Lastly, the pockets of FARM concentration didn't happen by accident. Contributions and promises of tax ratables from developers and their attorneys have long ruled our public officials and their zoning decisions. I'm confident that you're well aware of the participants and contributions.

Thank you for your consideration. My wife and I (and many in our community) already have one foot out the door of Howard County (and we're not even being redistricted). I truly hope that you'll step up to fix the mess you've created while also finding ways to help the students (and their families) in need.

Regards,

Marc Norman
2617 Golf Island Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042
410-418-8666

Sayers, Margery

From: Lei Zhong <lei_vt@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 5, 2019 12:25 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Supporting Amedment 2 to CR112-2019 by Deb Jung

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Dear County Council,

My name is Lei Zhong, and I live in west Howard County. I am writing today to strongly support Amendment 2 to CR112-2019, created by Deb Jung, one of the original sponsors.

Since the CR112-2019 was proposed, I have been following it closely, including attending the public hearing sessions. I think Amendment 2 is making a fair adjustment by acknowledging that more work need to be done before rushing into the restricting blindly. It is actually a critical step to establish a task force to examine housing policy and socioeconomic factors that impact student achievement at HCPSS. I'm glad that Deb Jung is advocating it.

As a minority citizen, I enjoy the diversity of the county and the abundant opportunities here. HCPSS is a great example of what the county offers. Although there's still room for improvement, the original resolution as well as Amendment 1 fails to see the real cause for the student achievement gap and creates confusion, even division among the citizens. Needless to say, this will harm our communities instead of uniting us. Therefore, I welcome Amendment 2 which demands a very responsible approach aiming to solve the real problem.

Thank you for listening to a caring citizen.

Lei Zhong

Sayers, Margery

From: sezin palmer <sezinpalmer@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 10:52 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CR-112 amendment 2

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Dear Howard County Council,

I was quite impressed to see Deb Jung's proposed amendment to CR-112. Clearly, she has reviewed all of the data and facts surrounding this issue, and the establishment of a Task Force to dig deeper into the issues surrounding equity and access to high quality education is what is truly needed to address these gaps. The initial "knee jerk" reaction approach was quite troubling as it purported to provide the solution without sufficiently studying the problem. If we are to make true progress and gains in equity, we must ensure we are addressing the root cause issues and not simply sweeping the real issues under the rug and hiding them.

I applaud the authors of Amendment 2 for having the courage to recognize a better approach to dealing with these important problems.

Sincerely,
Sezin Palmer

Sayers, Margery

From: Kapil sharma <kapiluab@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 10:40 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Amendment 2 by Deb Jung

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Subject - Support for Amendment 2 by Deb Jung

Dear Council Members -

I have full support to the Amendment 2 introduced by Deb Jung. I truly appreciate her for listening to the people of her district. I am glad I voted for you. Thank you council member Deb Jung.

Thanks,
Kapil Sharma
11747 State Route 108, Clarksville MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Jeffrey Heiges <heidijeff@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 10:24 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR-112 Amendment 2

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04 October 2019

Dear Howard County Council Members,

I Support Deb Jung's Amendment (Amendment 2) to County Resolution 112 (CR-112).

Sincerely,

Heidi Heiges
Polygon 176
Ellicott City, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Mahesh Zarkar <mzarkar@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 10:21 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support Amendment # 2 for CR -112

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Hi I am resident of howard county for last 18 years and I support amendment 2 for CR 112 which requires creation of a Task Force to understand root causes. solve socioeconomic disparities.

Mahesh Zarkar
Howard County Resident

Sayers, Margery

From: Ligeia Zeruto <ligeiazeruto@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 10:14 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Deb Jung and Amendment 2 to CR112

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Dear Council Members,

My writing to you is to enthusiastically and fully support Deb Jung's amendment to CR112. The idea to create a focused Task Force is a much more appropriate solution to identify and address the root causes of socioeconomic disparities in Howard County- and especially those and their root causes that impact student in HCPSS.

When forcing HCPSS to redistrict and move students between schools it's merely masking many more serious problems for vulnerable children and families. The original resolution and now corresponding Amendment 1, will not solve the problem rather doing it will just hide the issues. As a constituent reading CR112; I feel that the language and the assertion of the need to desegregate is taking us far back in history and undoing so much work and organic unity that has taken place in HoCo for the 15 years I have been here.

If Council Members care about the livelihood and success of all Howard County Students, they will serialist consider and approve Amendement #2 and actually help students or schools in need, not just manipulate the percentages between schools. My family, especially my children and I, are watching this and our council's actions and behaviors very closely. My husband came from a FARM family and we are parents to Korean and Hispanic children. We do feel that more study and maybe more public input are necessary before the county makes declarative resolutions as in CR 112.

Transparency in the recruitment and assignment of the Task Force is paramount. The Council should avoid the same tactics used by the BOE for the Attendance Committee; which was done in a secretive and partial manner.

With great concern,
Ligeia Shin-Zeruto
Ellicott City, MD
District 5

Sayers, Margery

From: Lauren Barnes <lobarnes1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 9:57 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Amendment #2 for CR-112

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I am writing to express my support for the Amendment to CR-112 introduced by Ms. Jung. Both the wording and the practical approach to overcoming difficult problems within the county demonstrate that she was listening to the constituents as they testified and sent letters regarding the resolution.

At the same time, I am OPPOSED to CR-112 as previously introduced AS WELL AS Amendment #1 introduced by Ms. Rigby and Dr. Jones. The dogged insistence to push a specific agenda and narrative without even considering the voices of the citizens they represent is inexcusable and insulting to the constituents of this county.

I urge the council to accept Ms. Jung's suggested amendment and seek ways to unite this community rather than further divide it. Thank you, Ms. Jung, for actually doing the job of a representative and listening.

Vote no on CR-112/Amendment #1.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Lauren Barnes

Sayers, Margery

From: Elwood Buck <elwoodbuck@ymail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 9:54 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Clarification Amendment #2 Re: Support for CR112 Amendment 2

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My support is for Amendment 2 rather than Amendment 1.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 4, 2019, at 9:26 PM, Elwood Buck <elwoodbuck@ymail.com> wrote:

Good evening,

I would like to express my support for Amendment 2 to CR112. I appreciate the deletion of irrelevant information and the more focused and objective approach. I appreciate you taking the time to listen to constituent feedback and the improvements made based on that input.

Sincerely,

Elwood Buck

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: andriani Buck <andrianibuck@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 9:50 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Re: Support for Amendment *2* to CR112

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To clarify I support the second amendment to the resolution.

Thank you,
Andriani Buck

Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 4, 2019, at 7:58 PM, andriani Buck <andrianibuck@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Good evening,

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> I would like to express my support for the second amendment to CR112. The resolution is now more clearly defined and I appreciate it being tailored to our county's unique issues.

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> When I initially read the resolution, I was confused as to its purpose and could not figure out why some of the information within it was included. The second amendment resolves these issues and I appreciate you taking the time to listen to constituent feedback and make necessary revisions.

>

> Sincerely,

> Andriani Buck

>

> Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Vipin Sahijwani <vsahijwani@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 9:31 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR 112

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I support amendment 2 introduced by Deb Jung

Vipin Sahijwani
5006 Crape Myrtle CT
Ellicott City, MD 21042

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Sayers, Margery

From: Jeffrey Heiges <heidijeff@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 9:29 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR112 Amendment

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04 October 2019

Dear Howard County Council Members,

I Support Deb Jung's Amendment (Amendment 2) to County Resolution 112 (CR-112).

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Heiges
Polygon 176
Ellicott City, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: kiju <ms.kiju@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 9:28 PM
To: CouncilMail; superintendent@hcpss.org; Ball, Calvin; Boe@hcpss.org
Cc: Gick, Ginnie; Maria J. Gutierrez; Jung, Deb; guorong01@yahoo.com; Williams, China
Subject: Re: Thank you for amending CR112

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Dear Councilmember Jung,

Thank you for hearing your constituents and setting up a task force to discuss a multi-pronged approach to improving racial and socio-economic integration in Howard County. My hope is that it will be a diverse one that includes Asian American voices and western Howard County. I also hope that no one is expected to suffer.

The achievement gap is certainly an important topic that deserves face to face conversation with all affected communities within the school system. We all love this country despite its tragic origins, and it's a shame when anyone is excluded from its bountiful opportunities. Though I was unable to attend testimony last week, I look forward to getting involved. Indeed, I have volunteered as an adult literacy volunteer at the public library and made donations to teachers at schools in need as a result of you bringing the topic up.

I'm not clear on all the barriers to full public school funding, but I trust you and other elected officials will make it happen in the near future with measures like CB42. Our children and their parents are watching and are counting on all of you.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,
Julie Kim, M.D.

On Fri, Sep 20, 2019, 5:01 PM kiju <ms.kiju@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Councilmembers,

It was a pleasure meeting you at my first Council testimony in support of CB42 Wednesday night. Unfortunately, though I am scheduled to speak further at the makeup session for testimony 9/26, I am unable to attend. Please see attached for my planned testimony requesting major revisions to CR112.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,
Julie Kim, M.D.

On Fri, Sep 6, 2019 at 12:12 PM kiju <ms.kiju@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear all,

I believe the proposed resolution is biased against Asian Americans and multi-ethnic Clarksville. Better resolutions and redistricting plans to achieve socio-economic integration and upward mobility in Howard County are needed and suggestions are made. Please see attached.

Kind regards,
Julie Kim, M.D.

Sayers, Margery

From: Elwood Buck <elwoodbuck@ymail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 9:26 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CR112 Amendment

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Good evening,

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Sincerely,

Elwood Buck

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Kelly Balchunas <usf1998@me.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 9:24 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Council Member Deb Jung's amendment to CR112

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County Council Members -

I am writing to express my support for the amendments Ms. Jung made to CR112. I support CR112 in this new, amended form. Prior to the amendment from Ms. Jung, CR112 was unnecessarily racially motivated and put the blame for and onus on HCPSS for a problem that has been created over decades by the county, and not HCPSS.

Should this amended CR112 not pass, I do not support the original resolution.

Thank you for putting forth a much better and more thoughtful resolution.

- Kelly Balchunas

Sayers, Margery

From: Lisa Tavelli Feinberg <cootiecat@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 9:05 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support amended CR122

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I support the as amended by Deb Jung the CR 112.
Lisa Feinberg
12786 Folly Quarter Rd
EC MD 21042

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Annmarie Ottman <aottman74@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 8:54 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Council member Jung's amendment

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing in support of Council member Deb Jung's amendment to CR-112-2019. I am pleased to see that a task force is being proposed to examine the root causes of student achievement gaps in Howard County. I hope that the task force includes members in Western Howard County. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Annmarie Johnson, Esq.
12009 Sand Hill Manor Drive
Marriottsville, MD 21104

Sayers, Margery

From: Josh Budich <jbudich@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 8:23 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Walsh, Elizabeth; Rigby, Christiana; Jones, Opel; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David
Subject: CR-112

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I support of the amendment Councilmember Jung made to CR-112. Please vote to support these changes and to support our community & schools.

Thank you Councilmember Jung for your tireless work!

- Victoria Budich

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: andriani Buck <andrianibuck@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 7:59 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Amendment to CR112

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Good evening,

I would like to express my support for the amendments to CR112. The resolution is now more clearly defined and I appreciate it being tailored to our county's unique issues.

When I initially read the resolution, I was confused as to its purpose and could not figure out why some of the information within it was included. The amendment resolves these issues and I appreciate you taking the time to listen to constituent feedback and make necessary revisions.

Sincerely,
Andriani Buck

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Alison Hickman <alisonhickman@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 2:53 PM
To: redistricting@hcpss.org
Cc: Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail
Subject: Feedback on Redistricting /
Attachments: Owen Brown.pdf

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Hello,

My name is Alison Hickman and I reside in polygon 3131 and am a proud 1997 Oakland Mills graduate. My parents still reside in polygon 1139, where I lived from birth through my early 20s. I have a 22-year old stepdaughter who graduated from Atholton in 2015 and two small children and do not believe I will be impacted by this round, but understand that may change. My comments pertain broadly to the plan.

In general I support the objectives of the plan to avoid further concentrating poverty within specific schools, recognizing that there are larger planning and land use decisions that have contributed to this imbalance. In addition, it is critically important the board redistrict to balance capacity issues; waiting too long creates an untenable situation and shows that we are not effectively utilizing our existing resources in Howard County.

My specific suggestions as you implement this process-

1. The board should consider more frequently and proactively adjusting capacity at natural entry points on a go-forward basis. For example, making changes to attendance areas mandatory for all incoming Kindergartners, 6th graders and 9th graders, with existing student and sibling exceptions available on a go-forward basis once capacity is projected to be an issue. Waiting until high schools are experiencing crowding at the level Howard High School is at should not ever happen.

I do recognize transportation would introduce complexity and cost with the above suggestion permitting existing student and sibling exceptions, so perhaps there is only a limited implementation or a trigger for when a transportation component is employed, i.e. only implemented for high schools, or only offered for options where an extremely small feed would be created, etc. It is important to consider that if transportation is not provided, a entry-point mechanism for making redistricting changes might adversely impact equity if only those students with readily available transportation could utilize the option.

2. I recognize that specific targeted feedback on how to implement redistricting is valuable. With that in mind, as former Owen Brown resident and Oakland Mills graduate, I would like to endorse the specific, targeted suggestions included in the attached letter dated September 12, 2019 from the Owen Brown Community Association.

As an aside, and outside of the scope of the board's role, it is my hope that some of the larger planning and land use decisions that have contributed to this imbalance will not continue. I reside in Clemens Crossing and have been disappointed with my community's and the zoning board's reaction to a proposed apartment building that will create vibrancy at our aging village center and provide much needed foot traffic for retail. When neighborhoods allow nearly exclusive single-family zoning, it limits housing types and puts further pressure on communities to address challenges related to housing affordability and constitutes a form of exclusionary zoning. A small but extremely vocal group of homeowners in our neighborhood have successfully been able to stall this project and I am deeply concerned that we

will have another Long Reach Village Center. Further, the irony is not lost on me that approving this development, allowing the construction of an apartment building in an exclusively single family zoned area, would further the goals of what CR 112-2019 seeks to achieve, yet there seems to be substantial push back from the council originating from the concerns of the neighbors who object that an apartment would "change the character" of our neighborhood. If the council is serious about wanting to integrate schools by socioeconomic factors, allowing diversity of housing types into an exclusively single-family zoned neighborhood is a logical first step and I hope they have the courage to take it.

Sincerely,

Alison Hickman

OWEN BROWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC
6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, Maryland 21045-4809
Phone 410-381-0202 Fax 410-381-0235
WEB Page: www.owenbrownvillage.org

September 12, 2019

Howard County Board of Education
10910 Clarksville Pike
Ellicott City, MD 20142

Re: Boundary Review Plan

Dear Chairwoman Ellis and Members of the Howard County Board of Education,

The Owen Brown Community Association respectfully provides the following input regarding Superintendent Martirano's proposed redistricting plan. We ask that the School Board consider adjustments to portions of the plan which negatively impact our village (described further below). While we believe the superintendent's overall plan prioritizes the correct criteria (equity and overcrowding), the majority of Owen Brown sees only modest improvements along these criteria while suffering major damage to our community's integrity and ability to walk to school. Additionally, the plan exacerbates long-standing concerns about low feeder school rates for our Hopewell Neighborhood.

This letter was written and agreed upon by a consensus of the Owen Brown Board who represent around 10,000 residents listed in the annex to this letter. The majority of our residents attend Cradlerock Elementary School, Talbot Springs Elementary School, Guilford Elementary School, Lake Elkhorn Middle School, and Oakland Mills High School. We have compiled these views after soliciting input from residents throughout our community.

Summary of Requested Adjustments

We request the following changes be made to the superintendent's proposed plan:

1. Keep students in the Hopewell neighborhood with a single peer group from K-12
2. Maintain the community integrity of Owen Brown Village
 - a. Keep the entire village at one high school, preferably Oakland Mills
 - b. If a division is necessary, divide neighborhoods along sensible existing boundaries
3. Keep all elementary school students within a walkable distance from Cradlerock Elementary School within that school district

1. Neighborhood of Hopewell Feeder Schools

This plan does not adequately serve residents of our Hopewell neighborhood in relation to feeder schools. This neighborhood - which is located along the south side of Lake Elkhorn and includes polygon's 52, 2051, 51, 1051, and 279 - is mostly assigned to Talbot Springs ES, Lake Elkhorn MS, and split between Oakland Mills and Atholton HS. Students from these neighborhoods will be minority populations each time they graduate from one school to another.

We request that students in this neighborhood remain with their peers from K-12. This could be done by redistricting this neighborhood/these polygons to Cradlerock Elementary School.

2. Community Integrity

Significant portions of our village are redistricted to Atholton High School as part of the superintendent's plan. Dividing our village between two high schools is undesirable under any circumstance; further, the way this plan proposes dividing the village does not follow natural geographic or neighborhood boundaries. Finally, redistricting Owen Brown to Atholton would negatively impact our resident's ability to get to school: traveling to Atholton High School from Owen Brown requires people to commute across route 29 and would eliminate our students' option to walk to high school.

We recommend two options with the first one being preferred:

1. Keep the entirety of Owen Brown within one high school district; preferably Oakland Mills.
2. If maintaining the integrity of a single Owen Brown high school district is not feasible, we request that the communities on the north and south side of Lake Elkhorn are each independently districted to a single high school. The polygons on the north side of Lake Elkhorn (58, 54, 1058, 1054) that are redistricted to Atholton do not form a practical contiguous neighborhood with the polygons assigned to Atholton on the south side of the lake. While it may not be apparent by simply viewing the standard polygon map, these communities are divided by a physical barrier (the lake) and require a substantial commute on Broken Land and/or Snowden River to travel between them. In this plan, the neighborhoods redistricted to Atholton on the north side of the lake are, in every practical sense, an "island" district. Additionally, the Hopewell neighborhood on the south side of the lake is divided between Oakland Mills and Atholton HS (as described above).

3. Atholton Elementary School

Under this proposed plan, polygons 54 and 2054 are redistricted to Atholton Elementary School. These neighborhoods are immediately adjacent to Cradlerock Elementary school and it would preclude those students from walking to school.

We request that polygons 54 and 2054 remain part of the Cradlerock Elementary school district.

Conclusion

We appreciate your attention in addressing these specific concerns while maintaining the focus of the overall redistricting effort on the issues of capacity and equity. Additionally, in all-recently proposed plan's (including the superintendent's and School Board's) the schools supporting Owen Brown have high FARMS rates and will need additional resources regardless of the plan chosen. Thank you for considering our input.

Sincerely,



Michael Golibersuch, Chair
Owen Brown Board of Directors

cc: Dr. Michael Martirano, HCPSS Superintendent
Christiana Mercer-Rigby, Howard County Council

Appendix A

Polygons and Neighborhoods of Owen Brown

Owen Brown is a unified village consisting of three distinct neighborhoods and about 10,000 residents. Generally speaking, Owen Brown is bordered on the north by Farewell Road, on the east by Oakland Mills Road, on the South by Snowden River Parkway, and on the west by Broken Land Parkway. The three neighborhoods of Owen Brown are:

- Dasher Green: Located along the northern section of Cradlerock Way
- Elkhorn: Along the southern section of Cradlerock Way and Homespun and north of Lake Elkhorn
- Hopewell: South of Lake Elkhorn, mostly off Snowden River Parkway

School polygons corresponding to each village are:

Dasher Green:

- 58 (Center of Cradlerock area)
- 1058 (Lake Elkhorn/Swan Point/Elkhorn Landing area)
- 2058 (Greenleaf area)
- 2059 (Fairmead Lane area)
- 139 (Youngheart/Windharp area)
- 1139 (Garland/Bendbough area)
- 2139 (Western portion of Sandchain area)
- 4113 (Softshade Way area - off Stevens Forest Road)

Elkhorn:

- 54 (Woodlake area),
- 1054 (Gentle Hours area),
- 2054 (Lakeside/Dockside area),
- 55 (Malindy Circle area),
- 3139 (Angelina/Dasher Court/Smooth Path area)

- 279 (Downdale area)

Hopewell:

- 49 (Solar Walk area)
- 1050 (Stonehaven Apartments area)
- 51 (Brush Run area)
- 1051 (Deer Pasture area)
- 2051 (Rustling Leaf/Deepage Drive area)
- 52 (Carved Stone area)

Sayers, Margery

From: Richard Kohn <richardakohn@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 12:41 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please vote NO to the amendments to CR-112

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Council Members:

Please vote "no" to the proposed Amendment 2 to CR-112. This amendment is insulting and disgraceful. It attempts to deny our history and negate support for any real change. This resolution is more of the "separate but equal" approach that has already been shown to be failing our students. Please do not support this amendment.

Rick Kohn
Columbia, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Tina Horn <TinaHorn_CAE@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 9:32 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please withdraw your amendment to CR-112

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Dear Councilwoman Jung,

I was horrified and disappointed when I learned yesterday that you submitted a resolution gutting the essential truths from CB-112. If we do not acknowledge our past, we cannot move forward into our future.

I was so very proud of this resolution when introduced because of that essential truth-telling. Howard County would have demonstrated wise honest leadership. This would have been such an important statement to make to so many in our community, especially in D4. It would have been an honest beginning to truth and reconciliation, because you cannot have reconciliation without truth first.

I am hearing rumors that anti-redistricting folks are planning to bring signs and their protests to the Wilde Lake v River Hill football game at Wilde Lake High tonight. It's the meanest, pettiest, smallest minded thing I've heard of in Howard County in a while. Gutting CR-112 is rewarding that vile behavior. I am so ashamed and upset.

Please stand up against bullying, don't cave into it.

Sincerely,

Christine (Tina) Horn

Sayers, Margery

From: Paula Seabright <psrh1995@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 9:44 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CR 112 Amendments

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Good evening,
Like many others, I learned of the proposed amendments to CR 112 by Council Member Jung. I am gravely disappointed.

We are at a point in the history of our community in which we can make lasting change. I was so proud of this resolution. While I knew it was going to meet with strong opposition, it was the right thing to do. But here we are with a resolution that is now stripped to nothing and opponents of it bragging about their victory on Facebook.

Facing our past is difficult. It takes courage to stand up and state that we have had a problem in our community for decades and we need to fix it. I was so hopeful that we were there.

I urge you all to reconsider passing the full resolution without the amendments.

My 17 year old African American son is a senior at Howard High. This morning he saw the letter from "Tonihsa Butler" on the HHS Memes Instagram page. He was devastated.

My son was born and raised in Columbia and is proud of that. He attended Phelps Luck and because of that, has grown up with kids from many socio-economic groups. He learned about Ramadan traditions from a friend in 5th grade. He befriended a girl who was adopted and brought to Columbia after the earth quake in Haiti many years ago, and was among the many kids who supported her new family with gifts of toys, clothes, and school supplies to help her get settled. He ate homemade sushi that friends brought for lunch. He learned to appreciate and honor people from all walks of life.

Can you please honor my son and all the kids in our community who know that loving and valuing all members of our community is what is good and proper? Can you please not show him that the loudest voices with time, money, and influence are the ones who prevail?

We have a responsibility to shine the light in the dark corners of our world and try to leave things a little better than we found them. This resolution is a way for the county council to do that.

Be the light and support this resolution as it was originally written.

Thank you.

Paula Seabright
Columbia, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 5:02 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Thank you

Deb Jung
Councilmember, District 4
Howard County Council
3430 Court House Dr., Ellicott City, MD 21043
410-313-2001

Sign-up for my District Update [here](#).

From: Candace Dodson-Reed <cdodreed@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 4:33 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Thank you

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Hi Councilwoman Jung,

I hope all is well. Just wanted to send you a quick note.

I'm writing for two reasons. One, I saw this letter (<https://www.baltimoresun.com/maryland/howard/cng-ho-letters-0815-20190813-ebf6x57o6fhmnp2iifs2l5vige-story.html>) in the Sun, and as a new board member on the DCACC, I wanted to offer my thanks for your support of Merriweather.

Second, thank you for your support of the resolution to desegregate schools in Howard County. I appreciate you lending your voice to the conversation.

Best,
Candace

Sent from my iPhone. Please pardon any typos.

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 5:02 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Redistricting
Attachments: RedistrictingFlyerversion2Double.jpg

Deb Jung
Councilmember, District 4
Howard County Council
3430 Court House Dr., Ellicott City, MD 21043
410-313-2001

Sign-up for my District Update [here](#).

From: Mj Monck <mjmonck@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2019 7:44 AM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Redistricting

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Hi, Deb. This is Marijane.

I was so glad to hear of your calling for a better plan to desegregate our schools. Thank you so much for your work on the council and for your vision.

I don't know if you are aware of this or not, but the Education Action Team (of which I am a member) of Indivisible HoCo is holding a forum addressing this on September 4th. I'm including a flyer with the details. I think it would be great if you could come.

Hope to see you there.

Marijane Monck

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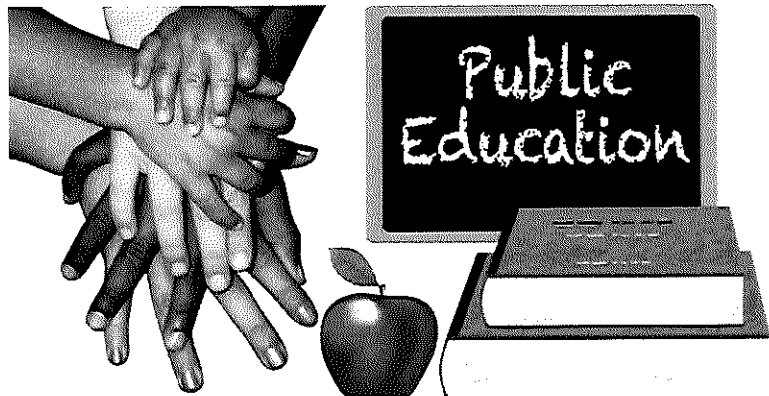
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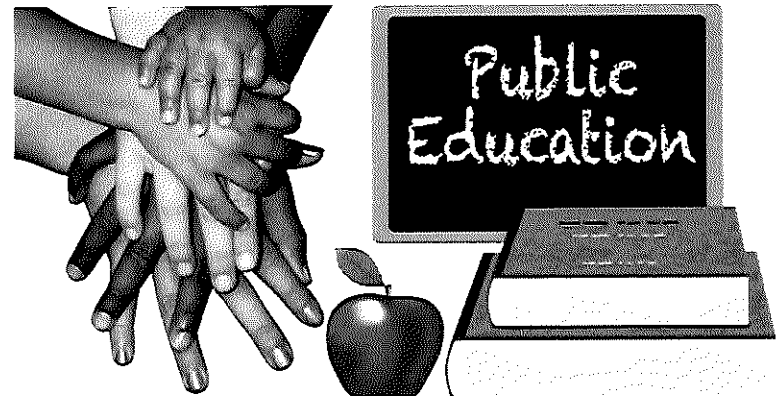
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CR 112-2019

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 5:02 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Your Resolution about School Integration

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From: Angie Boyter <angie.boyter@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2019 2:25 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Your Resolution about School Integration

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Deb,

I sat down a bit ago to write you about the resolution you cosponsored on trying harder to integrate the schools. By the time I finished I decided to send it to the paper, too. So you may see it more than once. Here it is.

I fully support the intent of the resolution sponsored you have , which is to optimize the educational achievement of all the students in our public schools.

For many reasons I need not list, students do not thrive as well if there is too high a concentration of FARM students in a school, and it is laudable to take reasonable measures to integrate the schools socioeconomically. If there are situations where this cannot be done reasonably, e.g., it would require significant busing or splitting a coherent neighborhood between two schools, then extra resources may need to be devoted to schools with a higher concentration of FARM students.

My concern arises because of the inclusion of the racial integration objective. Racial segregation is no longer legal in the US. Although my neighborhood is predominantly white, I have neighbors of MANY ethnicities, and I see the kids playing together, socializing, and truly integrating. My friends also come from a variety of ethnic and racial backgrounds. I have not seen statistics on the subject, but I suspect that minority children from my neighborhood do as well in school as their white counterparts (although probably not quite as well as the Asian kids do!). I strongly suspect that the disparities in achievement come from socioeconomic differences and not racial ones and that socioeconomic integration should address the issue of achievement. In addition, since socioeconomic level is correlated with race, this would also increase racial integration.

Another difficulty of discussing racial integration in a county like Howard is how we would categorize race and distribute the students. First of all, there are a LOT of mixed-race families in our county. How will we categorize the children? Second, there are MANY races in the county: white, black ...and then it gets complicated. What about a student named Garcia whose family has been here for four generations? And "Asian" certainly is too broad a category. We have a lot of Koreans, Indians, Pakistanis, Chinese, Thai, Vietnamese, and so on. These folks all come from rich and different cultures. How nuanced is this racial classification to go? Are some races more worthy of integration than others?

My conclusion is that we will be able to accomplish more if we try to integrate by socioeconomic level than by color and that by doing the former we will achieve a lot of the latter.

Angie Boyter

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 5:00 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Some historical reading on segregation

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From: Barb Krupiarz <barbkruz@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, August 25, 2019 3:30 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Some historical reading on segregation

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Please read these documents prior to voting on the segregation resolution for the Board of Ed:

<https://www.baltimoresun.com/maryland/howard/columbia/ph-ho-cf-oakland-mills-1017-20131015-story.html>

<https://nebula.wsimg.com/64f59e1ad41e8c8ce4fdaa9093a5292b?AccessKeyId=CC6DD9FCEB4AE8AC36C9&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

"**Burgess Mills Station** – In 1965, Senator [James A. Clark, Jr.](#) promised the demolition of African American houses on Fels lane in [Ellicott City](#) and construction of the 94 unit Hill Top Housing unit if civil rights activist Roger Carter would call off demonstrations.^{[5][6]} Six acres of condemned land was repurchased by the county and combined with 16 acres purchased from [Turf Valley](#) developer Samuel M. Pistorio who failed to get FHA loans to build a proposed 220 unit low income housing project. The community was redeveloped into mixed-income, multi-generational 198 unit community of manor homes, apartment homes and townhouse with an [underground parking garage](#)." https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Howard_County_Housing_and_Community_Development

"In Howard's public schools, which are among the most integrated in the state,..."
<https://www.baltimoresun.com/maryland/howard/howard-magazine/bs-mg-ho-diversity-data-20190109-story.html> (I am not saying this is true, just as others claims that HCPSS is the most segregated in the state is still unsubstantiated)

It is disingenuous to drop this at the feet of Board of Ed members without placing the majority of the blame on past County Councils.

Barb Krupiarz

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From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 5:00 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: I oppose the proposed redistricting plan

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From: Jared Barsky <jbarskylaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2019 2:56 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: I oppose the proposed redistricting plan

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Dear Ms. Jung:

Thank you for all that you do. Please support my effort to have the school board reconsider school reassignments that will be harmful to children on both sides.

My daughters have made wonderful friendships with a diverse group of students that have enriched their lives and educational experiences. These relationships will be harmed if they are required to move. I also believe that changing the schools in the manner proposed fails to address facility utilization, equity, and farm program distribution in an equitable manner. We love our community and want to remain a part of it.

Removing students from CMS and moving others to CMS is not done solely to help utilization. Additionally, CMS has a proposed utilization of 95 percent after adding students from other schools to CMS. This shows that many students could be left at CMS without harming utilization, especially if others are not swapped in.

Changes appear to inequitably reassign CMS students. The test score differential after moving CMS students and Harper's Choice students shows substantially greater disparity than with any other school reassignment by double. Such score differentials will make such transition harmful to both Harper's Choice and CMS students. More importantly, moving a child for the purpose of increasing test scores is unethical.

Please work to find another solution to creating equity in schools that does not require student reassignment and does not move students unethically to increase test scores. I would like to help be part of a solution, but strongly oppose this solution.

Thank you,
Jared Barsky
6035 Red Clover Lane
Clarksville, Md 21029

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 5:00 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: MD school rating system

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From: Tracie Schmidt <tr_schmidt@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2019 4:02 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: MD school rating system

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Ms. Jung,

Can you and other Ho Co Council members work to change the Md School Rating system?

It can easily be shown that as the percentage of students who live in poverty at a school increases, average school test scores decrease. Unfortunately, children who live in poverty often fall in the academic gap and do not perform as well as students who come from affluent families. This gap has been persistent for 40+ years and, as far as I know, a solution has not been found anywhere in the country. A school is not performing poorly simply because the school has a larger percentage of students who live in poverty.

In my opinion, the current MD School rating system is a form of de facto segregation. I emailed Delegate Eric Ebersole about this issue and he is supportive of the rating system. If education interventions that close the education gap have been identified and proven, a school failing to apply such interventions should be considered poorly performing and should be penalized. My eldest son graduated from WLHS last May and my younger son will be a sophomore there this fall. Wilde Lake High School is not a poorly performing school, yet the MD School rating system labels it as being poorly performing.

Thank you again,

Tracie Schmidt

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 5:00 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: School Redistricting important/Help

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From: yousri benslimane <y_benslimane@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 11:47 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: School Redistricting important/Help

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Dear Council Member Deb Jung,

I am resident in your district and concerned parent.

I writing to you today, to express my concern regarding the recent school redistricting and requesting you assistance.

I am sure that you are aware of the current school superintendent plan to redistrict areas to different schools. This redistricting is directly affecting our community and our kids. The proposed redistricting plan is to change our Middle School from Clarksville Middle School to Harper Choice and probably in the future the redistricting of High School.

The community is furious and outraged over this proposal by the school superintendent. The community, parents and students want to remain with Clarksville Middle School and in the future to move to River Hill High School.

I understand that you may not have any involvement with the school board, but I am confident that you are in a position to pass the message, express our anger and strong opposition to these proposed redistricting plans to the school superintendent Dr. Martirano. Please convince him to abandon this plan that outraged the community.

We are thousands of outraged parents, students, family members and even young families who just moved to the area. Please pass the message that we oppose these changes and we demand that the school superintendent to look for other reasonable solutions that benefit the students.

No to re-districting of map section 1186, 1185, 185, 1028, 2028, 28, 186 to Harper Choice. keep the students in Clarksville Middle School.

Thank you for your help.

Thank you,
Ben Slimane
301-404-8273

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 5:00 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: DON'T REDISTRRICT MY SON!

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From: Judah Landzberg <landzbej@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 11:43 AM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: DON'T REDISTRRICT MY SON!

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Hi,

My name is Judah Landzberg, and I am writing in strong opposition to the superintendent's redistricting plan. The plan creates an unacceptable hardship for my wife and I and our son and future children.

My wife and I live in District 4, your district, in polygon 186 with our son Solomon. He will be attending Clarksville ES and Clarksville MS and River Hill HS, all of which are on walking paths and within 15 minute walk and about 1 mile from our home.

If you vote for this, I will have to go out strongly to campaign for a new representative so this plan can be revoked. If you oppose this, you will have a supporter from me and all other voters in your district in Clarksville.

In the superintendents plan, we would have to apply for a hardship, so that if our son missed the bus he would not have to stay home from school. I am a teacher and the main reason my students performance and grades drop is because of absences. My wife and I leave for work in the city before 7 am every morning and we are not available to stay at home and make sure our son makes it to the bus. I will not let my son be in a situation where he is forced to miss school because he woke up 5 minutes late.

I am unable to accept this redistricting plan. But, so are the tens of thousands of residents that live in Clarksville Elementary district. Imagine if all of these students had to apply for hardship to send to a local school, because nearly all the parents work and are in our situation. Where would these hundreds of students go to school? Wouldn't they have to go to Clarksville MS? What other school can they go to if they miss the bus?

THIS PLAN WOULD ENSURE THAT STUDENTS (AND MY SON) WOULD MISS MORE DAYS OF SCHOOL, AND THIS LIMITS MY SONS ACCESS TO EDUCATION, WHICH IS MY SON'S RIGHT TO HAVE ACCESS TO.

-Judah Landzberg
617-851-8715

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:59 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: OPPOSED TO REDISTRICTING STUDENTS FROM CMS TO HCMS

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From: Cindy <cindy.jun@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 2:28 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: OPPOSED TO REDISTRICTING STUDENTS FROM CMS TO HCMS

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Deb,
I attended a meeting with you in River Hill when you were running for City Council and we specially addressed the traffic on Route 108 from our neighborhood in to Columbia. Now, we are possibility looking at moving our kids from Clarksville Middle School to Harpers Choice Middle School. I understand your desire to achieve equity as you define it but I am alarmed at the possibility of having child leave his neighborhood school for one further away that requires a drive -DAILY - on 108. I vehemently OPPOSE this and respectfully urge you to reconsider.

Thank you,
Cynthia Jun
Polygon 28

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:59 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: CR112-2019

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From: John Sharbaugh <jasharbaugh@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 7:42 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: CR112-2019

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Dear Council Member,

As an educator with going on 25-years experience in public education, I wholeheartedly agree with your desire to close the achievement gap between racial and socio-economic groups in Howard County.

I have studied the HCPSS Superintendent's redistricting plan in great detail and have considered all of its aspects.

Although your resolution and his plan have noble, well-meaning goals, I fear that the Superintendent's redistricting plan will not achieve the goals it intends and very well may cause more harm than good.

First of all, the plan will disrupt too many communities, bussing students from their communities to other communities with minor "improvements" in socio-economic disparity. There appears to be an increase in movement (over 7,000 students) to create only a minor increase in socio-economic diversity. See the data in his plan.

In addition, residents I've spoken with who live in communities in and around River Hill and have children who may be redistricted to Wilde Lake fear a loss in their property value, which is an unfortunate but all-too-real concern. Residents I've spoken with in sections of Atholton's district fear the same result as the percentage of FARMs students will grow from 10-25% as a result of the redistricting plan. Again, the loss of property value is an unfortunate, yet highly likely consequence. I'm sure there may be similar concerns in other communities affected by the plan. People who have chosen to live in communities and make 30-year mortgage investments are having their life decisions undermined in one fell swoop by a well-meaning but ill-conceived redistricting plan.

Secondly, there is an assumption that moving low-performing FARMs students to high-performing schools will suddenly improve their performance. The teachers at high-performing schools are no more effective than those in low-performing

schools. I have taught in low and high performing schools and have approached the same energy, attention, and love to all of my students. Unfortunately, the efforts with all of my students did not reap the same results on standardized test scores. I drew and still harbor the conclusion that more resources in and—I cannot understate—out of the school would have helped my students in low-performing schools. Money for community tutoring centers and homework assistance would help greatly.

Furthermore, many FARMs students attend schools that receive Title I funds, which support liaisons, homework assistance, and a myriad of other resources for them. When they move to a high-performing school, they will lose those supports due to a loss of funding. I am certain that supporters of this redistricting plan would not approve of this unforeseen but all-too-real consequence.

I have personally witnessed students experience this unfortunate transition in HCPSS schools, and they find themselves less supported and successful—not as the result of the teachers in their new schools—but as the result of less support due to funding limitations in their new school.

If the County Executive, County Council, Superintendent, and the Board of Education really want to legislate and implement real, effective change for our county's neediest students, they should not disrupt the entire make up of school districting but rather invest even more resources in the schools that need them. The cost in transportation to move students could be best used paying for tutors in the community centers of our neediest children.

Low-performing schools would benefit from community outreach programs that could assist parents as much as students. Parents spend more time with their children than teachers do; however—in my experience—many parents do not have the resources and knowledge to assist and advocate for their children. HCPSS community centers with translators and free or discounted tutors would be an incredible service to our struggling students and their families.

I fear that if the redistricting plan is approved and implemented, our neediest students may very well suffer in their new school communities. As a result of receiving less support, as well as competing against higher-performing students, their academic achievement may suffer and the achievement gap, which we all want to close, will unfortunately widen.

There is potential that high-performing schools' testing, performance, and graduation rate data will also suffer, resulting in low performance in traditionally high-performing schools and the overall performance of the school system as a whole.

Let us certainly do something not only to close achievement gaps but also support our neediest families. Please reconsider your resolution as it will not bring equity but further disparity to our great county.

In the spring of 2019, the Superintendent presented two viable redistricting plans that move less children, address overcrowding issues, and maintain existing school communities. Let us urge him to select one of those plans and then earmark funding for his new plan's increased transportation costs to fund academic and parental resources to the communities that need them.

Please consider my suggestions as an educator, a longtime resident of Howard County, and a taxpayer who would like to see our tax dollars spent to enact effective, not cosmetic, change and help facilitate true equity.

Thank you very much for your time.

John Sharbaugh

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:59 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Redistricting Concern

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From: dipsun patel <dipsun_p@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:33 AM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Fw: Redistricting Concern

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Good morning ,

I hope you are doing well. This email is in regards to your proposal for the school redistricting in Howard county. We reviewed the materials in detail and would like to express our concerns that are very critical in nature.

I have only one daughter who is very shy in nature however extremely hard working and has done very well at Triadelphia Ridge in recent years. We moved from school to school while we lived in Montgomery county from year 2008 till 2014. She struggled a whole lot with settling in a specific school environment and we kept moving through out, hoping to find her a better school where she could meet good friends. Then, we finally moved in 2014 to Howard county, to the school that she now goes to which has become the best thing that has ever happened to her. She made good, long lasting friends, found very understanding teachers and we now have very amazing neighbors. Our family expanded here. Moving kids to schools that are away from their homes breaks their communities, not just the ones we live in.

I do understand that all kids should benefit from good schools and good education is very important for all. However, I don't believe this proposal can help anyone at this point. Breaking one community and building another is not a good proposal. Clearly, Commute gets longer so kids will have less rest and more commute time to and from school.

We are working parents and cannot participate regularly in our kid's in\outside school activities if schools are moved farther away from our homes. We moved from our prior school to this community so we could send our kids to best schools that were not far from homes and also guaranteed more time with our kids. Our kids cannot be subjected to this sort of experimentation as ramifications are not fully understood and discussed with communities like ours as we are the ones getting effected. Having said that, it seems for sure that this move will not only impact our kid's psychological well being, but also neighborhoods will be dismantled, friends will be lost, economic growth will stall in the effected areas and major size neighborhoods will start to shrink.

In light of the above concerns, We sincerely request your support in building a new plan that addresses equity concerns without punishing our kids and communities.

Sincerely,
Sunita D Patel & Dipen Patel
Parents of a 11 year old girl

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:59 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Oppose Dr. Martirano's Redistricting Proposal

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From: Chaoling Zheng <clzheng@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2019 2:10 PM
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Subject: Oppose Dr. Martirano's Redistricting Proposal

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Dear Ms. Deb,

The Superintendent's redistricting plan is an attack on the Howard County education system. If implemented, it will greatly reduce education outcome across the county. Here is how:

The plan will remove many students from the schools closest to their home and send them to the ones much further away. Below are a partial list of the schools that will suffer the most:

Middle Schools:

Lime Kiln MS: More than half of the attendance areas are closer to Clarksville MS/ Hammond MS
Bonnie Branch MS: ~ half closer to Elkridge Landing MS/Oakland Mills MS
Dunloggin MS: ~ half closer to Patapsco MS
Oakland Mills MS: ~ 1/3 closer to Ellicott Mills MS/Dunloggin MS

High Schools:

Atholton HS: > half closer to Hammond HS
Wilde Lake HS: > 2/3 closer to River Hill HS/Centennial HS/Glenelg HS
River Hill HS: > 1/3 closer to Atholton HS/Reservoir HS

This will increase the education barrier for numerous students across the county by greatly increasing their travel distance and time between school and home, and will hurt their education outcome in multiple ways.

First, the redistricting plan will force many students waste more time on the road. For example, my home is only 5 minutes away from River Hill HS. The Superintendent's plan will send my kids to Wilde Lake HS. The travel time will be at

least 30 minutes by bus. For each of my two children, that's a 5-hour increase in bus time just for attending school each week. For each after hour event in school that they need to attend, both parents and children will have to waste another hour on the road.

The Superintendent's plan will harm students across the board regardless of their family income. But those receiving Free And Reduced Meals (FARM) will suffer disproportionately more, even though the Superintendent claims the plan is intended to help them. This is because they too will have to face the increased education barriers created by increased travel distance between home and school, but it will be more difficult for their families to find the time and resources needed to overcome such barriers. Therefore it will be especially difficult for these students to attend after hour activities in school, which typically requires parent support.

The redistricting plan will force the county to spend more money on school buses to cover increased travel distances between home and school across the county. Given a fixed budget for the county's education system, the increased school bus cost will have to come from funds that would otherwise be available to support real education programs.

Howard County has an excellent education system. Our students, teachers, and the schools have done a great job towards achieving the education outcome the county enjoys today. However, if our students are forced to spend more time on the road and hence less time for study, and the county has to spend more money on school buses and hence less for education programs, our education outcome is doomed. This is exactly what the Superintendent's redistricting plan will lead to. It must be killed before the harm is done.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Chaoling Zheng

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From: Claire Huang <cyxhuang2005@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2019 3:57 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Oppose Dr. Martirano's Redistricting Proposal

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Ms. Deb,

I am an incoming freshman at River Hill High School, and I would like to express my disappointment towards the new redistricting plan. I believe that simply shuffling students around schools will not solve the issue of segregation in schools, and will instead negatively impact the students' daily lives.

In the area where I live, it takes approximately five minutes to drive to my current school. However, if I were redistricted to Wilde Lake High School, it would be five times the length. This would result in me having to wake up much earlier to catch the bus and spending more time getting to and from school, which could lead to sleep deprivation. I would also have less time to study and do any other extracurricular/after school activities I am doing. And as a person who is already deeply involved with activities outside of class, this would make it much more difficult to have an efficient schedule. Plus, this would limit the number of after school clubs I can join because my parents would have to drive 25 minutes just to pick me up.

Being forced to transfer schools after only one year can affect my education and my personal life. I would be separated from the friends I made and would have to adapt to a completely different school environment. For many kids, moving to a new school can be terrifying and extremely challenging. It does not make sense to put them through this whole experience another time when they could be attending the school they have already adjusted to.

I understand the reasoning behind this plan, but I think that it is not the way to solve the problem. In order to give students an equal chance at a good education, more money should be put towards improving the quality of all students' learning experiences, rather than moving them around in circles. By sending kids to different schools, it is improving some students' schooling, but also getting rid of other kids' opportunities for higher education at the same time.

Thank you for reading this letter and I hope you take my words into consideration.

Claire Huang

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:59 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
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From: Thomas Liu <jtliu_99@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Opposition to Superintendent's Redistricting Plan

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Sincerely,

Jiong Liu

Polygon 1186

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:59 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Opposition to Superintendent's Redistricting Plan

Deb Jung
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From: susan sun <susanrsun@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2019 9:55 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Opposition to Superintendent's Redistricting Plan

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August 30, 2019

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Rui Sun

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From: Elizabeth Liu <elizabeth.liu.108@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 1, 2019 12:15 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Opposition to Superintendent's Redistricting Plan

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Dear Ms. Jung,

I really don't appreciate the Superintendent taking kids out of Clarksville Middle School and sending them to schools miles away! Why do I care? Well, it's because I'm one of "those kids." I know that you nominated him to be Superintendent, but who or what really gives him the right to do such things to others? People do what they choose to do. Why is he making the choice for them?

Last year, I moved from Texas to here. I was separated from very close friends to come to Howard County. Most importantly, I was ripped apart from my hometown, the place I loved. My parents chose a house close to Clarksville Middle School and River Hill High School since they wanted me to grow up with the best public education I could receive.

School started, and everything got worse. Instead of finding myself going to a familiar and comforting school, I was lost in a chaos of discomfort, surrounded by strange and alien people. Everything seemed to be crashing down, but they finally got better. I met a classmate. She is my first and best friend, but now, we might get separated because of the Superintendent. It's not just me who is getting separated from my friends, but every single student that he moves around is getting torn apart because of him, and I don't want myself or any other person to get the experience that I had.

My family and many other families chose to live here because of the schools. Why didn't they just move to some other village? The price is cheaper, couldn't they just have moved there instead? Many parents, including mine, chose to live in this community because they thought these schools are best for their children. I respect his plan to try to let everybody have equality, but does he really care to think through the impact of this plan on the families? Does he even care what kids like me think and feel about the plan? Thank you!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Liu
Polygon 1186

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:58 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
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From: Hart.Micah <Micah.Hart@suntrust.com>
Sent: Monday, September 2, 2019 3:00 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Opposition to Superintendent's Redistricting Plan

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Dear Deb,

I would like take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Micah Hart, I was born at Howard County General Hospital, have lived in Howard County my entire life, and work in Howard County. I went to Jeffers Hill Elementary School, Owen Brown Middle School (now Lake Elkhorn Middle School), and Oakland Mills High School. I have 3 children that go to Howard County Schools, my daughter Carly (7th grade), my son Max (4th grade), and my son Ace (1st grade). Growing up in Howard County, we never had this threat of redistricting. Now, it seems like this is something that happens without any thought to the communities that it is affecting. My daughter has gone to 3 different elementary schools, and now she is at threat to go to 2 different Middle Schools, and the High School she is now being presented to go to would include less than 1% of the students that she has been going to school with for the past 5 years. My daughter, Carly Hart is very shy, and I am afraid these potential moves could cause long lasting mental and emotional damage to her, and to the thousands of other children that would be affected by Dr. Martriano's plan. Mental health of our children needs to be the top priority, and sadly it hasn't been. I am a great example of the types of relationships that can be built when communities aren't torn apart. I have 2 best friends that live nearby in Howard County. All 3 of us went to Jeffers Hill ES, Owen Brown MS, and Oakland Mills High School together. I can promise you, we wouldn't be best friends to this day if our community was torn apart, like the current redistricting plan is presenting.

Our community, Chapel Woods, but you refer to it as polygon 1185, is .6 miles from River Hill HS, with almost no traffic. Our Elementary School is Clarksville Elementary, which isn't being redistricted, but shares an entrance with River Hill High School. If there were adequate sidewalks, we would be considered walkers to River Hill HS and Clarksville Elementary School. Chapel Woods is at threat to be moved to Wilde Lake HS, which is almost 6 miles away, and the way to get there is loaded with traffic and stop lights. Kids wake up too early as it is to get to High School, and now we are at threat to have to wake our kids up 30 minutes earlier to bus them into another city and community to go to school. It makes no sense. If we have all of this extra

money to bus children around, maybe we could use the funds to send High Schoolers to class an hour later. These later start times have proven success in increasing test scores and increasing graduation rates.

We eat, shop, and socialize in the Clarksville and River Hill community. Our 3 kids are very active in sports and afterschool activities. With 2 parents and 3 kids, and significantly increased commuting times projected in the future, I can guarantee that our children's participation in these activities will decrease. I can only imagine the hardship you would be placing on single parent households that don't have a lot of discretionary time to commute to these activities, or extra income to spend on gas and car maintenance.

Chapel Woods "Polygon 1185" doesn't have a lot of students in it. We have 26 students at Clarksville Elementary, 22 students at Clarksville Middle School, and 22 students at River Hill High School. All 3 schools were underutilized during the most recent feasibility study. Given these facts, being .6 miles from River Hill HS, and the items above, can you please remove "Polygon 1185" from the area's being redistricted?

As a school system, we need to help all children. If in helping 2000 kids, we hurt 5000 kids, nobody's goals are accomplished. We need a plan that helps everyone!

Thank you,

Micah Hart, Chapel Woods, Polygon 1185

Thanks,

Micah R. Hart, CFP®

2018, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, and 2012 Platinum Performance Excellence Award Winner

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Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:58 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Opposition to Superintendent's Redistricting Plan

Deb Jung
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From: Carly Hart <carlyhart12@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 2, 2019 5:34 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Opposition to Superintendent's Redistricting Plan

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Dear Deb,

We've been referred to as POLYGON 1185, but I'm known as Carly Hart, and I'm a 7th grade student at Clarksville Middle.

I used to be a part of the Ellicott City community and when I lived there for only 2 years of my elementary school career, I ended up going to 2 different schools, due to redistricting. When I moved to Clarksville it was my 3rd elementary school in as many years. Since then, I've been in the River Hill community for the last 5 years of my school career, and would hate to be moved away from the stability I have had. I only live .6 miles away from CES and RHHS and only about 9 minutes away from CMS.

I've made so many great friends with kids in this community, and I don't want to lose those relationships, ever. Even though some of my friends are scheduled to be moved from Clarksville Middle School to Harpers Choice with me for 8th grade, none of them are scheduled to also follow me to Wilde Lake. I'll have to go 20 to 30 minutes away to Wilde Lake, where I don't know a single person. I know it's good to make new friends, but I don't live in their community, so when am I going to see them besides school, it's not like we'll be in sports together considering we live so far away. River Hill has been one of the best places I've been, I hope you don't take it away from me.

I hope you realize how many people your ripping apart by even thinking about doing this. I hope you reconsider your outrageous re-districting plan

Sincerely,

Carly Hart, Polygon 1185

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:58 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Protest

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From: ikswezdyr@aol.com <ikswezdyr@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 7:37 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Protest

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Deb Jung:

As resident of this area, along with our neighbors, I protest the redistricting of the River Hill and other schools in this area.

Parents have moved here for the specific purpose of having their children attend these particular schools at great expense to themselves. I don't know if this is social engineering or just what, but in a free country we settle where we want our kids to attend school.

If other schools are needy, then funds should be provided to bring them up to standard over time and help those children where they are with established friends and family. Instead you propose to immediately destroy this neighborhood's educational plans for its families. This would be a great loss to this area and add to travel time, job problems, and additional danger to children.

The children attending the schools here also have established friends and teachers. I attended school in Clarksville myself and know how important stability is to all children.

Children are not to be experimented with, and their parents should have free choice in their education in a free country. To me this is an ominous sign of losing more freedom in the nation, as well as the area.

My extended family settled on this land in 1942. The taxes go up every year to keep the excellent schools, and now you threaten to take away the reason so many came here in spite of the high taxes and cost.

Rydzewski family (Walter)
11707 Bragdon Wood
Clarksville, MD 21029

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From: Yali Li <dongyu.general@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 10:27 AM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Opposition to Superintendent Redistricting plan

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To BOE members:

I am Kay Lee, my polygon # is 1186.

Thank you for the efforts that you have done to make our children better educated.

However, I am emailing you to voice my opposition to the current proposed Redistricting of HCPSS beginning in 2020 as the proposal from Dr. Martirano currently reads.

We moved to here two years ago because of the community is close to the schools and to my work. But the proposal is redistricting our kids to some other schools which is further than their current school. It will cause much trouble to me which is unexpected when my family decided to move to the current home.

The current school is only 5 mins away, which is the main reason we moved here as it is easy to pick up kids after work. This is extremely important for me. The school change will put much pressure on me for every weekday that I have to leave office at least 30 mins earlier, which is a huge change for me.

And, my daughters felt so sad when they knew they would have to separate with their best friends. It has already given us a hard time to how to make them feel better. The redistricting has obvious negative impacts on our kids' mental health and exerting unpleasant childhood feelings which however are avoidable.

Please consider approaching a new decision with the voice of discontent from many of those unfairly impacted in all districts.

Thanks,
Kaylee Lee - 1186

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:58 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: I oppose the proposed redistricting plan and CR-112

Deb Jung
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From: Jared Barsky <jbarskylaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 9:15 AM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Re: I oppose the proposed redistricting plan and CR-112

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Dear Ms. Jung,

You can oppose CR-112. Please do so. This is being interpreted by some as support for the present redistricting plan.

Thank you,
Jared Barsky
6035 Red Clover Ln.
Clarksville, Md 21029

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 9, 2019, at 2:52 PM, Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Thank you for contacting our office with your concerns over the Superintendent's attendance area adjustment proposal. As you may (or may not) be aware, the County Council is not involved in the process of determining which students will attend which schools, nor can we prescribe to the Board of Education a certain outcome. We do, however, encourage you to be involved in a productive way to make your feelings known.

The Board of Education is scheduled to hold three public hearings to gather feedback from the community. Members of the public may only attend the session associated with the region in which they live based on the [School Locator](#). Members of the public who wish to testify but cannot attend a public hearing may submit testimony via email or USPS mail.

Pre-registration will be available only by phone or in person. There will be no online pre-registration, nor will there be registration on-site at a hearing.

All public hearings will be held at the Department of Education, 10910 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, with satellite rooms available for overflow.

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Families currently zoned for Centennial HS, Howard HS, Mt. Hebron HS, Oakland Mills HS
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Families currently zoned for Atholton HS, Hammond HS, Long Reach HS, Wilde Lake HS
- Thursday, September 26, 7 p.m.
Families currently zoned for Glenelg HS, Marriotts Ridge HS, Reservoir HS, River Hill HS

Thank you again for sharing your concerns with me.

Deb Jung
County Council
District 4

From: Jared Barsky <jbarskylaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2019 2:56 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: I oppose the proposed redistricting plan

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Dear Ms. Jung:

Thank you for all that you do. Please support my effort to have the school board reconsider school reassignments that will be harmful to children on both sides.

My daughters have made wonderful friendships with a diverse group of students that have enriched their lives and educational experiences. These relationships will be harmed if they are required to move. I also believe that changing the schools in the manner proposed fails to address facility utilization, equity, and farm program distribution in an equitable manner. We love our community and want to remain a part of it.

Removing students from CMS and moving others to CMS is not done solely to help utilization. Additionally, CMS has a proposed utilization of 95 percent after adding students from other schools to CMS. This shows that many students could be left at CMS

without harming utilization, especially if others are not swapped in.

Changes appear to inequitably reassign CMS students. The test score differential after moving CMS students and Harper's Choice students shows substantially greater disparity than with any other school reassignment by double. Such score differentials will make such transition harmful to both Harper's Choice and CMS students. More importantly, moving a child for the purpose of increasing test scores is unethical.

Please work to find another solution to creating equity in schools that does not require student reassignment and does not move students unethically to increase test scores. I would like to help be part of a solution, but strongly oppose this solution.

Thank you,
Jared Barsky
6035 Red Clover Lane
Clarksville, Md 21029

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:57 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: School Redistricting

Deb Jung
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From: Vipin Sahijwani <vsahijwani@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 4:02 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Re: School Redistricting

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Dear Council Member Jung,

I would request you to withdraw your support for one of the most poorly drafted resolution CR112. The language does not apply to our very diverse Howard County and encourages divisions in our community. The community already is charged after watching the horrible videos from Church where Pastors are calling for property devaluation, and many reports from churchgoers wherein pastors are talking about 'somebody needs to suffer'. Your sponsorship of such poorly written resolution will only divide our wonderful community. I hope in the light of such circumstances you will review your stand. Regards,

Vipin Sahijwani

Community Leadership Board, Dancel Y, Ellicott City, MD

5006 Crape Myrtle Ct

Ellicott City, MD 20142

On Tue, Sep 10, 2019 at 3:27 PM Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Hi Vipin, Thanks for sharing your thoughts about school redistricting with the County Council. Although the Council doesn't decide which polygons are reassigned, I do appreciate knowing how parents feel about the proposal.

I also encourage you to be involved with the school system's public input process. Here's more information:

The Board of Education is scheduled to hold three public hearings to gather feedback from the community. Members of the public may only attend the session associated with the region in which they live based on the School Locator. Members of the public who wish to testify but cannot attend a public hearing may submit testimony via email or USPS mail.

On June 13, 2019, the Board of Education voted to suspend electronic registration for the redistricting public hearings only. Community members will need to call the Board Office at 410-313-7346, 1584 or 7194, or appear in person at the Board Office (10910 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, M-F, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) to pre-register to speak. Note, **registration to speak will not be permitted at the meetings**. The Board also recommends organizing into groups to allow for all communities to be heard. An officer/leader of a group may register up to five individuals to provide testimony on behalf of their organization/community.

As of September 9, the Board has added additional spaces for students who wish to testify. (Student slots previously were limited to 10 per hearing.) Students will be permitted to testify at the beginning of the public hearing, followed by members of the general public in order of registration.

All public hearings will be held in the Boardroom at 10910 Clarksville Pike, with satellite rooms available for overflow. The order of community members will be posted on BoardDocs the day of the meeting. Speakers are to check in at the registration area to receive further direction regarding the process for the evening.

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Deb Jung

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From: Vipin Sahijwani <vsahijwani@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, August 26, 2019 3:47 PM

To: Jones, Opel <opjones@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Yungmann, David <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>

Subject: Fwd: School Redistricting

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Howard County School Superintendent, Michael Martirano

Board of Education,

County Executive, Calvin Ball

County Council

I'm writing this letter to express my extreme disappointment over the proposed school redistricting plan by the School Superintendent. The proposal is not just flawed but completely misses the mark by focusing on the wrong goal. The goal of any public school is to improve educational opportunities and outcomes for students. However, this proposal, by focusing on FARM numbers, does not create equality of opportunity, but rather redistributes it. By sending children from River Hill High School to Wilde Lake High School, you effectively remove the opportunity that many families relied on when they moved to this area. Not only does the redistricting remove opportunity, but it also increases the commute for students. For many families being redistricted, the drive to River Hill takes less than five minutes. Under this proposal, they will be forced to drive 20-25 minutes to Wilde Lake. This increased drive time will deeply impact after school learning opportunities for children and generate work-life balance issues for the parents who take them to school.

Some will make this proposal, and any associated protest about race and thrive on dividing our community and county. I hope that doesn't happen, as this is not about race or about denying underprivileged children a great education: it is about uprooting families and denying certain opportunities to some while giving them to others. A better way to address these issues would be to add resources to other schools or share what River Hill School has to offer- without uprooting existing families.

Howard County's school system has been a primary driver for families to move to this area. This proposal will achieve limited gains at best to improve educational opportunity but will cause much unnecessary damage in the process. I hope we can avoid this. I request you to shelve this proposal and start again, but this time with the right goal.

Your sincerely,

Vipin Sahijwani

Board Member: Heritage Housing Partners, Columbia MD

Community Leadership Board, Dancel Y, Ellicott City, MD

5006 Crape Myrtle Ct

Ellicott City, MD 20142

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:57 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Opposition to CR-112-2019

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From: Sheen <kitten_yi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 8:29 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Re: Opposition to CR-112-2019

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Mrs. Jung:

To help the FARM kids, there are many ways. FARM kids should be able to access Khan Academy on websites, which offers videos explaining each concepts, unless they don't even have internet at home. School can offer to buy IXL for the FARM kids, which is very easy to use and it offers explanation when mistakes are made.

What I don't agree with CR-112 is because of the potential to bus kids to faraway schools due to the county's demographic distribution and concentration in certain areas. Superintendent's redistricting plan is just a preview of what's going to happen. Look at the attached photo on one of the absurd moves. There are many cases like this. This makes zero sense. One should ask: Do FARM kids' family want their kids to be bused faraway too?

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Alice

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Dear Ms. Jung,

As a constituent in District 4 that you represent, I am writing to you regarding the redistricting plan for Polygon 1256. The proposal for Polygon 1256 comes as a total shock, lacking logic and reasoning. It appears to be a mistake that needs to be corrected ASAP before it's too late.

Please advocate for us and get someone to explain the thought process, and have it corrected.

Thank you!

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Mrs. Jung

If you are curious with some background information as to why the Superintendent has disregarded HCPSS's 2019 feasibility study (<https://www.hcpss.org/f/schoolplanning/2019/2019-feasibility-study.pdf>) with the Attendance Area Adjustment Options, and came to their own drawing board to balance the FARM students, you can look at the 1-min video attached with a speech from Larry Walker at Celebration Church recently. For the record, here is the text of his speech:

"I served on the superintendent's Attendance Area Committee. I sat privately with the Superintendent. And as a committee, we said we need to make some tough decisions that bring about equity to our school system. We have a handful of schools that are overcrowded with challenging circumstances. And yet we have other schools that have a whole lot of empty seats and a whole lot of folks that have resources to provide the kind of resources to provide the kind of educational benefits and training for their children. So my challenge to the superintendent was: make some tough decisions, move some of these kids, spread it around to more schools and allow them to get the kind of support that is available in all the schools because all of our schools are great schools. Let's get rid of the myth that certain schools are better than the others. So I put together a sheet of action items, I am asking Celebration Church to join me in. We have a partnership with the school system and the superintendent is looking for brown people to show up and put our voices behind this plan that he came up with, which is a bold plan and the community is hating him right now. So he needs some allies."

The Attendance Area Committee was hand picked by the Superintendent this year instead of going through a public interviewing process like two years ago. It is so disturbing for me to find out that the Superintendent just made this kind of school boundary recommendations based on one group of people's interest alone. I am also shocked that they could just do this behind closed doors.

As I stated before, he is mistaken when thinking some schools provide more resources to their kids. It's the Parents, not the schools. If any schools are provided with more public resources than the others, I believe it's the schools that have higher FARM rates that receives more funding and resources.

If balancing FARM students becomes a required factor in the future school redistricting, Dr. Martirano's plan is just a preview of what's going to happen in the future redistricting process if CR112-2019 passes. I can give you many examples of polygon moves that make no sense from his plan. But I don't want to crowd this email. Discussing any particular polygon moves is not my purpose here. I hope the County Council look at a broader picture. The zoning map has contributed to such segregation in our school systems. Agricultural Preservation Program is a major factor to the current zoning ordinance and helped to concentrate the development to the Eastern Portion of the county. To force spreading FARM rates will definitely trigger major busing operation throughout the county. Even CB42-2019 will not cover any future BOE budget shortfall.

Even though you sponsored CR112, I hope you give it a second thought after you consider all these factors.

Thank you for always reading my emails.

Alice

On Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 09:11:23 AM EDT, Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

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The intention of the resolution is to address increasing disparity in the County that cannot be resolved through land use and zoning decisions alone. Ideally it will result in better coordination and communication between the two government bodies (the County and the School System). I don't think we've reached that point yet.

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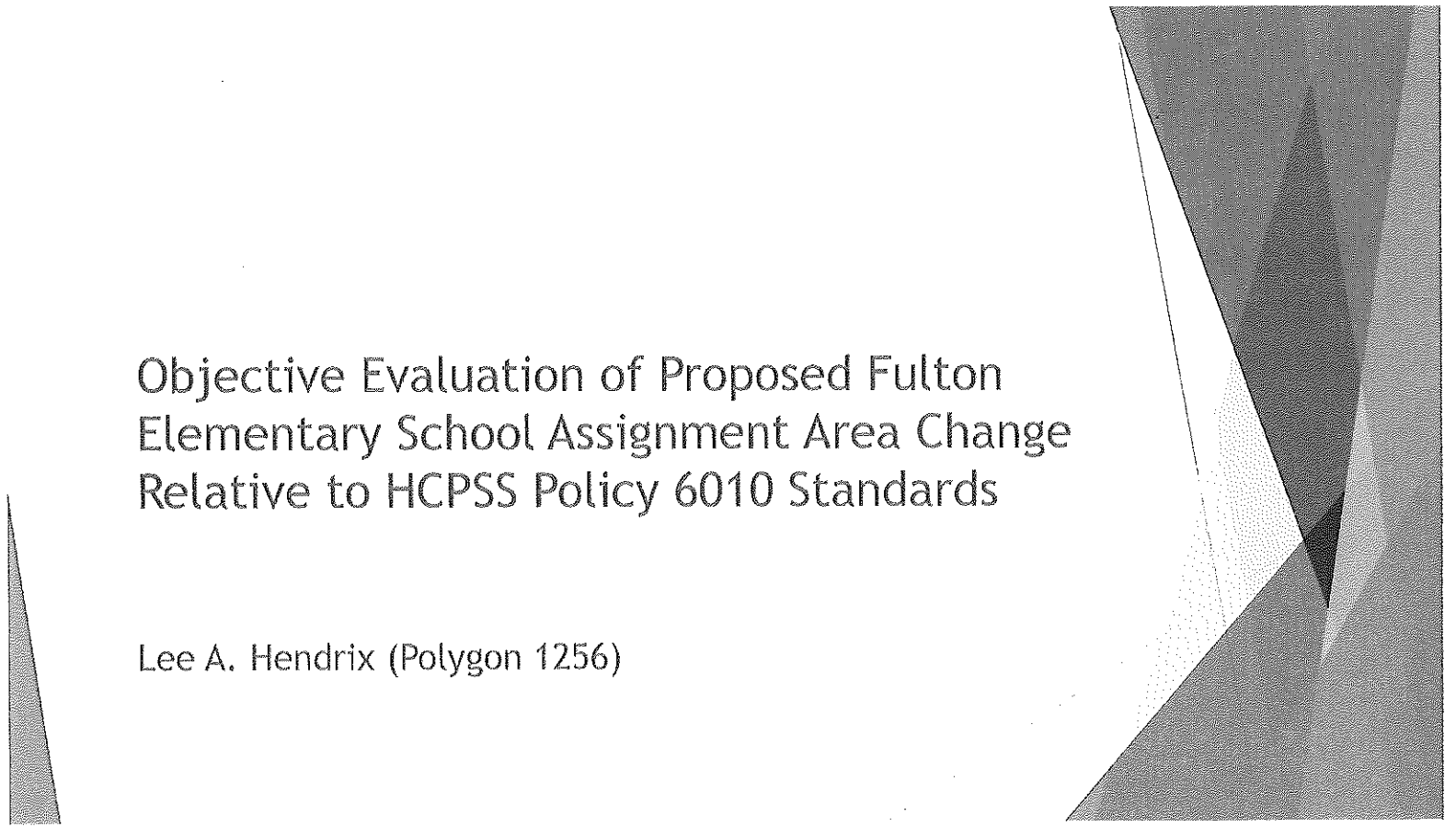
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Sincerely,

Lee A. Hendrix, (HCPSS Polygon 1256)

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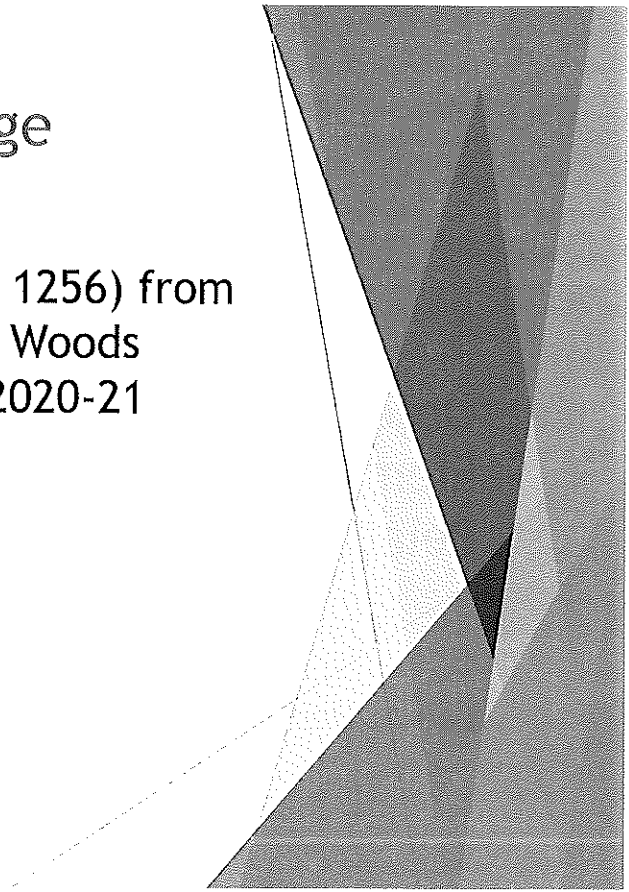


Objective Evaluation of Proposed Fulton Elementary School Assignment Area Change Relative to HCPSS Policy 6010 Standards

Lee A. Hendrix (Polygon 1256)

Proposed Assignment Area Change

Send 140 Maple Lawn kids (polygons 256, 1256) from
Fulton Elementary School (FES) to Laurel Woods
Elementary School (LWES) starting in SY 2020-21



HCPSS Policy 6010, School Attendance Areas - Section IV, Standards

A. The Board will consider school attendance area adjustments whenever one or more of the following conditions exist:

Condition	Fulton	Laurel Woods
A new school or addition is scheduled to open.	X	X
An existing permanent school facility is significantly damaged, deemed unusable, or otherwise scheduled to close.	X	X
School attendance area projections are outside the target utilization.	✓	X
The program capacity of a school building is altered.	X	X
The road network(s) within one or more school attendance areas is altered.	X	X
A unique circumstance that prompts adjustments to promote efficiencies, provide for the welfare of students, or adapt for shifts in program delivery.	X	X

Attendance Area Adjustment Consideration - Warranted for FES only

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Facility Utilization	Current		Proposed		Comment
	Fulton	Laurel Woods	Fulton	Laurel Woods	
Efficient use of available space. For example, maintain a building's program capacity utilization between 90% and 100%.	X (122%)	✓ (91%)	X (112%)	X (113%)	One overcapacity school becomes two overcapacity schools.
Long-range enrollment, capital plans and capacity needs of school infrastructures (e.g., cafeterias, restrooms and other shared core facilities).	?	?	?	?	2019 Feasibility Study and Superintendent's AAA Plan do not provide sufficient information to evaluate this area.
Fiscal responsibility by minimizing capital and operating costs.	✓	✓	X	X	FES unlikely to reduce trailers and LWES likely to have to add trailers. Each school incurs additional facility cost. HCPSS incurs additional transportation cost.
The number of students that walk or receive bus service and the distance and time bused students travel.	✓	✓	✓	X	FES reduces bus riders but LWES increases. Total distance and time FES transferees travel gets substantially worse.
Location of regional programs, maintaining an equitable distribution of programs across the county.	?	?	?	?	2019 Feasibility Study and Superintendent's AAA Plan do not provide sufficient information to evaluate this area.

Facility Utilization - Proposal worsens all 3 sub-factors able to be evaluated

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	Fulton	Laurel Woods	Fulton	Laurel Woods	
Feeds that encourage keeping students together from one school to the next. For example, avoiding feeds of less than 15% at the receiving school.	✓	✓	✓	✗ (10.6%)	Per Superintendent's AAA Plan resultant feed from LWES to LKMS would be 10.6%
Areas that are made up of contiguous communities or neighborhoods.	✓	✓	✓	✗	Two contiguous schools reduced to one contiguous school and one island school.
Frequency with which any one student is reassigned, making every attempt to not move a student more than once at any school level or the same student more frequently than once every five years.	✓	✓	✗	✓	All FES transferees EXCEPT Kindergartners will violate the 5 year rule.

Community Stability - Proposal worsens all three sub-factors

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The racial/ethnic composition of the student population.	✓	X	✓	X	X: Segregated per HoCo Council decree that <40% white = "Segregated" even though the countywide average is only 34%.
The socioeconomic composition of the school population as measured by participation in the federal FARMS program.	✓ (5%)	X (61%)	✓ (5%)	X (49%)	Going from 61% to 49% FARMS at LWES via a small cohort of kids from FES will not change the fundamental nature of the student body.
Academic performance of students in both the sending and receiving schools as measured by current standardized testing results.	✓ (70%, 77%)	X (37%, 37%)	✓ (69%, 76%)	X (43%, 45%)	Doesn't move the needle.
The level of English learners as measured by enrollment in the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program.	✓ (6%)	✓ (13%)	✓ (6%)	✓ (11%)	Doesn't move the needle.
Number of students moved, taking into account the correlation between the number of students moved, the outcomes of other standards achieved in Section IV.B. and the length of time those results are expected to be maintained.	✓	✓	X	X	Facilities - Increases costs and overcrowds LWES without alleviating FES overcrowding. Community Stability - Turn LWES into an island school and violates the 5 year rule for most FES transferees. Demographics - Doesn't move the needle at either school.
Other reliable demographic and diversity indicators, where feasible.	?	?	?	?	No data.

Demographics - Proposal does nothing to improve Demographics while worsening Facilities and Community Stability

Summary: Proposal Compliance with HCPSS own Policy (Policy 6010 School Attendance Areas)

- ▶ AA Change Consideration: Warranted (FES only due to overcapacity).
- ▶ Facilities: Violates efficient utilization standard by creating overcrowding at LWES without reducing overcrowding at FES. One overcrowded school becomes two overcrowded schools.
- ▶ Facilities: Violates fiscal responsibility standard by increasing facilities cost at LWES without counterbalancing cost reductions at FES and increased transportation costs.
- ▶ Community Stability: Fails all three stability factors and creates a new “island” school (LWES)
- ▶ Demographics: Does nothing to improve performance on racial composition, academic performance, or ESOL metrics.
- ▶ Demographics: Marginally improves FARMS score at LWES without substantively improving the socioeconomic makeup of the school.
- ▶ Demographics: Uproots 140 FES students from their neighborhood school, worsens facilities utilization and transportation costs, and worsens community stability without impacting demographics sufficiently to improve to student outcomes at LWES.

Concise Summary - FES → LWES AA Change
HCPSS Policy 6010 Section IV AA Standards

- ▶ (A) AA Change Consideration ✓
- ▶ (B1) Facilities Utilization ✗
- ▶ (B2) Community Stability ✗
- ▶ (B3) Demographics ✗

Alternate AAC Proposal

- ▶ If HCPSS elementary schools are all equally funded and staffed such that “All of our schools in Howard County are quality schools and no matter where a child is going to school, they’re going to receive a top-notch education”, as Superintendent Martirano has stated publicly, the overriding concern should then simply be facilities utilization and cost optimization.
- ▶ Recommend reassigning students in a domino manner from overloaded schools in the near vicinity of LWES so as to better load balance all of the schools, optimize costs, and improve FARMS scores without creating island schools.

Sayers, Margery

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Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:57 PM
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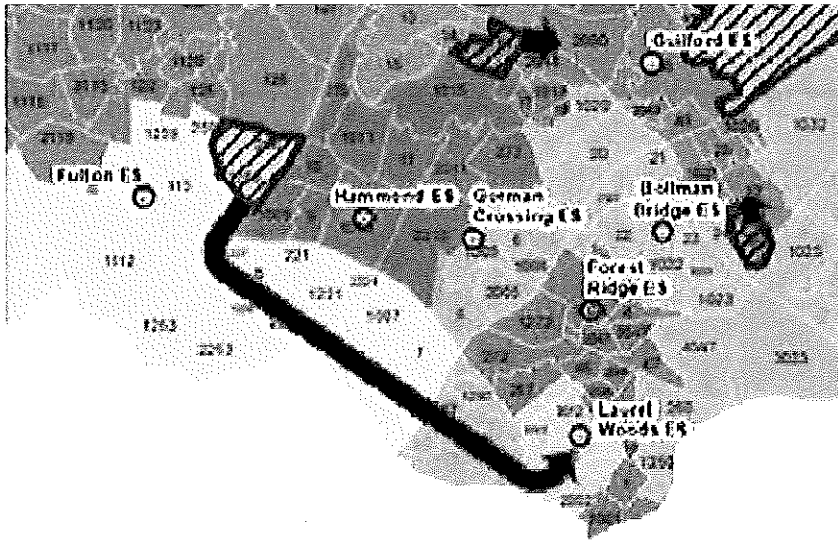
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Ms. Jung:

As District 4's representative, which covers Maple Lawn, I expect that you are now aware that Polygon 1256--which is only one of four Maple Lawn polygons--is set to be redistricted from Fulton ES to Laurel Woods ES in Dr. Martirano's proposed plan. If you are not aware, I hope this email puts you on notice. I do not want to take much of your time, but please, I implore you to use whatever influence you have on the Board of Education to ensure that Maple Lawn does not become a divided community. The move of Polygon 1256 is truly an anomaly - it is one of only a few "islands" in the redistricting plan that literally splits the Maple Lawn neighborhood into 2 separate school districts. But, also importantly, it splits the Laurel Woods ES community into 2 separated geographic districts. In that regard, the children of Polygon 1256 will not only be isolated from their neighborhood, but they will be isolated from the Laurel Woods community as well. Moreover, moving the Polygon 1256 children from Fulton ES, which is currently at 120% capacity, to Laurel Woods ES will simply move them from one overcapacity school to another, as Laurel Woods would go from being under capacity to 115% overcapacity. Please, regardless of equity considerations, the proposal as to Polygon 1256 is simply too illogical and does a disservice to both the Polygon 1256 children as well as the Laurel Woods community. As our representative, please do what you can to address this anomaly. Thank you for your time.



Respectfully,
Kelly Hayes
Polygon 1256

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Dear Councilwoman Jung,

I live in Polygon 1256 and have a daughter who may be displaced from her current Elementary School to one much further away. Can you provide clarity for me, as you're my representative, of what your position is on this matter? Not the ideology behind it but specifically with Polygon 1256.

Thank you,

Rick Trott

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From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:56 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Elementary School redistricting in Maple Lawn

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Subject: Elementary School redistricting in Maple Lawn

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Councilwoman Jung,

I am writing to express my extreme displeasure with the portion of the Superintendent's redistricting plan related to Maple Lawn Polygon 1256. You may not have heard a lot about discontent in Maple Lawn so far, and that is not because we like the plan. It's also not because we don't care. We had hoped to differentiate ourselves from the rest of the county because it appears a lot of those conversations are becoming toxic.

I DO NOT want to focus on the value of FARM equity. I also DO NOT want to discuss why if every HoCo school is excellent, then there is a need to balance FARM scores rather than spending time, money and resources on specific needs at specific schools. That is not our focus.

My focus is that Maple Lawn is unlike a lot of other sections of HoCO that contain several polygons. It's a single community, approved by the Howard County Planning Board as such, and we live day to day as a unified community literally surrounding the school. We share mailboxes, green spaces, playgrounds, community center, and a walking path to the schools. This plan cuts out a portion of this tight-knit community to be redistricted away, isolating Maple Lawn children from each other.

My focus is also on the illogical distances. There are eight closer schools to Polygon 1256. We would become an island 5.4 miles off shore. Our commute time will triple, and opportunities to participate in activities at our children's school would significantly decrease. Maple Lawn children would pass by several other Elementary Schools as they travel over two highways to Laurel Woods. Maple Lawn children would pass former schoolmates traveling west, as we travel east on route 216 on a daily basis. The children they pass are from polygons also with 0% FARM.

My focus is also on capacity. The superintendent's plan related to polygon 1256 has my children leaving one overcrowded school, to stuff another school to 115% capacity. That hurts my children, other Maple Lawn children, but

more importantly, the children at Laurel Woods. All of a sudden, their classes go from 20 children, to 30+. Is that fair to them?

My focus is also on the goals from the AAC, Community Sessions, and Online Responses from slide 9 of the Superintendent's presentation. Each one stressed "Neighborhood schools, walkable distances" or "Limit student travel time." My children cannot walk 5.4 miles across two highways. They could walk, and have walked the approximate mile to our current neighborhood schools. Travel time increases tremendously for my children and for my family when participating in school related functions. "Boundary continuity" is also not achieved. Our boundary with Fulton Elementary is broken. The boundary option to the north of 1256 is ignored. The boundary immediately to the east is ignored. The boundary next to the east is ignored. All in favor of a school farther then 8 closer Elementary schools.

My focus is on the metrics set forth in School Board Policy 6010. My children move from one majority minority school to go to another majority minority school. No improvement. My children go from one overcrowded school to another overcrowded school. No improvement. My children go from a neighborhood school with a short travel time to a school many neighborhoods away with a travel 3x to 4x farther. Worsened. Fulton Elementary and Laurel Woods Elementary go from two schools in areas made of contiguous communities to one school made up of contiguous communities, as Laurel Woods becomes an island school. Worsened. Frequency in which a student is reassigned attempting to not move a student more then once in 5 years is NOT achieve for my children in this plan. Worsened. FARM % at LW decreases from 63% to 49%. Improved.

The harms far outweigh the perceived good. I have personally found numerous alternative solutions to address the capacity at Fulton Elementary School, while also addressing the high FARM % at LWES. These solutions eliminate the countless harms created in the polygon 1256 portion of the superintendent's plan.

In order to present these plans, my Maple Lawn neighbors and I need to know the metrics used by the superintendent and his Ohio consulting firm when devising this plan. What is most important? Is it FARM numbers above all else? If so, we can achieve that. Is it capacity? We can achieve that too.

What are next important? Feeds? Distances? Community stabilization? Walkability? Bussing costs? Boundary continuity? Are these goals, or others weighted? If, so, what weights for each? What is the FARM % you want at LWES? They are currently at 63%. Does is have to be below 50? Do you ever want it below 40%? If below 40%, they may no longer receive Title 1 funding. Is that okay with you? Is 53% okay if it means LW children do not have to be moved?

Please tell me. At least tell me what your goals are. We are working hard to develop solutions, but we don't know what our elected officials want.

Sincerely,
Ian Alexander Dombroski, Esq.
Maple Lawn Resident

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:56 PM
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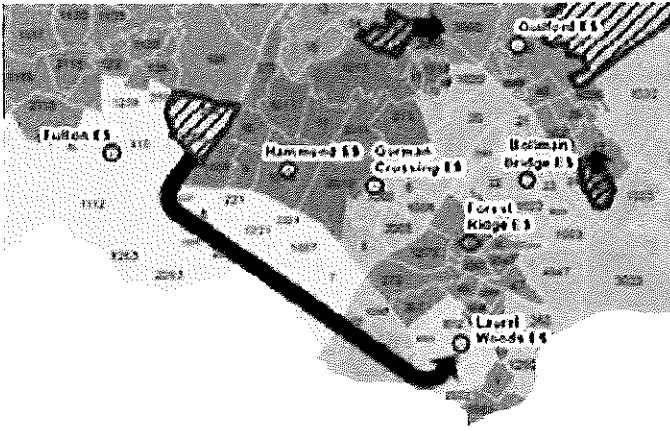
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Cc: Jonathan Polovoy <jpolovoy@gmail.com>
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Good morning Ms. Jung,

As District 4's representative, which includes the Maple Lawn Community in Fulton, I am sure that you are now aware that under Dr. Martirano's proposed plan, Polygon 1256—one of the four Maple Lawn polygons—is set to be redistricted from Fulton ES to Laurel Woods ES. As a mother of a young child and a baby on the way, I implore you to use whatever influence you have on the Board of Education to ensure that Maple Lawn does not become a divided community. The move of Polygon 1256 is truly an aberration - it is one of only a few "islands" in the redistricting plan that literally splits the Maple Lawn neighborhood into 2 separate school districts. Not only that, it splits the Laurel Woods ES community into 2 separated geographic districts. In that regard, the children of Polygon 1256 will not only be isolated from their own neighborhood, but they will be isolated from the Laurel Woods community as well. Additionally, moving the Polygon 1256 children from Fulton ES, which is currently at 120% capacity, to Laurel Woods ES will simply move them from one overcapacity school to another, as Laurel Woods would go from being under capacity to 115% overcapacity. Regardless of equity considerations, the proposal as to Polygon 1256 is simply too illogical and does a disservice to both the children and families of Polygon 1256 as well as the Laurel Woods community. As our representative, I implore you to please do what you can to address this anomaly. Thank you for your time.



Respectfully,

Alyssa Polovoy

Polygon 1256

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From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:56 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: opposition to redistricting

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I am writing today as constituent because I was made aware that your office has not heard from maple lawn community.

I am resident of maple lawn for last 6 years .I live on the hill side, which is affected by superintendent redistricting proposal .The proposal break up our community in to two and send part of Fulton elementary school students to Laurel Wood elementary school, which is about 6 miles away. The proposal is creating big anxiety in our community.

Over years my kids created good bond with school staff, their best friends reside in maple lawn ,and all of their after school activity one way or another related to Fulton elementary school. I firmly believe if this proposal goes through, it will create a lot of constrain on parents due to travel distance, and create adjustment disorder and anxiety on our kids due to separation from their friends.

I am sure superintendent intention is good, but it will have unintended consequence on our kids.

Please advocate for keeping our community together

Ismael Tura. MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:56 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: HCPSS Redistricting - Polygon 1256 CONSTITUENT EMAIL. NOT TESTIMONY

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Subject: HCPSS Redistricting - Polygon 1256 CONSTITUENT EMAIL. NOT TESTIMONY

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Hello,

I'm a resident of Maple Lawn community in Howard County, Fulton, MD (Polygon 1256). According to the proposal, the Fulton Elementary school is planned to be redistricted to Laurel Woods Elementary School.

I'd like to state that I strongly disagree with the Polygon 1256 move. Some of the reasons include:

- Splitting the community and causing the kids to separate from their school friends/activities. (This is our major concern!)
- There are several other elementary schools which are nearer than the one proposed.
- Considerable increase to the school travel times, which takes a toll for parents and kids.

I sincerely request you to please keep our Maple Lawn community together and not split them into different schools.

Thanks in anticipation,
-Sandeep

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
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Dear Council Member Jung,

I am a resident of the Maple Lawn and writing to express my concern about the splitting of the Maple Lawn with the current HCPSS Redistricting Plan. My husband and I are cardiologists and moved to Howard County, specifically for the Maple Lawn Community. Although, my children are not affected by this school redistricting, we have several close friends within the community who would be impacted. We find the Polygon Move 1256 highly disruptive to the Maple Lawn Community and adamantly disagree with this redistricting. We believe in one community and one school.

We hope you will reconsider Polygon Move 1256 and continue to allow the Maple Lawn Community to remain as one. We are an ethnically diverse neighborhood with mixed housing that allows our family to be exposed to all different cultures and people. Breaking Maple Lawn up would be upsetting and tragic for many of us.

Consequently, we plan to vote **against** those in favor of splitting the Maple Lawn Community with the current redistricting plan for our children. Moreover, we will encourage everyone in the community, as well as our friends and family in Howard County, to also vote **against** those in favor of Polygon Move 1256 and the current HCPSS redistricting.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Susie Hong-Zohlman, MD
Maple Lawn Community Resident

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing in regards to Maple Lawn's polygon 1256 and the proposition to send said polygon to Laurel Woods Elementary School as opposed to the neighborhood school of Fulton Elementary School. I am aware that this is a Board of Education matter but it is my understanding that you represent Howard County and have the best interest of the communities at heart. All I am asking is that you look at the absurdity of this proposal, specifically in regards to polygon 1256 and the Maple Lawn Community, and for your support in keeping our community together.

Thank you for your time,
Caroline Silva

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:55 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Strongly Oppose CR-112

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From: Shane L <sliu2100@gmail.com>
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Subject: Re: Strongly Oppose CR-112

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Hi, Deb,
Thank you so much for your prompt response and kind consideration to my option which is shared by so many HoCo residents. We trust you will eventually do the right thing for our kids, families and communities and we will support you back as an organized community. Thank you for your service.

Best,
Shane

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 12, 2019, at 2:30 PM, Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Hi Shane, Thank you so much for sharing your views on CR112. I will take your opinion into consideration as this resolution moves through the legislative process.

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Subject: Strongly Oppose CR-112

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Dear Ms Jung,

I am writing as a taxpayer and community member to strongly oppose the proposed resolution no. 112-2019 (CR-112). As our elected representative, I believe you were misguided into signing onto this resolution. You should distance yourself from this racially charged and politically motivated resolution. Coming from a socialist country, I am appalled to see such a reckless political agenda which would negatively impact our students and communities for years to come in the name of equity and integration. I respectfully ask you to withdraw or veto this resolution and help develop more constructive solutions.

First, I have to point out that **the use of "segregated" in the resolution and press release is questionable**. It sounds all about race and social-economic balancing in the name of "integration". It's disappointing that our own elected council members would issue such a negative, bigoted message regarding our inclusive county and our fantastic school system which is leading Maryland and the country. These inflammatory languages calls to mind the shameful period of illegal racial segregation and civil right movement in the old era and stir painful and unconstructive emotions. In the backdrop of a country already ripped apart by politicians, this resolution, willingly or unwillingly, is creating the same detrimental effect, directing one group of citizen's resentment towards another group of citizens and tearing this county apart in the name of race, privilege and poverty. This alarmist approach panders to political agendas which should have no place in our kids' education and future. We the people of Howard County can do better!

Second, **Trying to use the public-school system or redistricting to solve income and race imbalance is the wrong approach** as it does not solve the underlining issues with poverty concentration, nor does it address the fundamental issues in underperforming schools. **Bad county zoning and development, housing policies and deteriorating family values in certain communities over years are causes to blame**. By forcing numerous working families to take on increased financial and logistical burdens, by robbing citizens of their freedom to choose where to live and where to go to school, and by separating friendships our kids established in their most formative years, this resolution and corresponding redistricting serves to rips our communities apart and creates animosity and class warfare among our citizens. Please have a different resolution or plan to fix these root problems instead of overstepping our publicly elected school board and reshuffling the students around to rebalance numbers which doesn't solve deeper underlining problems and can be counterproductive.

Third, **the resolution was drafted and released without proper consulting** with the Board of Education, and - frankly - anybody within the whole communities this resolution purports to represent was disturbing. I am sure high-priced attorneys are consulted so it sounds lawful and PR proof. I ask the council members to respect the BoE's independent jurisdiction and consult broader communities before introducing any such disturbing resolution.

Last but not the least, **Redistricting, and "student mobility" it creates, will hurt all students and communities, including these at disadvantage**. There are tons of comprehensive researches on student mobility including redistricting which clearly shows it would negatively impact students' performance.

Here is just one sample research: " Student Mobility and the Increased Risk of High School Dropout", Russell W. Rumberger and Katherine A. Larson, American Journal of Education, Vol. 107, No. 1 (Nov., 1998), pp. 1-35 (35 pages), Published by: The University of Chicago Press" which clearly underscores that schools can adversely affect "student mobility" when dealing with overcrowding and redistricting. It concludes that students who switched schools even once between eighth and twelfth grade were "twice as likely to not complete high school." I have attached a survey of dozens researches to show the negative outcomes of this kind of social engineering experiment. Let's respect these educational research and learn from history of failed experiments.

I urge you to reject the CR 112- 2019 plan and abandon this misguided endeavor and instead focus on realigning our tax dollars with needs of Howard County's most vulnerable. Please fully fund the HCPSS budget and invest in the families and kids who live in low income communities and give them the opportunities and resources all children deserve!

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Shane Liu

Clarksville, MD

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Dear Ms Jung,

I wanted to voice my concerns with the proposal that is being voted on my the Board of Education.

Our area of Maplawn is being split away from our neighborhood school and virtually split away from our close-knit community. Additionally, the portion of Maplawn falling into polygon 1256 is closer to 8 other schools that to the school proposed in the superintendent's plan. Those of us that live in polygon 1256 will become a island of sorts, far away from the school that we are currently and to no great benefit to us or our children. We understand that Fulton Elementary is overcrowded and moving us to Laurel Woods Elementary puts that location at 115% capacity.

Maplawn shares Howard County's goals of having neighborhood schools with contiguous boundaries and walkable distances. These objectives are certainly not achieved with the proposed plan. Our community was designed to be a single community, approved by the Howard County Planning Board as such, and we live day to day as a single community literally surrounding the school. This plan removes our families from our neighbors and relocates us to an unfavorable location that is inconsistent with policy 6010 and does little to benefit the students of either school.

We fully understand what the superintendent's office is trying to accomplish but there are various alternative solutions which achieve the desired results without creating numerous issues. The Maplawn community looks forward to being able to work with you and other county representatives in order to make things great in our county schools.

V/R,

David Schwab

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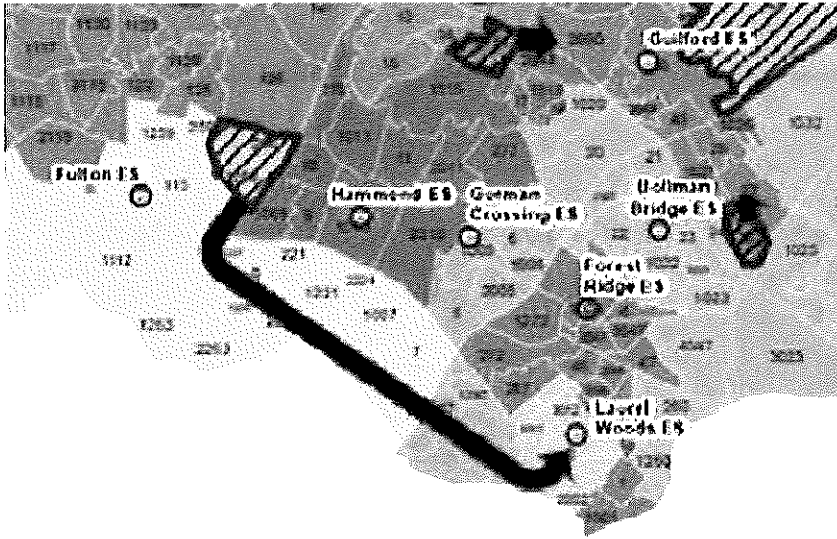
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Ms. Jung:

I am confident that you have heard from numerous Howard County residents about redistricting, but I write only to ensure that you are aware that Maple Lawn's Polygon 1256--which is only one of four Maple Lawn polygons--is set to be redistricted from Fulton ES to Laurel Woods ES in Dr. Martirano's proposed plan. If you are not aware, I hope this email puts you on notice. I do not want to take much of your time, but please, regardless of equity concerns (which I do not intend to debate) I implore you to use whatever influence you have on the Board of Education to ensure that Maple Lawn does not become a divided community. The move of Polygon 1256 is truly an anomaly - it is one of only a few "islands" in the redistricting plan that literally splits the Maple Lawn neighborhood into 2 separate school districts. But, also importantly, it splits the Laurel Woods ES community into 2 separated geographic districts. In that regard, the children of Polygon 1256 will not only be isolated from their neighborhood, but they will be isolated from the Laurel Woods community as well. Moreover, moving the Polygon 1256 children from Fulton ES, which is currently at 120% capacity, to Laurel Woods ES will simply move them from one overcapacity school to another, as Laurel Woods would go from being under capacity to 115% overcapacity. Please, regardless of equity considerations, the proposal as to Polygon 1256 is simply too illogical and does a disservice to both the Polygon 1256 children as well as the Laurel Woods community. I ask only that you do whatever you can to address this anomaly. Thank you for your time.



Respectfully,
Greta Kodan
Polygon 1256

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:55 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: HCPSS Redistricting - Polygon 1256 CONSTITUENT EMAIL. NOT TESTIMONY

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Good afternoon Councilperson Deb Jung,

I write to you today in opposition of Superintendent Martirano's proposed redistricting plan. While I agree that overcapacity is an issue that needs to be tackled within Howard County, I disagree with the Polygon 1256 move and would like to see Maple Lawn kept as one community. Many members of my neighborhood have put together some informative metrics to show that the plan for redistricting Polygon 1256 will produce very little gain (if any) but will impose much pain on all directly affected families.

I hope you take our alternative solutions into careful consideration.

Very Respectfully,
Shirley Seo

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From: MIA CAMERON <miamicah9@aol.com>
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I am a resident of Maple Lawn in Fulton, MD. I disagree with the polygon 1256 proposal. The children of Maple Lawn should be kept together in their local community schools. - Mia Cameron

Sent from my iPhone

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
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Dear Deb,

I am writing on behalf of Polygon 1256. We are in disagreement with the Polygon 1256 move and we want to keep Maple Lawn as One Community. Please reconsider this proposal. It is detrimental to our students.

Regards,

Sara Miller

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Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:54 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Polygon 1256

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From: Michael Taylor <dewey7@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 5:21 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Polygon 1256

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Dear Councilwoman Jung-
I wanted to voice my opposition with the Polygon 1256 move and you want to keep Maple Lawn as One Community. This is very important to me and my family.
Thank you

Michael Taylor
7736 Tilghman Street
Fulton, MD 20759

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:54 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Maple Lawn's Redistricting to Laurel Woods Elementary

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From: Meredith Dombroski <meredithdombroski@gmail.com>
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To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Maple Lawn's Redistricting to Laurel Woods Elementary

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Good Afternoon, Ms. Jung

I was on vacation with my family when news broke that my children would be moved from Fulton Elementary to Laurel Woods Elementary in the fall of 2020. I live in Polygon 1256 and ask for you to vote no on this proposal.

My name is Meredith Dombroski and I have two young children who would be affected if this proposal goes through. This is my story.

In August of 2018 my family relocated to Fulton from Baltimore City, where school choice is offered. Despite living in a wonderful tight knit community with a public and charter school, my husband and I made the decision to send our daughter, Emily, to an out of zone public school across the city that we thought was a better fit. Our son, Owen, who is two years younger, followed shortly after for pre-k.

I was heavily involved in our old neighborhood, Bolton Hill, acting as VP of the nursery school board and lead chair for the annual festival that takes place each October. I attended community meetings and volunteered whenever needed. So you can imagine that when we chose to go to an out of zone public school versus investing in one of the schools in our community, we received backlash from neighbors and lost friends because they feared they would lose our investment and involvement to another neighborhood. And in some cases, they were right.

Bolton Hill connects neighbors through the nursery school, charter and public schools, churches, parks and playgrounds, and the neighborhood swim club. The summer following my daughter's kindergarten year, it became clear how much we disconnected from our community the first time we went to the pool. The children who attended the schools in the neighborhood socialized with ease as my children sat uncomfortably feeling

like strangers in the place they grew up in. In time we adjusted, but the pattern repeated the following year after a long stretch of investing in another neighborhood.

Emily and Owen were adored by teachers, administrators, and friends at their school in Locust Point. I was a very active parent in PTA and at one point took on a contract position working at their school doing marketing, outreach, and enrollment. While we had a large impact in the school and made many new friends, we were still outsiders in the Locust Point community. We missed out on last minute playdates or alley parties, not for being unwanted, but for not being remembered to reach out to because we weren't a block away, or a few houses down to call.

When we made the decision to leave Baltimore City I had one agenda - to find a perfect community where there were many children and a community center and focal point for neighbors to connect and a place where our children would go to the same school as every child in the neighborhood. After looking at houses throughout Howard County for months, we drove through Maple Lawn on a whim and knew we had found the place we wanted to call home.

I have lived in Maple Lawn for little over a year now. In that time I've become active in the PTA, two boards in the neighborhood, and have made many friends who I can call on any time for help. Our children met their first friends at school, in the back alleys, on playgrounds, and the neighborhood swim team. Our friends come from every polygon that feeds into Fulton Elementary and my biggest concern with this proposal is us 1256'ers losing the connection that makes our neighborhood so special and unique.

I know from my own experience what it is like to try being part of two separate communities. You are unable to be as active as you hope in either, you miss opportunities to be more involved, friendships dissolve, and you are never able to have one "home".

We are not just 1256. We are Maple Lawn, a community we chose to live in so our children could grow up with lifelong friends and neighbors. I ask you to reconsider this proposal and allow the children of 1256 to go to school with their neighbors.

Meredith Dombroski
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(410) 218-3211

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From: Ingrid G Atkinson <Ingrid.Atkinson@ey.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 6:50 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
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Dear Councilmember Jung,

I live in Maple Lawn with our family of six. We moved here to raise our kids and be part of a neighborhood and a community. We are now in the position of being sliced off from the rest of our community – our neighbors and friends. We disagree with the Polygon 1256 move and we hope you will keep Maple Lawn as One community.

Thank you and kind regards
Ingrid Atkinson



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From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:54 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: keep maple lawn in Fulton es

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From: Rudolph Magyar <rjmagyar@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 6:57 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: keep maple lawn in Fulton es

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Hi please keep maple lawn together. send maple lawn south to laurel bottom

djung@howardcountymd.gov

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From: Taeyun Hwang <caritasarang@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 8:40 PM
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Hello,

I disagree with the Polygon 1256 move and I want to keep Maple Lawn as One Community.

I would like to see all my neighbors and friends in the same school close to us, not to the school that are located more than 5 miles away crossing major highways.

Please help us keep our community together and avoid any confusion. Otherwise I am really worried and concerned that people are already talking about selling their houses and move out or send their children to private schools. and community will be falling apart.

Sincerely,
Maple lawn Resident Hanna Kang

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From: Genna Bross <gbashoff@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 8:59 PM
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Mrs. Jung,

I strongly disagree with the Polygon 1256 move and want to keep Maple Lawn as ONE community!! Please do not separate one small section of our neighborhood and send these kids to a different school from their neighbors!!

Thank you,
Genna Bross
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Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:53 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: polygon 1256 Constituent Concern (not testimony)

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From: V S H146 <vsherson@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 8:40 AM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: Williams, China <ccwilliams@howardcountymd.gov>; Gick, Ginnie <ggick@howardcountymd.gov>;
assistance@vanhollen.senate.gov
Subject: polygon 1256 Constituent Concern (not testimony)

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I'm writing to express my concern and frustration about the proposed school redistricting plan.

I strongly oppose the plan, as it currently stands, both for our neighborhood and for the county. I implore you, as our elected Council Member, to advocate for a workable equitable proposal for improving our schools and our children's education. This plan will do nothing toward this end. It will only serve to create divisiveness among residents, resentment toward county administration, and strip our families of a sense of community.

Furthermore, in the current plan, the children in our polygon (1256) are to be separated from the rest of our neighborhood and sent to a school miles away rather to the school one mile from us. This appears to be a mistake to remove only these children from our community and we have thus far been unable to obtain an explanation why our children are being singled out should this plan be implemented.

There are better ways to reallocate resources to improve our schools rather than mandated removal of children from their communities. There must be more transparency and opportunities for participation if any plan is to work. It seems to the majority of us that the county has lost sight of the true objective to improve educational outcomes and better families' lives and seeks an easy quick fix to a complex problem.

Viktorija Herson
7757 Water St.
Fulton, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:53 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
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From: Goeun Lee <kkon385@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 9:16 AM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: HCPSS Redistricting - Polygon 1256 CONSTITUENT EMAIL. NOT TESTIMONY

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Hello,

I live in Maple Lawn and I strongly disagree with the Polygon 1256 move and want to keep Maple Lawn as One Community.

We want Maple Lawn children will be supported by our ONE COMMUNITY, going to ONE SCHOOL.

Sincerely,
Lee's Family

Sayers, Margery

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From: Chihwen Cheng <cwcheng83@gmail.com>
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Dear County Council Jung,

I am writing today as a constituent because I was made aware that your office has not heard from the Maple Lawn community. The redistricting plan in Howard County proposed by Superintendent Martirano's has an anomaly in its movement of polygon 1256, which I want to ensure you that the movement is a significant problem, mistake, or oversight.

Boundary continuity is of utmost importance to achieve the priorities stated by both the superintendent and the community, as well as the needs and fair treatment of the students. I would like to strongly advocate for a revised plan with reasonable boundary continuity and consideration of Maple Lawn as a contiguous community neighborhood. I also encourage and support public policy decisions that halt the development of neighborhoods without adequate public facilities.

Please maintain our community, make open decision-making, proposing true solutions for inequity without sacrificing our children and families. Let's keep Howard County the best and the brightest.

Best Regards,
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Fulton, Maryland 20759
Polygon #1256
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From: Brent Mitchell <brent.s.mitchell@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 11:40 AM
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Ms. Jung -

I am a resident of the Maple Lawn Community in Fulton, MD. I am writing to oppose the proposed redistricting of my neighbors in polygon 1256 and any plan to redistrict more polygons out of Maple Lawn in the future.

The superintendent's current plan breaks my community in half and results in an unnecessary, long commute that sends those children across 29 and I-95. I hope you will recognize that this creates an anomaly among the way that other students are assigned to schools. I hope that you will publicly advocate for a revised proposal that will keep our community together -- or at a minimum eliminate the "island" polygons.

I understand why school executives would enjoy having these children improve arbitrary statistics on their reports. However, it splits the Maple Lawn neighborhood into two elementary schools and will create all kinds of logistical issues for families who have the youngest school-aged children shipped miles away. It complicates everything from getting our children to and from school, to participating in and supporting their school, to having nearby friends in walking distance. My wife and I both work outside the home. These are enormous issues to us -- separate from any of the incendiary issues raised by other people. These kinds of issues were why we chose to live in Fulton, and they are extremely important to us.

I hope you will support the Maple Lawn Community, and the residents of Howard County, in opposing the Superintendent's proposed plan for redistricting and opposing the "island" polygons in Maple Lawn.

If our son and family were treated in this cavalier fashion, then this would easily become my single issue for local politics and my single issue in the ballot box

Thank you.

Brent

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Brent Mitchell

brent.s.mitchell@gmail.com

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:53 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Opposition to Superintendent's Redistricting Plan
Attachments: CCR Letter.pdf

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From: Thomas Liu <jtliu_99@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 11:41 AM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Re: Opposition to Superintendent's Redistricting Plan

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Dear Ms Jung,

Thanks for responding back on my letter!

I also signed up for testimony on 9/18 against CCR 112 cosponsored by you. Attached please find a copy of the testimony. I hope when we move further along this redistricting process, you will have the opportunity to listen to different opinions and feedback, which may collectively change your position on this very important issue that impacts the life of every resident of Howard County.

Respectfully,

Jiong

On Thursday, September 12, 2019, 08:35:50 AM EDT, Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Hi Jiong, Thank you for sending me your comments and concerns. I appreciate your input. Please share your opinion with the Board of Education as they are the decision-makers in this process.

While Dr. Martirano's plan is just one iteration of a lengthy process, I have faith in our Board of Education to consider the feedback of all who choose to provide input and to do what is best for the children of Howard County. I encourage residents to keep an open mind, be involved in the process, and work towards civility and understanding of the various factors involved in the School Board's decision-making process.

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From: Thomas Liu <jtliu_99@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2019 8:22 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Opposition to Superintendent's Redistricting Plan

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Dear Ms. Jung,

As a parent of two children and a resident of Howard County, I am writing to object to Superintendent Martirano's Presentation of the Attendance Area Adjustment Plan, dated August 20, 2019 (the "Plan").

This Plan was apparently designed to advance equity by equalizing FARM distribution ratio across schools. Instead of directly addressing resources and capacity issues at certain schools, this Plan calls for massive student swaps, relocating students away from their close, nearby communities in an unprecedented scale – over 30-40% of student population in certain polygons. This Plan fails to address the real issues in our county's public education.

Equalizing FARM ratio by transporting children from one school to another does not help the students who are in need. This Plan will significantly increase student's commute time, discourage students from attending extracurricular activity, discourage parental involvement in school activity, tear apart our communities, traumatize both parents and students, particularly those underaged students. This Plan will also double or triple bus transportation cost, divert public resources which otherwise could be invested in schools that are in need.

While we all agree achieving equity is important in public education, it should be done in a thoughtful, prudent, and morally sound way. It should not be done recklessly, as this plan is, at the expense of our communities and schools, our students and parents, and furthermore, without even knowing the actions taken will help those students and schools that are really in need. **Transporting a student in need from a high FARM ratio school to a low FARM ratio school does not help to address the educational challenges the student faces.**

We should reject this Plan in its entirety and demand a new plan to properly address the real resources and capacity issues at certain Howard County schools. **Instead of relocating students, we should relocate resources to**

helps schools that are really in need. Stable community and parental involvement are always the two most important factors in helping a student to succeed in school education. Superintendent Martirano's Plan only helps to weaken these two most important pillars of education.

Sincerely,

Jiong Liu

Polygon 1186

September 13, 2019

Subject: Opposition to County Council Resolution No. 112-2019

Dear Howard County Council Members,

I am standing here to oppose the proposed County Council Resolution No. 112 (or "CCR 112"), not as a disgruntled parent whose children will be impacted by Superintendent Martirano's Attendance Area Adjustment Plan, "incidentally" released in conjunction with CCR 112, but as a proud American who feels it is his civic obligation to speak against it. I acknowledge this resolution has a good intent to achieve equity in education, however, the ideology and political motivation behind it are simply false. As one Councilmember said, "the resolution is aspirational and not prescriptive." Nevertheless, it is intended to put political pressure on the Board of Education when it deliberates over the Superintendent's Plan.

First on Diversity. I am offended by accusations that we do not have diversity in our schools. Diversity was the very goal on which Columbia, the home of James Rouse, was founded 50 years ago. When we moved to Maryland about one year ago, we decided to live in the River Hill Village of Columbia for the very reason of its diversity, its tradition in honor of civility and openness, and its top-rated public schools. **Diversity is far beyond seeing the world in the lenses of two colors. Diversity is about embracing different races, ethnicities, cultures, religions, political beliefs, socioeconomic status. Diversity is about accepting coexistence of different opinions, experiences and backgrounds.** The truth is River Hill is a diverse, multi-race, and multi-culture community. My children go to River Hill schools and every day learn from their peers of all colors, ethnic and cultural identities. But I also acknowledge that diversity today is a journey not a destination. There is certainly more we can and should do with this respect.

Second on Equity in Education. Prejudice is appalling when people living in the River Hill community are being called "wealthy" or "rich" people. As far as I know, most of my friends and neighbors, including myself, are hard-working middle class or professionals, who work hard to support our families, pay our mortgage and property tax, and make every effort to ensure our children have a quality life and education. As an immigrant and a citizen, I embrace and cherish **the American values that emphasize equal opportunity for prosperity and success, as well as an upward social mobility for everyone, all achieved through hard work.**

Socioeconomic disparity among different schools may exist in Howard County like everywhere else in terms of household income gaps, but this is a result of years of negligence and mismanagement with community planning and housing development. **Achieving equity in education is a noble cause, but our children should not pay the price. There is no justice or moral high ground to achieve equity at the expense of others, let alone children.** Instead, equity in education should be achieved in progressive, prudent and thoughtful ways. Equity will never be achieved through redistribution. Social engineering with the goal to achieve socioeconomic equity only creates the monster of its own inequality. Most part of the 20th century saw this type of social engineering started and failed in other parts of the world.

Thirdly, **the right to choose which community to live in and which neighborhood school to go to is a common sense and a fundamental civil rights issue.** School redistricting, as outlined in the Superintendent's Plan, calls for massive students swaps between school polygons – forcibly taking 7,400 students away from their neighborhood schools and sending them miles away, doubling or tripling bus transportation time. This is a classic example of social engineering and governmental overreach, and infringement upon individual civil rights.

Finally, the underlying assumption of CCR 1.12 is that socioeconomic disparity in the school system contributes to increasing achievement gaps and lower graduation rates for students who participate in the FARM program. It was proclaimed in the news release that “numerous academic studies indicate that diverse, integrated classrooms lead to better academic outcomes for all students, while increased segregation leads to greater achievement gaps for low-income students and students of color”.

While the correlation between socioeconomic disparity and school achievement disparity exists, this may not be a direct, causal relationship. Several important factors other than income level may influence or determine school performance, such as community environment, family environment, parental involvement, cultural perspective, and personal accountability. **A forced separation of children from their neighborhood schools and putting them on a long bus commute will make closing school achievement gap even more difficult.** In an ideal world, every child should have equal access to every opportunity in a wonderful school with equally wonderful outcome. But that only exists in utopia.

Instead of making a political statement, the County Council should work closely with the Board of Education to take realistic and effective actions to advance equity in education. While this testimony is not intended to offer alternate solutions, a few considerations may apply: 1) expand voluntary participation programs, such as Jumpstart, and provide bus transport so that more FARM students will have the opportunity to participate in high-performing schools at their will; 2) create or expand magnet programs or create a magnet or charter school in Howard County so that all students, regardless of their income or polygons, will be attracted to attend together; 3) invest in schools that are desperately in need of infrastructure upgrade or special programs to help the students in need; 4) build more affordable housing so that more low-income family students will have access to high-performing schools, and do so while keeping a hard fiscal discipline with respect to school funding.

With that, I respectfully implore Councilmembers Ms. Rigby, Dr. Jones and Ms. Jung to withdraw County Council Resolution No. 112. I respectfully implore the County Council to vote against this resolution.

Sincerely,

Jiong Liu

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From: Jung, Deb
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To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: HCPSS Redistricting - Polygon 1256 CONSTITUENT EMAIL. NOT TESTIMONY

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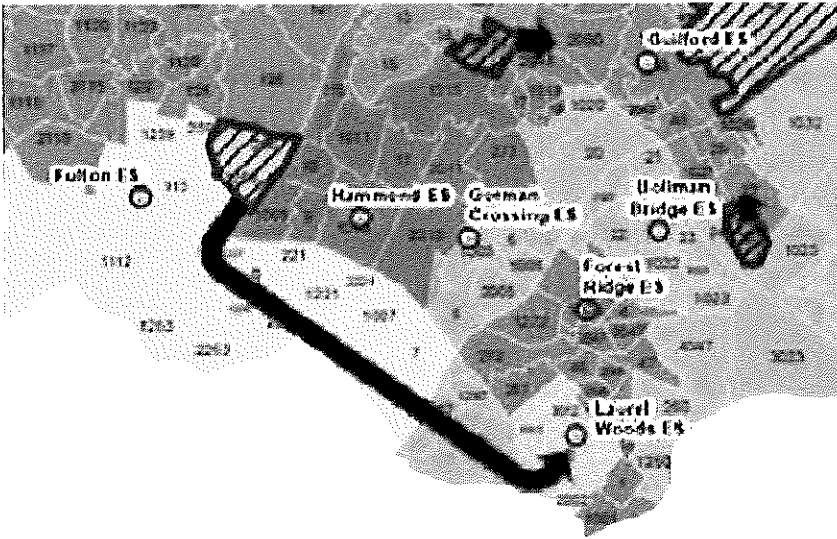
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Ms. Jung:

I am confident that you have heard from numerous Howard County residents about redistricting, but I write only to ensure that you are aware that Maple Lawn's Polygon 1256--which is only one of four Maple Lawn polygons--is set to be redistricted from Fulton ES to Laurel Woods ES in Dr. Martirano's proposed plan. If you are not aware, I hope this email puts you on notice. I do not want to take much of your time, but please, regardless of equity concerns (which I do not intend to debate) I implore you to use whatever influence you have on the Board of Education to ensure that Maple Lawn does not become a divided community. The move of Polygon 1256 is truly an anomaly - it is one of only a few "islands" in the redistricting plan that literally splits the Maple Lawn neighborhood into 2 separate school districts. But, also importantly, it splits the Laurel Woods ES community into 2 separated geographic districts. In that regard, the children of Polygon 1256 will not only be isolated from their neighborhood, but they will be isolated from the Laurel Woods community as well. Moreover, moving the Polygon 1256 children from Fulton ES, which is currently at 120% capacity, to Laurel Woods ES will simply move them from one overcapacity school to another, as Laurel Woods would go from being under capacity to 115% overcapacity. Please, regardless of equity considerations, the proposal as to Polygon 1256 is simply too illogical and does a disservice to both the Polygon 1256 children as well as the Laurel Woods community. I ask only that you do whatever you can to address this anomaly. Thank you for your time.



Respectfully,
Daniel Kodan
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From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:52 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Urgent District 4 Constituent Concern

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Dear Council Member Jung,

Always nice to meet a fellow Dukie! I'm writing as a constituent to appeal for your help in preventing Superintendent's Martirano's school redistricting plan from separating my community of Maple Lawn. (See my letter to the Board of Ed below with more details about my concerns and suggested alternatives). This issue of keeping Maple Lawn together is my top priority as a resident of District 4.

Thank you for your time and please let me know if you'd like to talk farther.

Warm regards,
Hannah Polikov
7747 Elmwood Rd, Fulton, MD 20759
District 4

Dear Howard County Board of Education,

I am writing to voice my concern over the proposed redistricting of polygon #1256 (part of Maple Lawn). I share Dr. Martirano's goals of diversity and equity, but I believe those goals can be achieved in a better way, and I've listed several alternative options below.

Basis for My Opposition to the Redistricting of Polygon #1256: Maple Lawn is One Community, One Village

I live in Maple Lawn in an adjacent polygon to the one being redistricted, but the move affects me because Maple Lawn is all one community, one village. I moved to Maple Lawn 5 years ago because I wanted a diverse, intentional community where my kids could make life long friends and I could have a supportive village to help raise them. That's exactly what I got, but the proposed redistricting plan now threatens that.

The racial and ethnic diversity in Maple Lawn is phenomenal. As a snapshot: my neighbors directly to the right are from India, directly to the left are from China, two doors down are from Africa, across the street are from Columbia, and behind us are African American with the wife being one of the original families to move to Columbia back in the day. We ourselves are Jewish and my husband is from Russia. Together, we've celebrated each others Jewish, Christian, Muslim and Hindu holidays. The part of Maple Lawn being redistricted is similarly diverse and part of the beautiful mosaic that is Maple Lawn. My older son's best friend who lives in polygon 1256 is Chinese and Korean and my younger son's best friend who lives in Polygon 1256 is African American. On my older son's bookshelf is an Egyptian flag he got from a close Egyptian friend who lives in Polygon 1256 at last year's Fulton Elementary School International Night where an astonishing number of different countries were represented.

Maple Lawn was designed as an "intentional community"-- a mix of condos, townhomes and single family homes with very small backyards so that people would need to use the shared playgrounds and green spaces. The concept works-- our playground is hopping every evening with packs of neighborhood kids running around together while the parents catch up. These close social bonds that the kids and parents have formed have a very practical side too in that they serve as the basis for a tight knit support system that we all regularly call upon to help raise our children. We and most of the families we know in Maple Lawn have two full-time working parents-- you can't afford not to. I'm managing director at a clean energy non-profit and I love what I do, but balancing a 50+ hour/week job with 4 children when my husband also works full time in a very demanding job isn't easy. We pull it off thanks to our Maple Lawn village. We have several carpools set-up with neighbors (including our Polygon 1256 neighbors) to get to and from school and various activities. When a single mom friend in Polygon 1256 had a work conflict last week and couldn't make it to our kids' back to school night, I filled her in afterwards and brought her the materials she'd missed. When I went into labor last month at 1am and 2 weeks early with our 4th child and had to rush quickly to the hospital, I just had to make one call to set off a chain reaction of neighbor help to make sure we were all set with sleeping/ feeding/ school drop-off/ pick-up for our older ones. This is what I mean when I say that Maple Lawn is one community, one village. Redistricting Polygon 1256 severs a large piece of that community, hurting not only the people in that Polygon but also the rest of us in Maple Lawn who rely on them.

Better Alternatives

As I always tell my kids, don't just complain about what you don't like, figure out a solution. So what are the possible solutions that would help achieve the goals of diversity and equity without dividing Maple Lawn? There are at least 3 solutions that I'd suggest:

- 1. Redistrict Differently:** I've seen alternative redistricting proposals that keep Maple Lawn together while helping achieve greater socio-economic diversity at each school. For example, the proposal that Howard County Indivisible recently proposed would keep Maple Lawn together at Fulton Elementary School (FES) but make other adjustments that would increase the FARMS numbers at FES from less than 5% today up to 25%. While I do not know enough about the proposal to formally endorse it, I can say that in concept I would be fine with a solution that increases the FARMS % at FES and keeps Maple Lawn together at its community school.
- 2. Create Voluntary Options:** You can catch more flies with honey than vinegar. Instead of forcing kids to go to different schools, the county could create voluntary options for making schools more socio-economically diverse. For example, the county could create special programs within different schools and let people opt into them (eg. a special Spanish or Chinese immersion program at Laurel Woods Elementary School or a special STEM AP program at Wild Lake High School).
- 3. Work with the County on a Holistic Solution:** The socioeconomic geographic stratification that we're seeing today has a lot to do with housing development decisions that have been made over the past several decades and what appears to be a general lack of planning for school capacity needs in high growth areas like Fulton. The school system should be working with the county executive and council to evaluate housing development decisions and planning for the future so that the school system isn't forced to shoulder the burden of fixing a problem that is much larger than itself.

Whichever of these or other solutions the school board chooses, I'd recommend forming a committee to fully vet and develop these ideas and take the time to get community input. The rest of the state and even the country have their eyes on Howard County now. Let's get it right so that we can be an exemplary model and not a cautionary tale.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
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Polygon #1259

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Dear Councilwoman Jung,

I am writing to you expressing my concern for Polygon 1256 being part of the proposed redistricting. It is clear when you look on a map that this polygon is an island and it makes no sense for these kids to be sent to a school over 5 miles away. It is also clear my neighborhood, Maplelawn, would be split in half with this proposal. Maplelawn is a planned diverse community and the polygons within this community should all remain together at Fulton ES. Our worry is that if this proposal goes through half of our neighbors will not be in the same school again.

There are 6 schools closer that are closer to Laurel Woods.

This polygon is an anomaly and I feel isolating it from the rest of the neighborhood is a mistake. This is not in line with the goals of the redistricting keeping neighborhoods and communities together. It will increase transportation and budget costs while creating additional traffic congestion.

Sincerely,
Scott Cram

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Dear Ms Jung:

I voted for you in the last election and I am writing to you about something of great importance to my community.

Recently, there has been a school redistricting proposal (HCPSS Redistricting - Polygon 1256) that negatively affects our community.

I urge you to use your good offices to ensure that all children in our Maple Lawn community in Fulton, go to one school and not be forced into separate schools.

I look forward to your response/action on the matter.

Best Regards,
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From: Williams, China
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:52 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Elementary School redistricting in Maple Lawn

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Councilwoman Jung,

I know you are busy and have many responsibilities so I understand you not answering my email from several days ago. I am CCing your staff to hopefully assist you in providing some feedback.

I speak for countless Maple Lawn families when I say that it doesn't make any sense and we've been given no good answers as to why our children were selected to move. Essentially it leads us to believe that there are interests at play that have nothing to do with the well being of the children in our area of the county and are purely political. If this is true, it is deeply disturbing and hurtful that you are using my 6 and 8 year old as political pawns. Asking them to theoretically fix what adults should fix, having them waste an extra hour a day of their young lives traveling to and from a distant school. Tearing them from existing friendships and established school related programs. While simultaneously stuffing a well functioning school to 115%, pushing class sizes to 30 and watering down title one resources designated for those in need.

I am sorry if my tone is agitated, but the Superintendent admittedly ignored the values of the community. I know that my wife and I only comprise two votes. But please don't ignore this issue. Remaining neutral is a lack of leadership.

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Subject: Elementary School redistricting in Maple Lawn
To: <djung@howardcountymd.gov>

Councilwoman Jung,

I am writing to express my extreme displeasure with the portion of the Superintendent's redistricting plan related to Maple Lawn Polygon 1256. You may not have heard a lot about discontent in Maple Lawn so far, and that is not because we like the plan. It's also not because we don't care. We had hoped to differentiate ourselves from the rest of the county because it appears a lot of those conversations are becoming toxic.

I DO NOT want to focus on the value of FARM equity. I also DO NOT want to discuss why if every HoCo school is excellent, then there is a need to balance FARM scores rather than spending time, money and resources on specific needs at specific schools. That is not our focus.

My focus is that Maple Lawn is unlike a lot of other sections of HoCO that contain several polygons. It's a single community, approved by the Howard County Planning Board as such, and we live day to day as a unified community literally surrounding the school. We share mailboxes, green spaces, playgrounds, community center, and a walking path to the schools. This plan cuts out a portion of this tight-knit community to be redistricted away, isolating Maple Lawn children from each other.

My focus is also on the illogical distances. There are eight closer schools to Polygon 1256. We would become an island 5.4 miles off shore. Our commute time will triple, and opportunities to participate in activities at our children's school would significantly decrease. Maple Lawn children would pass by several other Elementary Schools as they travel over two highways to Laurel Woods. Maple Lawn children would pass former schoolmates traveling west, as we travel east on route 216 on a daily basis. The children they pass are from polygons also with 0% FARM.

My focus is also on capacity. The superintendent's plan related to polygon 1256 has my children leaving one overcrowded school, to stuff another school to 115% capacity. That hurts my children, other Maple Lawn children, but more importantly, the children at Laurel Woods. All of a sudden, their classes go from 20 children, to 30+. Is that fair to them?

My focus is also on the goals from the AAC, Community Sessions, and Online Responses from slide 9 of the Superintendent's presentation. Each one stressed "Neighborhood schools, walkable distances" or "Limit student travel time." My children cannot walk 5.4 miles across two highways. They could walk, and have walked the approximate mile to our current neighborhood schools. Travel time increases tremendously for my children and for my family when participating in school related functions. "Boundary continuity" is also not achieved. Our boundary with Fulton Elementary is broken. The boundary option to the north of 1256 is ignored. The boundary immediately to the east is ignored. The boundary next to the east is ignored. All in favor of a school farther than 8 closer Elementary schools.

My focus is on the metrics set forth in School Board Policy 6010. My children move from one majority minority school to go to another majority minority school. No improvement. My children go from one overcrowded school to another overcrowded school. No improvement. My children go from a neighborhood school with a short travel time to a school many neighborhoods away with a travel 3x to 4x farther. Worsened. Fulton Elementary and Laurel Woods Elementary go from two schools in areas made of contiguous communities to one school made up of contiguous communities, as Laurel Woods becomes an island school. Worsened. Frequency in which a student is reassigned attempting to not move a student more than once in 5 years is NOT achieved for my children in this plan. Worsened. FARM % at LW decreases from 63% to 49%. Improved.

The harms far outweigh the perceived good. I have personally found numerous alternative solutions to address the capacity at Fulton Elementary School, while also addressing the high FARM % at LWES. These solutions eliminate the countless harms created in the polygon 1256 portion of the superintendent's plan.

In order to present these plans, my Maple Lawn neighbors and I need to know the metrics used by the superintendent and his Ohio consulting firm when devising this plan. What is most important? Is it FARM numbers above all else? If so, we can achieve that. Is it capacity? We can achieve that too.

What are next important? Feeds? Distances? Community stabilization? Walkability? Bussing costs? Boundary continuity? Are these goals, or others weighted? If, so, what weights for each? What is the FARM % you want at LWES? They are currently at 63%. Does it have to be below 50? Do you ever want it below 40%? If below 40%, they may no longer receive Title 1 funding. Is that okay with you? Is 53% okay if it means LW children do not have to be moved?

Please tell me. At least tell me what your goals are. We are working hard to develop solutions, but we don't know what our elected officials want.

Sincerely,
Ian Alexander Dombroski, Esq.
Maple Lawn Resident

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Hi Deb,

Thank you so much for replying.

You are the only one of all the elected officials and school administrators who took a moment to replay—much appreciated!

All the best,

Avraham Azrieli
www.AzrieliBooks.com

On Sep 11, 2019, at 12:20 PM, Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Hi Avraham, Thanks for sharing your research. I appreciate your perspective. I am hopeful that the public input process will yield many sensible changes to the Superintendent's redistricting plan.

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Dear friends and HC leaders,

Please take a moment to read the heartfelt article below by Ted Van Dyk, a former official in the Johnson Administration (and a lifelong civil rights activist), explaining how school busing, while well intentioned, didn't work:

"From the mid-1970s onward, there was a growing consensus within the [Democratic] party that neither civil rights nor education were being served by busing."

Why is Howard County engaging in failed solutions that have been proven not to help students, but rather cause needless harm to kids, parents, families, schools, and neighborhoods, as well as real-estate tax revenues?

Sincerely,

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<https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2015/08/school-busing-civil-rights-121077>

School Busing Didn't Work. And to Say So Isn't Racist.

By TED VAN DYK August 06, 2015 Politico

Ted Van Dyk is the author of *Heroes, Hacks and Fools*, University of Washington Press, 2007, a memoir of national politics from 1960 onward. He served as assistant to Vice President Humphrey in the Johnson White House and was a senior policy advisor to Democratic national candidates and his party over a 40-year period. He still writes frequently on national issues.

Both the headline and content of Jason Sokol's August 4th piece about Vice President Joe Biden and the 1970s busing debate do a disservice to Biden and distort what really was happening in the Democratic Party during the period. Sokol has selective facts right. But he has overall truth wrong.

Principal 1960s civil-rights leaders, including my boss at the time, first Senate Whip and later Vice President Hubert Humphrey, sponsor of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, were dubious from the beginning about compulsory school busing as a tool to advance civil rights and improve education for minorities. The "neighborhood school," contrary to Sokol's depiction, was a cornerstone of American public

education. It has provided the principal basis for community and neighborhood solidarity in towns, cities and rural areas since the advent of public education in the United States.

Following passage of the Civil Rights Act and 1965 Voting Rights Act, and attendant Great Society legislation aimed at upgrading minority skills and education, Democratic leaders of all races and ethnicities searched for ways to break patterns of de facto segregation. Neighborhood structures, both North and South, had resulted in neighborhood-school segregation even after legal segregation had ended. Moreover, black families were slow to move into previously all-white neighborhoods. Widespread neighborhood diversity would come only later.

If black kids were not living in mostly white school areas, the thinking went, they should be transported to such areas rather than stay in mostly or all-black neighborhood schools. This would serve the cause of desegregation and, also, provide better quality education to African-American kids enrolled in what often were academically inferior schools.

Legislative initiatives and court rulings resulted in busing. In many places, like in Boston as Sokol describes, there was raw racism involved in protests against busing. In many other places, however, there was non-racist consternation based mainly on parents' concern for the wellbeing of their children.

This was the case even in liberal Washington, D.C. My wife and I had two sons enrolled in a Northwest Washington elementary school when busing began in the city. School buses would deliver black kids from Southwest D.C. at the Janney School front door at the morning bell. The same buses picked up the same kids, immediately at the end of classes, and took them back to Southwest. They did not participate in any pre- or after-school activity. No black parents took a bus or drove from Southwest to attend evening PTA meetings or to otherwise participate in school-related activity. The quality of classroom instruction fell off markedly. Fourth- and fifth-grade neighborhood students, for instance, were repeating material learned in earlier grades because teachers found their bused classmates had not yet received it. Not surprisingly, parents from the neighborhood began looking for private schools for their kids or moved to Maryland or Virginia suburbs—not because of racism but because their neighborhood school no longer was working.

To varying degree, the same thing was happening in other places where busing had been instituted. Elected officials—even those strongly in favor of civil rights—began to conclude that busing was a well-meant mistake. Presidential candidate George McGovern, in 1971, proposed to his advisers, of which I was one, that he would straightforwardly take an anti-busing position. We prevailed on him not to do so because we believed that the issue then was so emotion-laden that busing proponents would misunderstand his opposition.

This was the environment in which then-Sen. Joe Biden and other Democrats began to say out loud what their colleagues were already saying privately: Busing was not working. The emphasis should be on improving neighborhood schools, wherever people lived, rather than forcing kids daily to take buses, often quite far from their neighborhoods, distant from their parents and neighbors.

During the period in question I served not only Humphrey and McGovern but represented in Washington, D.C. the Southern Elections Fund, then headed by Julian Bond, which raised money for local-level black candidates in Southern states. I traveled to Mississippi to assist Charles Evers in his gubernatorial campaign. I was in daily contact with Democratic national and congressional leaders and several times served as principal author of the Democratic national platform. From the mid-1970s onward, there was a growing consensus within the party that neither civil rights nor education were being served by busing. Joe Biden represented that consensus; he was not some reactionary outlier.

To Democratic alumni of the civil rights and Great Society era, present debate about civil rights and

racial justice seems to have wandered far off-track. The cornerstone of our thinking, back then, was that important court cases and national legislation, such as the Civil Rights and Voting Rights Acts, would destroy legal bases for discrimination on the basis of race, gender, religion or ethnicity. Tangible programs to lift the educations, skills, health, nutrition and housing opportunities of minorities, in particular, would bring them a more equal chance at the starting line.

Yet the emphasis now is not on such initiatives but on real and imagined grievances against a “white establishment,” denunciations of local police, focus on race-based violence (which has diminished markedly in recent years) and on the labeling as “racist” anyone not buying completely into the current politically correct talking line. The most visible black spokespersons, on the Democratic side, are nothing like Martin Luther King Jr., Thurgood Marshall, or even authentic Selma march hero Rep. John Lewis. They are Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson, who use race as a wedge issue to generate attention and income for themselves.

I have no doubt what brave leaders of the civil-rights revolution would be saying as they witnessed today’s so-called dialogue about race. It would go something like this:

We did not see how hard it would be to truly free black Americans. No more talk please of white racism by anyone or denunciations of past and present political leaders by folk who never risked anything in a tough period when it counted. Let us get on with the work. What good does it do if we have a black president, black attorney general, black judicial, executive, and legislative leaders at all levels, successful black leaders in business, labor and the arts if black communities, North and South, are plagued by high black-on-black murder and violent crime rates, narcotics dealing and use, horrific school dropout and incarceration rates, high unemployment, and broken or non-existent families? All Americans need to get on this now with tangible, practical initiatives. Enough grandstanding, self-righteous talk. Time to separate the talkers from the doers.

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:51 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Concerned Residents in Pheasant Ridge and Neighboring Communities

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Dear Council Member Jung,

We met last year while I was on the River Hill Community Association Board Directors as well as while you were canvassing in our Pheasant Ridge neighborhood. Over the past several weeks, I have been taking in and organizing community feedback to the Superintendent's redistricting proposal, which our community generally opposes as it takes children outside of their communities, breaking up communities all over Howard County, including River Hill.

I started a neighborhood organization, Keep Communities Together—Keep CES Kids at CMS and RHHS representing Polygons 28, 185, 186, 1028, 1185, 1186, 2028. We have almost completed a petition for the entire community showing overall until in opposing the idea of sending kids to further school outside of their communities. We believe maintaining contiguous communities is an important priority that this proposal does not address. Our website is <https://sites.google.com/view/keepcommunitiestogether/home>

As an organization, we would like to further understand your role in the redistricting plan that was proposed and how, as our District 4 Representative, you can help advocate for us, as well as other communities in the area, that oppose the plan on the basis of fragmenting communities. We understand it is ultimately the Board of Education that will decide, however, as our District 4 Representative, we feel it is important that you hear our concerns, as they may relate to understanding higher level directives that may have been given to the BOE and/or Superintendent.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

-Dalia Shlash
Keep Communities Together

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:51 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Redistricting of Polygon 1256

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Dear Council Member Jung:

Five years ago my family moved to Maryland from Indiana and we specifically chose to purchase a home in Maple Lawn in Fulton due, not only the excellent reputation of Howard County Schools, but because of the sense of community and diversity that Maple Lawn offers. Currently, Superintendent Martirano has proposed a redistricting plan that adversely impacts this established, cohesive community and also violates several other elements of Board of Education policy. I am writing to oppose Dr. Martirano's redistricting plan.

The proposal calls for polygons #256 (which has one school-aged child) and #1256 to be redistricted from Fulton Elementary School to Laurel Woods Elementary School, creating an isolated island that is not contiguous with the current or proposed district boundaries. This effectively splits the Maple Lawn neighborhood across 2 separate school districts (Fulton ES and Laurel Woods ES) and also splits the Laurel Woods ES community into 2 separated geographic districts.

Capacity utilization is rightfully of concern. However, this proposal results in a 115% capacity at Laurel Woods ES and thus does not achieve a meaningful improvement in school capacity for students in polygons #256 or #1256. Also, according to the projections presented in the superintendent's proposal, the disruptive redistricting of a portion of Maple Lawn does not result in a meaningful improvement in any achievement gaps existing at Laurel Woods ES and arguably increases their burden by crowding their classrooms.

The proposal also refers to the Attendance Area Boundary Review Survey and prioritization of Policy 6010 elements. When the community was surveyed, the overwhelming top 3 priorities were:

1. Keeping feeds of students together from one school to the next (Policy 6010 IV.B.2.a) – 65.95%
2. Maintaining contiguous communities or neighborhoods (Policy 6010 IV.B.2.b) – 59.59%
3. Transportation considerations (e.g. walkers, bus routes, etc.) (Policy 6010 IV.B.1.d) – 42.64%

For reference, the next highest priority only received 25.88% of responses.

In relation to these top priorities, the proposal for polygons #256 and #1256 results in a very small feed from Laurel Woods ES to Lime Kiln MS (10.6%) whereas Fulton ES represents 48.4% of Lime Kiln MS. Policy 6010 refers to “avoiding feeds of less than 15% at the receiving school”.

The proposal also does not maintain a contiguous community or neighborhood for Maple Lawn (Policy 6010 IV.B.2.b). As the proposal was completed by a consultant group based in Ohio, I would like to emphasize that Maple Lawn is not merely a collection of streets in close proximity to one another; it is a planned community built specifically with a variety of homes and retail close together so that residents could easily build community. We are a diverse, engaged, tight-knit community in which families frequently interact (community center, festivals, activities, etc.) and both children and adults have established support networks. This is all intentional. Rightfully considering Maple Lawn as a community in school district proposals would sustain the community and its collective contribution to their school.

In addition to the adverse impacts of separating the community, the proposal greatly increases the transportation distance (over 400%) for students redistricted from Fulton ES to Laurel Woods ES. There are 8 elementary schools closer to polygon #1256 than Laurel Woods ES, with Fulton ES being the closest. In addition, the transportation distance and disconnected polygons in the superintendent’s proposal provide unfair challenges for before and after school care, whether at a center or using neighbor/family support.

Furthermore, friendships are vital to school-age children’s healthy development and can improve their approach to school and academic performance. For young children, these friendships are strengthened by geographic convenience where they live and play. Neither a divided Maple Lawn neighborhood, nor a divided Laurel Woods ES geographic community, facilitates this otherwise likely opportunity.

Dr. Martirano previously asserted that removing barriers and individualizing supports improves equity. His redistricting proposal, however, contradicts these equity concepts by placing geographic barriers for the proposed Laurel Woods ES districts. Regarding individualized support, the elementary students residing in Maple Lawn are equally deserving of individualized support by attending school within their neighborhood and not being isolated from their community, neighbors, and friends.

Boundary continuity is of utmost importance to achieve the priorities declared by the superintendent and the community, as well as the needs and fair treatment of the students. I would like to strongly advocate for a revised plan with reasonable boundary continuity and consideration of Maple Lawn as a contiguous community neighborhood and hope that you will also join this effort. Should you wish to contact me directly regarding my concerns, I can be reached at 317-289-0777. Thank you for your consideration in opposing Dr. Martirano's redistricting plan.

Respectfully,

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To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: HCPSS Redistricting - Polygon 1256 CONSTITUENT EMAIL. NOT TESTIMONY

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Good Morning,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed redistricting of Polygon 1256 from Fulton Elementary School (FES) to Laurel Woods Elementary School (LWES). As a Maple Lawn resident and parent, I am in support of keeping Maple Lawn together together as One Community.

Thank you for your time,
Pam

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Dear Council Woman Jung,

Thanks for writing back to me, and sorry it takes me so long to provide a response. After reading your email, I had to spend a good amount of time to digest and think through your reasoning for supporting this CR.

I would like to begin by stating that, as a long-time democrat, I support your intention of achieving equity, narrowing achievement gaps, and help every student in the county to achieve the best they can be. While you intend to achieve these goals by aspiring BOE to act through redistricting to based on socioeconomical quotas, I still cannot support this resolution because redistricting is the wrong way to solve these problems.

You stated that this CR is only "aspirational and not prescriptive". It would seem that your intention is simply making a statement about the need to integrate and be inclusive when conducting redistricting, then I must inform you that per HCPSS Policy 6010, section IV, B3b, " The socioeconomic composition of the school population as measured by participation in the federal FARMS program" is already included as one of the consideration factor when conducting redistricting. So it begs the question, is your intention of this CR calling the BOE to adopt socioeconomical criterion as the only factor to use when conducting redistricting? If so, I would like to tell you that from my personal experience and observation, even when schools are integrated forcefully based on socioeconomical factor, the students are never truly integrated. You see, when I went to high school in San Francisco in the late 90s, where the schools were actively integrating the students from various parts of the neighborhood. My school is located in a middle class neighborhood but had a FARM rate of over 60%. I lived close to my school where I walked, but many students took the bus as well. Looking back, none of my close friends were supported by FARM program, and they are all living closely to school. Why is that? Because the friends I made were mostly involved in same after-school activities as I do, and this happened not by choice, but by circumstances. Many after-school clubs and activities, like the debate team and band, needed students to be heavily involved after school and during the weekends. I believe many students, who needed to ride half to an hour bus to get to school, would have challenges in participating. Please keep in mind, this is SF, where the public transportation system is one of the most reliable and robust in the nation. My experience is echoed by many from our school, as it is evident during school reunions, that the ones are still in touch after many years are the ones who live close to school and who have built a strong sense of community surrounding the school. It is these after school activities and socializing that fostered the friendship and interactions between the students, not by simply sitting together in classrooms. I think you would understand that true integration can only happen when the students, families, and communities come together

willingly.

As you have acknowledged, the current problem with concentrated FARM rate at certain of our schools are largely due to poor urban planning. It is a problem created by decades of poor management and over-development under the misguidance of the county council, and we elected you to solve these issues. Rather than calling for using school redistricting as a tool to solve socioeconomic problems, it would be more reasonable and sensible to focus on solving the root of these socioeconomic problems, instead of dividing the communities and supporting forced busing which would cause undue financial burdens on the schools. Need I remind you that we have a ~50 million funding gap in our schools and many of our para-educators and teachers were let go or reduced in hours this year. Our schools and renovations are delayed or putting on hold due to funding constraints. Not only I do not see the council making any meaningful way to address the funding issue, you are over burdening school by asking them to spend more to bus kids in and out of their neighborhoods. Our schools need more of your support, not empty political statements from you! This resolution is like Trump's border wall, it only makes an empty political statement, while achieves nothing in addressing the root of the socioeconomical problem, at the expense of our kids, community cohesion and much needed resources. I object this resolution for the same reasons I hate the wall. It is useless, pointless, costly and misguided. As your one time supporter, I urge you to WITHDRAW your support for this resolution!

Eric Pang
Resident in District 4

On Tue, Sep 10, 2019 at 1:56 PM Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

As you are aware, along with Councilmembers Jones and Mercer Rigby, I cosponsored a resolution that encourages HCPSS to rebalance schools based on socioeconomic factors. District 4 is a microcosm of the issues facing the County as a whole. Many of our Columbia schools have a higher concentration of poverty than the County average due, in part, to land-use policies made by previous administrations and councils. Redistricting presents an opportunity to build long-term success for the entire county, but I do have concerns about the current plan and its disproportionate impact on District 4.

It is important to understand that CR 112-2019 is aspirational and not prescriptive. The County Council is not involved in the process of determining which students will attend which schools, nor can we prescribe to the Board of Education a certain outcome. We do, however, encourage you to be involved in a productive way to make your feelings known.

While Dr. Martiranos plan is just one iteration of a lengthy process, I have faith in our Board of Education to consider the feedback of all who choose to provide input, and to do what is best for the children of Howard County. I encourage District 4 residents to keep an open mind, be involved in the process, and work towards civility and understanding of the various factors involved in the School Board's decision-making process.

My best to you,

Deb Jung

Howard County Council

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Subject: Opposing Resolution No. 112-2019

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to oppose resolution no. 112-2019, introduced by council members Rigby, Jones, and Jung. This resolution appears to be full of good intention to “desegregate” the schools from socioeconomic status, however, it is not resolving any substantial problems, but to create more conflicts and divisions between residence of Howard County.

First, I would like to point out that the use “desegregate” is questionable. Its use is incite emotional connection with the spirit of civil rights movement and the negative association with racial segregation of that era. However, the current school system is not forbidding anyone from attending any school based on race or income. As long as one lives within the polygons servicing by the schools, one can attend that school no matter how rich or poor one’s family is. Clearly, current system is nothing like the segregation era where the school one attends depended only on the color of his or her skin. As we all know, the real problem with concentrated poverty in certain schools in our county has more to do with zoning policies over the years. Using the public school system to solve income inequality is the wrong approach as it does not solve the underlining issue with poverty concentration, nor does it address the fundamental issues in under-performing schools. To believe that kids from poor neighborhood must be surrounded by kids from well to do neighborhood in order to do better in school is condescending to say the least, and foolish to say the worst.

This resolution calls for forced busing of kids from various neighborhood to achieve the desired “desegregation” and the appearance of ‘equality.’ However, it hurts all kids being bused because it denies them the time before and after school to socialize and to be in extracurricular activities. It would increase the cost of school transportation by many factors. I believe this money would be better spent if you give it to the under-performing schools. Instead, the current school budget has a funding gap and teachers’ hours and pay are being cut, we will be spending more money to force busing kids out of their neighborhood on long commutes in order to make our schools seem more balanced between rich and poor. I don’t think this solves anything or benefits our kids.

Therefore, I urge every council member to oppose this proposal as it solves nothing but creates more divisions among the residences and neighbors.

Yours truly,

Eric Pang

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:44 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Redistricting Plan- an incredulous note of opposition

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Subject: Re: Redistricting Plan- an incredulous note of opposition

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Hi Deb.,
Thanks for getting back. Very much appreciated.

Can you tell me how you will personally get involved in the process and what is your specific thinking at this time?

Rgds.,
Andrew

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From: "Jung, Deb" <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
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Sent: Tuesday, 17 September, 2019 15:19:45
Subject: RE: Redistricting Plan- an incredulous note of opposition

Hi Andrew, Thank you for reaching out to my office. I agree that there needs to be a robust conversation about the needs and the real solutions. I look forward to the process of that engagement.

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Dear all,

The Roman orator, Cicero used to ask 'Cui Bono' (who stands to gain?) when trying to uncover a truth. He knew when asking this that another issue would quickly come to light: 'who will be made scapegoat'?

If history teaches us anything – it is that you have the opportunity not to repeat the mistakes of the past and maturely consider alternate options.

As someone who came from a very modest background and has personally lived in two highly segregated societies, it is incredible that I need to write a letter of protest against the proposed plans lead by Dr. Martirano.

Data

As educators, leaders and parents you understand that data never lies.

- Segregation - How is it possible that although our own state and county data reaffirms that HoCo does not have a segregation issue, it is blithely ignored?
- Feasibility report – How can this report that offers a path forward get set aside wholesale?
- FARM –if FARM rates / even distribution thereof is your goal, then what do you say to the fact that shifting 7,500 students will produce minimal impact but major societal upheaval?

When someone ignores data, common sense, experienced professionals and parents alike one must reasonably ask: cui bono? I'll get to that later.

Policy

As educators, leaders and parents you understand that good policy must also be just.

- What is just? - policy that is impartial, evenhanded, reasonable, ethically and morally correct and in perfect harmony with the rights of others. As the data runs counter to the proposal, the policy fails the 'just' bar. Curious.
- Joined up thinking – when all of you (including HoCo executive members) are challenged about the current absurdity, your response is: 'not my area, this is BOE' etc. Choosing to absent yourself from engaging in clear public policy conversations (make no mistake this is broader than education) demonstrates a lack of moral courage.
- Social engineering – Having lived this before, this poorly thought out, conflated 'policy' is uninformed social engineering and a headline for some one. Under what circumstances would you choose to tear the basic social fabric of a community by forcing children out (in both directions) and have them disconnected from their neighborhoods, their sporting and social lives and visit distress upon them?

Again, cui bono?

Leadership, politics, economics

When the data is clear but the policy and its supporting motivations are unclear what does that suggest?

- Your role - a leader attracts followers when they share a compelling future state that connects intellectually and emotionally. In this case no-one is following. Certainly no parents.
- Gerrymandering - will anyone in a leadership position who can impact this policy proposal be personally affected? Will they 'benefit' in any way? For example, is there anyone whose children will move from a 'lower' performing school to a 'higher' performing school e.g. Wilde Lake HS to RiverHill HS; will their property prices be positively affected? Anyone?
- Politicking - when BOE members put out statements (and offers political cover for one's colleagues in parallel) it suggests a final decision is already made. Confidence in the 'process' is clearly shot.
- Economics - when poor policy is implemented it has real consequences. In your state of the county address Mr Ball, you reference concern about any loss of HoCo triple A rating. Well let's keep it simple: assume that all homes off Shepherd (current sale price c. 1.2m and in the RiverHill HS area) take a 20% hit (conservative), in one fell swoop you just destroyed property value by c. \$60m. If there is no benefit living here with your young family then you won't buy and you certainly won't want to pay the associated property taxes. Just like Fairfield County in Connecticut witnessed, a quick erosion of the economic base follows. I can assure you that I will sell up.

To all of these questions I ask: Cui bono?

Impact & analysis

When you don't ask the right question, you get the wrong solution.

- Solution – break out of your silo's, work in concert with governmental partners and agencies and create a holistic plan for HoCo. Don't grab the first facile solution that presents itself. It is already based on flawed logic.
- Lead - creating community wide havoc to give the appearance of action is lazy leadership. If the proposed approach has no material impact, then why bother?
- Me – as someone who grew up in a deprived community, I know better than most what it takes and how it feels. Through dedication, hard work and personal accountability I did everything to achieve my aspirations. Everyone has attitudinal and behavioral choice – these are the few things in our full control. I have been blessed and fortunate to live where I live and give my kids a better life. Who are you to decide upon a social experiment to mess around with their lives, their community, their security? I did not work hard and teach my children what it means to be of service to others only to be arbitrarily penalized for my 'success' by a flawed, lazy process. Would you wittingly send your children to a lower performing school? No, I didn't think so. Why? Because it takes years and years for school performances to come up.

To everyone in this email YOU MUST GET INVOLVED. What is being proposed is a profound social policy shift that has real consequences – political, social, emotional and economic and no benefits.

Cui bono? Not me nor anyone else I know. Can you?

Yours incredibly,
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Thank you for your reply. This data which is school based, not at an individual student level, is available on the HCPSS website with other redistricting documents.

On Tue, Sep 17, 2019, 3:13 PM Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Hi Andrea, Thanks for reaching out to my office. I've looked at your spreadsheet and have a few questions about your methodology. How did you determine individual students' scores, household residences, and whether or not they would be reassigned? My understanding is that this type of student data is confidential.

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Subject: Fwd: Andrea Beri / HCPSS Redistricting / 2019 Proposal / Polygon 1064

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Hi Ms Jung - Am sending this email I sent to the HCPSS Board Members to convey my opposition to the proposed redistricting. I am sending this to you as beyond the immediate redistricting question are the questions about money given to and spent by the school system. Seems to me there is oversight needed. From what I understand there is a deterioration in the school system with respect to student expectations, passing children onto the next grade when they are unable to meet at grade standards, dress code now a free for all, misdirected expectations of teachers and the list goes on. This all the while there are many students in great need of help to meet academic requirements of the work world and the system while being one of the better systems in the country has a long way to go to meet students who have weak reading and math skills. Would be happy to discuss concerns with you directly.

Regarding this year's budget...

1. Budget shortfall for this fiscal year (2019-2020)

<https://www.baltimoresun.com/maryland/howard/ph-ho-cf-school-board-budget-work-session-0516-story.html>

This article from May 2019 talks about proposed cuts. From what I understand there were teacher positions cut for math and reading support for students needing remedial help. These are just the teachers needed for the low performing schools and FARM students, yet this very year positions were cut and teachers moved to other positions where there were openings. For example, I understand the 'paraeducators' were cut. If this is the case there does not seem to be any real intention to help those students especially in need. I believe the paraeducators at Title 1 schools were exempted. See Title 1 list below.

Per the Baltimore Sun article link above:

'Other proposed cuts include reducing the number of Gifted and Talented teachers at the elementary level from 79.5 to 42 and at the middle school level from 60 to 20. Also, cutting elementary school paraeducators from 216 to 132. However, Martirano is still recommending to increase the number of kindergarten paraeducators from 84.5 to 97 positions. '

What are the Title I Schoolwide program schools in Howard County?

Bollman Bridge Bryant Woods Cradlerock Deep Run Guilford Laurel Woods Longfellow Phelps Luck Running Brook Stevens Forest Swansfield Talbott Springs

From: HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM • TITLE I PROGRAM

Additionally, Dr Martirano is citing the number of schools being moved out of certain FARM and PARCC ranges. What the actual analysis shows is that there are meager improvements in the scores made by the proposed redistricting. Taking the elementary schools as an example and using a MATH PARCC school score of less than 65% as 'in need' there are 22 schools with weak performance 2 have no change with the redistricting, 6 have low single digit changes in the wrong direction, meaning the scores get worse with the redistricting, 14 schools have a single digit change, of those 5 schools have no change (0% change).

The plan is very disruptive, what it purports to do is not supported by its own data. And, as we know moving students around does not help their academic success, only changes numbers. All this while there are budget issues and paraeducators were cut for this school year.

I will be sending this information in as testimony but thought it may be of interest to your group as well. Please see the attached spreadsheet for the analysis of the ES, MS and HS PARCC score changes. The base and proposed figures are from the county. I've added the Change and Comment columns.

Would be happy to discuss.

Regards

Andrea Beri

Polygon 1,064 Pointers Run section of River Hill

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From: **Andrea Beri** <andreaberi123@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Sep 15, 2019 at 7:25 PM

Subject: Andrea Beri / HCPSS Redistricting / 2019 Proposal / Polygon 1064

To: <redistricting@hcpss.org>, Andrea Beri <andreaberi123@gmail.com>

Dear Board of Education Members - The text shown below is included in the WORD attachment. The Excel file attachment shows the analysis of the PARCC changes from base to proposed.

The proposed redistricting moves more than 7,000 students among Howard County's 82 schools to accomplish insignificant change in the face of clear need for greater improvements. For example:

- Improvements in reading scores of 5%, or less, quite a few 0%, 1% or 2%, for 11 elementary schools with weak base scores (59% or less for purposes of this discussion). Several schools with low base scores actually deteriorate. Several have no change. One elementary school that starts with a base reading score of 65% falls to 48% - 17% points in the wrong direction putting this school in a significantly weaker situation.

- The statistics are similar to the above scores for reading and math for elementary and middle/high schools.

The improvement for the majority of the schools with the greatest need will be almost imperceptible.

The results for Atholton High are particularly disturbing. Atholton is a diverse school with solid base reading score (73%) and math score that could be stronger (57%), and both scores take a big hit. The base math score starts at 57% and goes down 16%. Interestingly, Mt Hebron also starts at a 57% base math score and goes up 3%. What is the point?

FARM figures present a similar picture. This redistricting creates maximum student dislocation for minimum improvement in educational performance, the primary reason for an education system. I encourage HCPSS to find creative approaches in all schools that address in place the reading and math deficiencies of the students most in need. As others have called for, intense focus in the early years of school, particularly from kindergarten through 3rd grade, is imperative. Moving students does not accomplish what is needed, even the data supplied by HCPSS does not contest this.

I also highly support the thoughtful and considered posts by **Larry Pretlow II / August 22, 2019 / 12:01pm on Facebook** and the testimony of the Indian Origin Network of Howard County (IONHoCo).

Submitted as a concerned community member

Andrea Beri

Polygon 1,064

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:43 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Visuals for Redistricting and My Family's Situation

Deb Jung
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From: Don Engel <donengel@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 9:39 AM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Visuals for Redistricting and My Family's Situation

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Dear Council Member Jung,

I've created some animated GIFs (attached) which I think you'll find useful. These are inherently unbiased, animated illustrations that compare the numbers before and after the superintendent's proposed redistricting.*

Before I share my thoughts on the attached, I should note my perspective, so you can weigh it accordingly.

- I am the computer science (CS) professor at UMBC who teaches the data visualization course for our CS seniors and graduate students. I am serving in my ninth year as UMBC's Assistant VP for Research. I have chosen to spend my career at UMBC specifically because we are national leaders in addressing equity in educational opportunity. I writing this as a local citizen, not as a UMBC (state) employee.
- I am a parent of twin 1st graders who would be moved from Fulton ES to Laurel Woods ES
- I served as a Democratic Party official for many years in Baltimore County before moving to Howard County (a row home in Maple Lawn) less than two years ago.
- I was an appointee of Governor O'Malley (wind energy)
- I've served as an advisor to Congress (full time for a year, choosing a placement in a Democratic office) and federal agencies, with a focus on education, science, and technology
- * I've created many mapping and data tools that have been used for statewide and national campaigns (e.g. Maryland's statewide coordinated campaign; Obama campaign) and am a longstanding member of the Analyst Group (<https://analystinstitute.org/>)

I say all of this so that you'll understand my perspective is not politically opposed to that of those who are the most ardent supporters of the superintendent's map. I share virtually all of their values and am living my life and career accordingly. However, I am looking at the data through a far more informed lens in terms of mapmaking and demographic data. I am deeply concerned that the plan does far more harm than good, particularly when measured

(through deep quantitative analysis) against exactly those progressive values which its proponents and I share. It fails by the more specific measures which supposedly drove the specific design choices behind its creation - FARM diversification and school utilization - unless one cherry-picks facts to make it sound supportive of these factors. However, it does seem to support continued high-end real estate development in areas where school utilization would otherwise prevent new development. In addition to the changes in the schools themselves, the new real estate development this plan would allow will magnify existing inequities in the geographic distribution of wealth in our county.

The animated scatterplots attached to this email shows how the superintendent's plan would change each school in FARM % and utilization (Capacity %). The dotted lines show the average FARM % and 100% utilization. If the plan had an overarching positive effect on FARM distribution, you would see the markers move toward the dotted horizontal line. If the plan had an overarching positive effect on school utilization, you would see the markers move toward the dotted vertical line. If the plan were significant at improving both FARM distribution and school utilization, most of the numbers would move toward the intersection of the dotted lines.

I saw "most" because there are, of course, other considerations. For example, planned expansions and new schools should be taken into consideration, so a few points may move strangely in anticipation of new capacity (which is not guaranteed). Similarly, one may want to consider that a 39.9% school does not receive the Title 1 benefits which a 40.1% school receives, so there is some benefit to keeping a school just above 40% if it would otherwise be just below. We see far stranger movement than should be expected from such causes.

We should also be particularly wary of schools which move toward the top right corner (overcrowded and high FARM) and those which move toward the bottom left (under capacity and low FARM).

Leet's look more specifically at my own family's situation - both because I care deeply about my own children and because it's an example of the sort of egregious things that are happening under the hood of this plan. We live in Polygon 1256. My children would be amongst the 140 students split off from the rest of the tightly knit and walkable Maple Lawn community (which includes Fulton ES within the bounds of Maple Lawn) and would be driving across four elementary school districts to go to the ninth closest elementary school to where we live. If this advanced the values which the map purports to uphold, I would not only understand, but I would be supportive of this move. Instead, this move reduces overcrowding at Fulton ES (a $\leq 5\%$ FARM school which already has the extra trailers and teachers) exclusively by creating a drastic jump to significant overcrowding at Laurel Woods, a Title 1 elementary school which will need to deal with going from 91% utilization to 115% utilization over a single summer while still having a 49% FARM enrollment after this move. I have no idea how any school, let alone a school managing the specific challenges of families with significant financial challenges, can prepare the requisite number of teachers and trailers in a single summer without significant disruption to the psychological wellbeing and educational progress of its students.

On the Fulton ES side, the move brings the school to exactly 105%. There are no other significant changes to Fulton ES - it is receiving no polygons and demographic percentages remain fixed. This 105% should jump out at any informed citizen as the new threshold above which new residential development is not allowed. That is, in order to allow new high-end developments with sustain the concentration of poverty in our county, we are putting a school that is serving the least fortunate families in an untenable situation.

Much has been made of Fulton ES being the largest school in the county and now being over 1,000 students, but it also has the highest capacity rating of 826 students, and is not the most overcapacity in terms of percentage. It has the trailers and teachers in place. It is obvious that this "overcrowding" is an issue - and is being addressed in this plan - to allow for even more high-end residential real estate, at the expense of all measures of this plan's success.

For my own family, this map is untenable. Due to our move to Howard County and other factors, the redistricting would mean our twins would be attending their sixth school in 3.5. years - or else be split from those of friends (e.g. our immediate neighbors who would be moved to Laurel Woods. Both my wife and I work long hours and we will not compromise on our ability to participate (PTA, extracurriculars, beforecare/aftercare) in a neighborhood school that is


less than a 20 minutes round trip to where we live. The fourth meeting of the AAC included discussion of how some families may choose home schooling or private school as a result of this plan. We are deeply committed to having our children in a diverse public school, as they are now. I do not know what we will do if the map goes forward unchanged, but I know it will be incredibly painful for us and will achieve the opposite of what it is supposed to achieve for many of the schools affected by the map, including Fulton ES and Laurel Woods ES.


Sincerely,
Don Engel

* I have also created an interactive mapping tool which allows polygons to be reassigned by a user in real time, visualizing not only each change in the map itself but also the corresponding impact on a range of metrics-per-school, such as capacity, economic diversity, and racial diversity. This isn't quite ready to share, but having worked with the map in this way has informed my perspective


 1 - elementary.gif

 2 - middle.gif

 3 - high.gif

 4 - farm-percent-v6.gif

 6 - Map with hand-drawn arrows.jpg

 7 - proposed commute.jpg

 8 - FARM and Percent Capacity.png

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:43 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Vote Against CR112-2019

Deb Jung
Councilmember, District 4
Howard County Council
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-----Original Message-----

From: Anthony Kratz <akratz@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 12:55 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: Williams, China <ccwilliams@howardcountymd.gov>; Gick, Ginnie <ggick@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Vote Against CR112-2019

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Dear Ms. Jung,

I am a constituent of yours in District 4. For many reasons, I urge you to vote against CR112-2019. You will lose my vote in future elections if you vote in favor of this misguided and poorly researched resolution that will cause undue harm to the children of Howard County.

Anthony Kratz
7913 Alfalfa Lane
Fulton, MD

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:35 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: District 4 Constituent Concern re: Polygon 1256 Redistricting

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From: Elizabeth Puchek <elizabeth.puchek@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 4:41 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Re: District 4 Constituent Concern re: Polygon 1256 Redistricting

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Deb,

Thank you very much for your response. I appreciate you doing what you can to represent your constituents regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Beth Puchek

On Mon, Sep 16, 2019, 12:16 PM Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov> wrote:

Hi Elizabeth,

Thanks so much for reaching out to me. I'm very familiar with the decision to move the Maple Lawn polygon. The Council does not have direct authority here but I will do what I can to express that Maple Lawn upholds the County's Complete Streets policy and should stay within its walking zone.

My best to you,

Deb

From: Elizabeth Puchek <elizabeth.puchek@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 8:46 AM

To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Williams, China <ccwilliams@howardcountymd.gov>; Gick, Ginnie <ggick@howardcountymd.gov>

Cc: assistance@vanhollen.senate.gov; vanessa.atterbeary@house.state.md.us; shane.pendergrass@house.state.md.us; jen.terrasa@house.state.md.us; guy.guzzone@senate.state.md.us; Steven and Elizabeth Puchek <stpeah@gmail.com>

Subject: District 4 Constituent Concern re: Polygon 1256 Redistricting

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Council member Jung,

As one of your constituents, I want to bring to your attention the negative impact that HCPSS Superintendent Martirano's proposed redistricting plan has on my family and my community, Maple Lawn. This plan redistricts 140 students from Polygon 1256 from Fulton Elementary School to Laurel Woods Elementary School (LWES). Please see my attached letter of concern, which describes why this plan is illogical, splits an established community, and how it negatively impacts my family and Maple Lawn as a whole.

The letter also describes how my husband, Steven Puchek (cc'd) has combined multiple data sets and overlaid them on HCPSS polygons and other Howard County GIS data. He has produced many maps that clearly illustrate the data visually for better comprehension--he created the "Percent ES FARMS Students by Polygon" map and "HS13 on Focus" map featured on [Dr. Chao Wu's website](#). This effort has enabled him to develop a county-wide alternative solution to the capacity utilization issue while still meeting socioeconomic goals and further improves feeds at all levels and future plans for HS13/ES43. ***We extend an offer to meet with you to discuss the alternatives and review the maps.***

I hope that by bringing this issue to your attention, you will be able to engage in dialog with your fellow County Council members, the members of the Board of Education, and others on behalf of the entire Maple Lawn community to shed light on the anomaly of Polygon 1256 and advocate that it not be redistricted to LWES.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Puchek

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 2:01 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Oppose Superintendent Martirano's Redistricting Proposal
Attachments: Oppose Redistricting Proposal - Polygon 3176 Baoge Ying .pdf

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From: Baoge Ying <baogeying@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2019 10:10 PM
To: redistricting@hcpss.org; mavis_ellis@hcpss.org; kirsten_coombs@hcpss.org <kirsten_coombs@hcpss.org>; vicky_cutroneo@hcpss.org; christina_delmont-small@hcpss.org; jennifer_mallo@hcpss.org; sabina_taj@hcpss.org <sabina_taj@hcpss.org>; chao_wu@hcpss.org <chao_wu@hcpss.org>; Kathleen V. Hanks <Kathleen_Hanks@hcpss.org>; student_member@hcpss.org <student_member@hcpss.org>; Ball, Calvin <cball@howardcountymd.gov>; Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>; Yungmann, David <dyungmann@howardcountymd.gov>; Rigby, Christiana <crigby@howardcountymd.gov>; Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Oppose Superintendent Martirano's Redistricting Proposal

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Dear Howard County BOE members,

I am writing to you to express my deep concern and extreme disappointment over the recently proposed school redistricting plan by the School Superintendent. The redistricting plan will affect more than 7000 HCPSS students and their families just to get a better FARMS rate for some schools. It is absolutely reckless. As an elected BOE members, you should oppose major redistricting of schools primarily on the basis of FARMS or other factors that are not consistent with HCPSS policy, especially if the schools do not need adjustment for capacity reasons.

Other than a better FARMS rates for some schools, the Superintendent's redistricting plan won't improve individual student's learning. Instead, it will definitely increase HCPSS's transportation cost, and force thousands of kids to waste more time riding the school bus.

The day the Superintendent's redistricting plan is implemented will be HCPSS's darkest day. And, as a BOE member, your name will be forever associated with the darkest page of HCPSS history.

So, for the sake of the good reputation of HCPSS, for the sake of our wonderful innocent children, or just for the sake of being a decent human being, please reject the Superintendent's redistricting proposal.

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From: Williams, China
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 2:00 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW:

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Special Assistant to Councilmember Deb Jung
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From: Gregory Bathrick <gab85@cornell.edu>
Sent: Sunday, September 22, 2019 2:48 PM
To: Williams, China <ccwilliams@howardcountymd.gov>
Cc: assistance@vanhollen.senate.gov; vanessa.atterbeary@house.state.md.us; shane.pendergrass@house.state.md.us; jen.terrasa@house.state.md.us; guy.guzzone@senate.state.md.us
Subject:

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Dear China Williams,

I am writing today as a constituent because I was made aware that your office has not heard from the Maple Lawn community. The school redistricting in Howard County has an anomaly in its movement of polygon 1256, which I want to ensure you I find to be a significant problem, mistake, or oversight.

The most important goal is the needs of the kids. Longer bus rides and separating them from their siblings and friends will have profound impacts as they will be removed from community based activities. Further, there does not seem to be evidence that these changes will have positive effects for the community-at-large. My primary concern is to maintain unified community.

This was a total surprise, our polygon looks like a mistake, but no one explained what was behind the decision to move us. I would like someone to just explain the decision making process.

I hope to hear from you,

Greg Bathrick

8939 Tawes Street, Fulton MD

Maple Lawn polygon 1256

Sayers, Margery

From: Bibi Foston <bhfoston@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 4:34 PM
To: CouncilMail; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Ball, Calvin B
Cc: Indira Sharma
Subject: CB 112

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Hello All,

I regret that I am unable to join your meeting today at 4:15 p.m. with the Families for Education Improvement (www.hoco-fei.org) due to a prior commitment during the same time. I am a member of FEI and I stand with the group in opposition to the current draft of CR 112 but in support of equity in our schools done the right way. While your intention of achieving equity in our schools is a good one, the current draft of the resolution is problematic for several reasons. I am confused about the many references to racial relations and the history of slavery in the resolution when your stated intent is to achieve socio-economic diversity.

Let's not forget who sold the slaves and how did the salesman got the slaves; so stop the finger pointing. Slavery was abolished years ago; we need to look ahead.

So please do not make this conversation about race especially when Howard County is already incredibly racially diverse and we should be proud of it and not shamed by the language in the resolution. Next, I do not believe that uprooting children from their communities through redistricting of schools does anything to help the children in need. How would these children cope with a new and stressful environment when no one has provided them with the additional resources that they need to succeed?

The real solution lies in providing the resources necessary to build up these communities and schools entered provide an additional direct support to the students. Additional solution should be in helping these children from an early age to achieve more in school; mandatory and free pre-school for all. You can't just shuffle them from one school to another and expect that everything will change for them. My hope is that you will amend the resolution in line with what FEI is proposing which I understand is removal of the racially charged language and proposal of a task force to study the root cause of the achievement gap in schools and to find a real solution. Redistricting is not the answer and the County Council should not be jumping to such a conclusion and exerting its influence on the Board of Education to consider redistricting as the solution.

Regards,

Bibi H. Perrotte-Foston