

3.24.20 MS BOUNDARY PUBLIC COMMENTS

SUBMITTED	NAME	EMAIL	ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE	HIGH	OPTIONS	COMMENTS
03/24/2020 11:32 PM	Andrew Moen	Andrew11395@gmail.com	Cooper Mountain Elem	Highland Park MS			I ask the committee to read the significant number of written comments posted requesting that the committee keep Cooper Mountain feeding Highland Park. There is an entire community in favor of maintaining the status quo that were simply not selected to speak in the meetings. As a result our only option is to write in online comments and request that you read and value them. Please reconsider your recommendation and revote. Keep Cooper Mountain feeding Highland Park.
03/24/2020 11:33 PM	Andrew Moen	Andrew11395@gmail.com	Cooper Mountain Elem	Highland Park MS			The committee has 4 objectives to meet and the guidance of the Policy JC to develop the boundary adjustment proposal. These JC factors include: student body composition; current and future availability of space at a school; feeder patterns from elementary, middle to high school; and neighborhood proximity and accessibility. The recommendation by the committee to change the Cooper Mountain feeder pattern on March 12th negatively impacts all of the factors. (1) Reduction in the diversity at Highland Park, (2) Cooper Mountain would be moved away for Highland Park that has the current and future available space for them, (3) It moves Cooper Mountain to a middle school that does not feed their high school and (4) reduced walkability for Chehalem and increases district transportation costs by \$50K. Please consider these factors and revote to keep Cooper Mountain feeding Highland Park.
03/24/2020 11:35 PM	Andrew Moen	Andrew11395@gmail.com	Cooper Mountain Elem	Highland Park MS			11 minutes... This is the amount of time the committee discussed the feeder pattern for Cooper Mountain in the March 12th meeting before making their recommendation. How can the committee recommend a significant change to the Cooper Mountain with such little discussion? In addition, each committee member was not required to explain their position before the vote, which Mr. Sparks has required for other boundary recommendations. I understand it was late in evening but this is no excuse to give this little consideration before recommending such a significant change. The fact is that a majority of the public comments requested not changed and the majority of the committee members that did comment in the 11 minutes requested not change. Please reconsider and keep Cooper Mountain feeding to Highland Park.
03/24/2020 10:47 PM	Erica Frankel	ericabck@yahoo.com	Findley Elem				Please keep Findley together at Timberland, thank you!
03/24/2020 1:35 PM	Jennifer Hoffman	krh0923@msn.com	Cooper Mountain Elem	Highland Park MS	Mountainside		Hi Committee- Please keep Cooper Mountain boundary status quo. The 2 people that were chosen to speak to the committee are not representative of the majority of Cooper Mountain parents. Before these parents spoke, Cooper Mountain was barely mentioned. And at all the meetings since, Cooper Mountain is always just a 5 minute afterthought discussion compared to the in-depth conversations about the North End of the district. Thank you.
03/24/2020 8:49 AM	Jeremy Johnson	doublej13@att.net	Rock Creek Elem				The students of Rock Creek Elementary deserve to be sent to a middle school that also has some of their neighbors in attendance. Rock Creek Elementary kids have after school activities and go to church and play with kids from Bethany Elementary, Springville, Oak Hills Elementary and Sato Elementary. Regardless of which Middle School, we need to send two other neighboring elementary schools with Rock Creek Elementary.

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03/24/2020 8:32 AM	Kelly Mohammad	kellymsato@gmail.com	Cooper Mountain Elem	Highland Park MS	Mountainside	Please limit changes to the southern schools based solely on equalizing school capacity alone. Please dont move student populations attempting to provide FRL percentage changes. The move of Cooper Mountain elementary was not needed and did nothing to help with the committees objectives.
03/24/2020 12:13 PM	Ken	kmilesmiles@yahoo.com	Cooper Mountain Elem	Highland Park MS	Mountainside	I would like to share one observation. The boundary committee has been meeting since October. Since October, there have been nine meetings with each meeting being about two hours. The content has been primarily focused on solving the over-capacity issue at Stoller. Now that the Stoller process is starting to wrap up, the boundary committee has dedicated ten minutes of one meeting and fifteen minutes of another meeting to decide to change the middle school feeder pattern for three schools in the southern portion of the district. By my math, there have been a total of 1150 minutes of the committee[?]'s time dedicated to the middle school boundaries. With just 25 minutes time dedicated to the south, there has been approximately 2% of the time dedicated toward discussion and debate regarding the fate of school feeder patterns in the south. So, a change that is just as important and impactful to us as the decision in the north has been given about 2% of the committee[?]'s time. The originally assigned scope of the boundary committee has made families in the south think there was little to no impact to them, limiting their involvement in the process. The impact recently proposed to make changes to Highland Park and Mountain View is extremely disruptive to our families and has very little net benefit or connection to the boundary committee's original objectives. Leave our boundaries the same. If further discussion is required, then start over and properly scope the project so that proper community involvement can be obtained and the process can be applied consistently and fairly across the district.
03/24/2020 5:17 PM	Kim	andrewandkim@comcast.net	Cooper Mountain Elem	Highland Park MS	Mountainside	At the last meeting, the committee voted to change Cooper Mountain to feed into Mountain View. During the very short discussion, it was questioned why this change was being considered and seemed to be voted through simply on the premise of equity. A small reduction in a free and reduced lunch percentage does not equate to equity. Equity is ensuring students at each school are provided the same educational, supportive, and elective opportunities. The committee working on the Common Middle School Experience is working on some of these issues. Consider all of the data and impacts and keep Cooper Mountain feeding to Highland Park
03/24/2020 5:08 PM	Kim Moen	kim.moen@yahoo.com	Cooper Mountain Elem	Highland Park MS	Mountainside	Please revisit the boundaries affecting Cooper Mountain Elementary school. The small change in the free and reduced lunch number at Mountain View does not justify the disruption for two elementary school communities, elimination of walkability, and \$50K of increased busing costs. Please keep Cooper Mountain feeding to Highland Park.