

3.29.20 MS BOUNDARY PUBLIC COMMENTS

SUBMITTED	NAME	EMAIL	ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE	HIGH	OPTIONS	COMMENTS
03/29/2020 10:08 PM	Andrew Moen	andrew11395@gmail.com	Cooper Mountain Elem	Highland Park MS			The recommendation by the Committee on March 12th was pretty much solely based on free and reduce lunch numbers and this is not the only definition of equity and it was not used as a factor for northern schools to move students. The committee recommendation to move Cooper Mountain will have a minimal change in free and reduced lunch but the disruption to our students, our community and the district budget are significant. Please be consistent with how you have treated other schools. Revote and keep Cooper Mountain feeding Highland Park.
03/29/2020 9:39 PM	Andrew Moen	andrew11395@gmail.com	Cooper Mountain Elem	Highland Park MS			At the March 12th meeting the committee made a recommendation that was outside of the scope of the 4 objectives provided to them by the district. The Objectives: 1. Create an attendance boundary for the Timberland-area middle school that provides a projected student population sufficient for comprehensive middle school programming. (Requires no change to Cooper Mountain), 2. Adjust the attendance boundary for Stoller MS to provide a projected student population of approximately 90% of the permanent capacity of Stoller MS. (Requires no change to Cooper Mountain) 3. Review and adjust the attendance boundaries of other middle schools, as needed, to accommodate the new Timberland-area middle school boundary. (Requires no change to Cooper Mountain)4. If warranted, study and recommend minor adjustments to elementary and/or high school attendance boundaries in order to reconcile split feeder patterns or otherwise improve the alignment of attendance boundaries between all school levels. (It is not warranted based on the data provide by the District and moving 70% of Cooper Mountain is not a Minor Adjustment to an elementary school.)Please revote and keep Cooper Mountain feeding Highland Park.
03/29/2020 9:46 PM	Andrew Moen	andrew11395@gmail.com	Cooper Mountain Elem	Highland Park MS			I appreciate the hard work of the committee but there is not a defined problem assigned to the committee to solve in the south of the district. Thus the committee has largely not changed the elementary school boundaries in the south to achieve the assigned objectives. A recommendation for such a significant change to Cooper Mountain and disturbing Chehalem walkability is not aligned with the committees previous actions. Please reconsider and recommend Cooper Mountain feed Highland Park.
03/29/2020 9:53 PM	Andrew Moen	andrew11395@gmail.com	Cooper Mountain Elem	Highland Park MS			The committee recommendation at the end of the March 12th meeting was not well thought out or debated like the significant efforts spent by the committee on the Springville/Stoller and Timberland that occurred at almost every meeting the committee attended. The 11 min that the committee gave to Cooper Mountain just was not enough for the impact that your recommendation has on our school and our community. Please reconsider your recommendation and keep Cooper Mountain feeding Highland Park.
03/29/2020 9:38 AM	Anna Francois	Anna.d.francois@gmail.com	Terra Linda Elem				Terra Linda is by far the poorest school north of 26, by approx 170 percent. To bus Terra Linda out of their neighborhood while allowing far wealthier schools to remain at both Stoller and Timberland is discrimination. I do not believe that is the intention of the committee members who made this suggestion, I believe you are all doing your best and are unaware of the significant difference in Terra Linda[?]'s free and reduced lunch participation compared to every other northern school. But now you are aware. You have been informed. If you continue to sugges bussing out the poorest school north of 26 away while allowing the far wealthier schools to remain then your actions are indefensible. Please continue to do the right thing by all kids in BSD.
03/29/2020 1:34 PM	Aravind S Killampalli	aravind.s.killampalli@gmail.com	Findley Elem	Stoller MS	Sunset		Hello Boundary Committee,We live within walking distance to Stoller middle school. In order to avoid transportation cost increase and ensure our kids grow in independence and benefit from exercise walking to school, we would like to request that our kids walk to Stoller middle school and do not get moved to Timberland middle school. SincerelyAravind

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03/29/2020 10:50 PM	Carla Smith	caterpelose@gmail.com	Cooper Mountain Elem	Highland Park MS		Proposing a move of 70% of Cooper Mountain students to the Mountain View boundary is a HUGE move at the end of the boundary change process. Making this change at the very end eliminates the ability for the community to voice their opinion. This also goes against the focus of the group to make 'minor' adjustments. Please reconsider these huge boundary changes in the south end of the district. Making changes that impact 70% of two different elementary schools this late in the process does not allow for proper assessment of the changes. Keep Cooper Mountain feeding to Highland Park. A 16 minute discussion is not adequate to change the school for 70% of Cooper Mountain. Our students deserve better and a thorough analysis before disrupting the educational path of so many.
03/29/2020 10:45 PM	Cindy Schendel	Cindyandethan@frontier.com	Cooper Mountain Elem	Highland Park MS	Mountainside	I am writing in opposition of sending Cooper Mountain students to Mountain View middle school. Among the committee objectives, one objective is outlined for any changes to be minor. Shifting 70% of the Cooper Mountain population to a different middle school is not minor. You also heard a random voice at the committee meeting; that voice did not represent the majority of the Cooper Mountain community. She even said she knew she was in the minority, however the maps being considered seem to be heavily considering that minority voice. Please do the right thing and consider the voice of the community just as you have heavily weighed that into the decision-making for the North schools. Our South community is important too. Test scores aren't going to improve by making these changes to send Cooper students to Mountain View - there is no data to show that. The two middle school options for Cooper Mountain aren't rated all that differently academically current state so that's a false premise to base the decision upon perceived academic improvement. The main difference is those middle school feeder patterns to high school. Please be mindful of the student experience K-12 and retain the current Cooper Mountain feeder pattern as closely as possible to keep students together throughout the grades rather than just emphasizing K-8 togetherness. These students should continue to attend Mountainside High School. A less disruptive way to accomplish that would be to take the 30% of Cooper Students being carved off to Mountain View today and send them to Highland. Those Highland students could then move together to Mountainside. I did not see budgetary impact outlined as a committee goal and I highly encourage considering that factor in your decision-making. Think about the added cost of buses (sending Chehalem walkers to Highland Park). BSD is already facing budgetary challenges and the \$50k this would cost is much better spent on education than on transportation. Best RegardsCindy
03/29/2020 9:22 PM	Deanna Maselli	Masellideanna@yahoo.com	Cooper Mountain Elem	Highland Park MS	Mountainside	Chehalem elementary school should feed into Mountainside Middle School . They can walk to Mountainside Middle School as it's closer to majority of the homes rather than spend \$50k incremental costs to bus Chehalem walkers to Highland Park -Families move into neighborhoods with schools as their top priority, changing the boundaries without proper justification and due diligence is unfair
03/29/2020 9:41 PM	Dina Hersey	dina.hersey@gmail.com	Cooper Mountain Elem			Hello, I am writing one more time to object to the vote to move Cooper Mountain Elementary to Mountain View. I feel there wasn't adequate ability of the parents to voice majority opinion, which is to keep status quo and have majority go to Highland Park. There is no need to perturb 70% of the Cooper mountain community when there are much easier, already existing solutions. Further, it doesn't make sense financially. Please reconsider and keep majority of Cooper Mountain in Highland Park! Thanks,Dina

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03/29/2020 11:37 PM	Ethan Long	ethan.long@intel.com	Cooper Mountain Elem	Highland Park MS	Mountainside	I was disappointed to see in the recent meeting materials that the committee is recommending a significant disruption to the middle school boundaries in South Beaverton. In the case of Cooper Mountain Elementary, it represents a change in middle school for the majority of the students, and a change that the majority of the school community opposes. South Beaverton households were already recently impacted by a high school boundary change. Please do not create significant changes to South Beaverton, a community far away from the new middle school in the North. Please leave the Cooper Mountain middle school boundary unchanged, or send all students to Highland Park. That would represent the least impact to the community.Sincerely,Ethan Long
03/29/2020 10:58 PM	Haddy El-Mansy	elmansym@gmail.com	Cooper Mountain Elem			With one final meeting scheduled, the committee still has time to discuss the Cooper Mountain/Chehalem boundary adjustment. Please revisit this vote, citing the district materials that were not discussed during the March 12th meeting. Those materials are: exorbitant transportation cost to bus Chehalem West students to Highland; disrupted high school feeder pattern for Cooper Mountain students; only a 6% reduction in free & reduced lunch numbers; an added 113 students to the Mountain View population when one of the biggest barriers to success is classroom size; and finally, the incredible amount of online feedback you have received from Cooper Mountain families asking you not to make this change.
03/29/2020 8:08 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.
03/29/2020 6:24 PM	Katherine Ingalls	katherinecass@gmail.com	Elmonica Elem			I am commenting to request that we do not move forward with potential additional amendment #2, and keep the Elmonica South area in the Five Oaks MS boundary. Moving forward with potential additional amendment #2 would assign our kids to a middle school miles away, while currently we live under a mile, a walkable distance, to Five Oaks. The amendment is proposed under the guise of having Five Oaks feed 100% into Westview HS, but in reality there is only a very small number of students, even smaller than 3 years ago, who are assigned to Aloha High School due to the elementary school boundary adjustment (a good portion now assigned to Beaver Acres Elementary).Elmonica South has excellent proximity and accessibility to Five Oaks, it is the closest school. Please keep us as part of the Five Oaks community.
03/29/2020 10:33 PM	Kellie Jones	kellidog17@yahoo.com	Cooper Mountain Elem			I would like to comment on the proposed boundary adjustment for Cooper Mountain elementary. I have read through the comments and it is pretty clear that the focus is on the North schools, not South. I have attended meetings and most recently listened to the stream from the mid-March meeting. The MVMS discussion seems to only get about 1-2% of your time (over 10 meetings), and the proposal to move 70% of two elementary schools (Cooper Mountain and Chehalem) is NOT a minor adjustment. It deserves more time and thought, as it does not seem like there is as much engagement from the committee members to weigh the benefits/costs to the community as compared to the efforts for Springville/Stoller. I would just ask that you please read the many, many comments from concerned families in the South and let our voices be heard!
03/29/2020 11:26 AM	Ken	kmilesmiles@yahoo.com	Cooper Mountain Elem	Highland Park MS	Mountainside	When thinking through the proposed change to have Cooper Mtn ES move to Mountain View I started to think through the math regarding the FNR ratios. The proposal changes the FNR at Mountain View by 6 percent. 6 percent of 1000 students is 60 students. If you have 30 students per class, you will have approximately 33 classrooms. So, making this change will reduce each classroom's RNR by less than 2 students per class. Is there any real science to show that this low level of change (less than 2 students per classroom) will actually make the current Mountain View population materially better off? The cost of this change to Cooper Mountain families is real. The benefit is at best very weak. Please leave Cooper Mtn ES boundaries unchanged. Continue having Cooper Mtn ES feed Highland Park.

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03/29/2020 11:31 AM	Ken	kmilesmiles@yahoo.com	Cooper Mountain Elem	Highland Park MS	Mountainside	Changing Cooper Mountain ES to Mountain View MS is forecasted to lower the FNR ratio by 6 percent. Has anyone on the Boundary Committee considered that some (possibly many) Cooper Mountain ES families will move their children to Options Schools or Private Schools as a result of this change? With a low change in the FNR, there is not really enough reduction in the FNR ratio to assume it will make a difference if you start to consider that families simply send their children to alternative schools
03/29/2020 11:37 AM	Ken	kmilesmiles@yahoo.com	Cooper Mountain Elem	Highland Park MS	Mountainside	Changing Cooper Mountain's middle school feeder pattern to Mountain View will set up Cooper Mountain families to feed Aloha High School. No Cooper Mountain families want this. Even the folks in the 30 percent that currently feed Mountain View don't want their children to attend Aloha HS. Mountainside HS is where we wish to have our children attend high school. Again, if Aloha is put on the table as our new high school, even supporters of a move to Mountain View would suddenly change their position on this issue.
03/29/2020 4:28 PM	Ken	kmilesmiles@yahoo.com	Cooper Mountain Elem	Highland Park MS	Mountainside	On March 10, the governor of Oregon signed an executive order to cut green house emissions. The current plan to swap Cooper Mountain and Chehalem Elementary students will go the opposite direction of our governor's order and drive up green house emissions. We cannot in this day and age advocate for a plan that involves using our public funds toward increasing environmental damage. Bussing Chehalem students to Highland Park will cost the district an extra \$50K per year and unnecessarily drive up greenhouse emissions. The decision in the north to move students (and increase bussing) to the new middle school was to solve a true issue: overcrowding at Stoller. The decision to swap Chehalem and Cooper Mountain students does the meet the same standard. Please leave our boundary unchanged as they currently stand today and have Cooper Mtn continue to feed Highland Park. The perceived benefits (by some) are barely noticeable. The costs to our community, the environment as well as school budget are real.
03/29/2020 4:42 PM	Ken	kmilesmiles@yahoo.com	Cooper Mountain Elem	Highland Park MS	Mountainside	I noticed that the comments on the BSD site have not been updated since March 11. I am also being told that the Boundary committee will not be able to see our posted comments until 24 hours prior to the next meeting. If the committee is only allowed 24 hours to read almost 4 weeks of comments, are they really reading them? I would imagine most folks on the committee have full time jobs. I don't see how someone can read and comprehend several weeks of community feedback in such a short period of time. So, when we keep getting told our comments are being read, I have my doubts. I don't think its possible to do in 24 hours. Is this process really yielding the public benefit it was intended to? The comments from the Cooper Mountain community overall have been clear: Nothing is broken, don't change our Middle School feeder pattern. If the boundary committee truly had time to read and comprehend our comments, then our voices would be heard and our school feeder pattern would remain unchanged.
03/29/2020 11:23 PM	Kim	andrewandkim@comcast.net	Cooper Mountain Elem	Highland Park MS	Mountainside	For the North end of the district, the committee proposed boundaries prioritizing capacity, walkability, transportation costs, community wishes, and feeder patterns. However, at the last meeting the committee focused on the free and reduced lunch numbers when proposing boundaries for one school on the south end of the district. Why are these factors being prioritized differently across schools in the district? Please keep this process fair and consistent for all schools. Keep Cooper Mountain Elementary feeding into Highland Park Middle School.
03/29/2020 11:01 PM	Kim Moen	kim.moen@yahoo.com	Cooper Mountain Elem	Highland Park MS	Mountainside	For boundary proposals in the North end of the district, the committee spent adequate time discussing and weighing benefits against the impacts to communities, costs, and other factors. For the decision affecting Cooper Mountain, the committee spent very little time voting for a change without the same level of discussion. Less than half of the committee members even commented about this change and there was no mention of all the impacts. This gives the perception that committee was not fully engaged for this recommendation. Please allow this to be a fair and equal process for all schools. Keep Cooper Mountain feeding to Highland Park.

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03/29/2020 11:54 PM	Kim Moen	kim.moen@yahoo.com	Cooper Mountain Elem	Highland Park MS	Mountainside	Slightly reducing the free and reduced lunch number at a school does not mean that those students will now get equal educational opportunities as other schools. The district's Student Success Act and Common Middle School Experience are in place to focus on providing these equal opportunities. A small reduction in a free and reduced lunch number doesn't justify making significant disruptions to two school communities. Furthermore, balancing the FRL number is not part of the committee's objectives and has not been addressed equally across the district. Keep Cooper Mountain feeding to Highland Park.
03/29/2020 10:01 PM	Krissy	Krissy333@gmail.com	Cooper Mountain Elem	Highland Park MS	Mountainside	As mentioned by many Cooper Mountain families, the decision to change the boundary line for our school was decided not in favor of the majority. This was a north side issue and no need to include south side. The members of the committee didn't represent or had any interest in south side. We moved into our neighborhood looking at our schools and their ratings and just like north side this will have huge impact for our neighborhood. I ask that the board make the right decision by leaving our current process alone and deal with schools that actually need adjustments.
03/29/2020 3:31 PM	Kristen Ballou	kjballou@comcast.net	Findley Elem	Stoller MS	Southridge	Please do not move forward with the recommendation to adjust the Findley/Wismer boundary. Please continue with the recommendation to send all of Findley unsplit to Timberland! I live in the Kaiser Ridge neighborhood, which is located between Laidlaw and Bronson Creek. We do not want our kids to leave their Findley community and friendships they have developed over the last several years. We want to attend Timberland for middle school with the rest of the Findley community. Because Stoller will not be over capacity when the boundary adjustment takes place, the people in the Oakridge Estates community that can see Stoller can apply for an in-district transfer to Stoller if they desire walkability over maintaining community relationships. This solution is much less disruptive to the current students at both Findley and Jacob Wismer that could be affected by a potential boundary adjustment. Thank you.
03/29/2020 5:53 PM	Laxmi Karumbu	Laxmikarumbu@gmaul.com	Findley Elem	Stoller MS	Sunset	Please leave elementary boundaries alone. Just like we are not discussing high school boundaries. Let us stick to the subject which is middle school and work on that unless we want to redefine the scope of discussion and see what works for k-12 for each area.
03/29/2020 12:20 PM	Laxmi Karumbunathan	Laxmikarumbu@gmail.com	Findley Elem	Stoller MS	Sunset	Hello we are seeing every neighborhood submit a petition for schools to pick. This is not going work out very well as every home has kids of different ages and differnt work culture and different needs with respect to child walking or taking bus. If indeed that is the case then for such neighborhoods the district should offer an option of closest school or feeder school and let us make a choice when the time is right. For one I would definitely like to stay with the school closest to us and be given the option to apply other schools during open admission. The whole issue is that springville has too many kids and no school and because if that this is having a domino effect on the entire population here. I think the district should give very family a choice when the feeder school is more than 1 mile from home and there is another school within that distance. Thanks for your time
03/29/2020 11:02 PM	Polly Prak	Psem42002@hotmail.com	Cooper Mountain Elem			Please leave CME's boundary as is. To change and interrupt 70% of the population feeder pattern is ridiculous. My child who will be at HP next year will have to move to another school the following fall? How is that fair? If the committee board is setup to hear all cases, please listen the majority of what CME is saying. Don't let out comments fall on deaf ears. Please support our community and leave it at status quo.
03/29/2020 7:45 PM	S	Srib467@gmail.com	Springville K-8			Keep communities together. The working map for the 3/12 meeting is great in doing this. Do not split elementary schools. Kids well being matter. MIDDLE SCHOOL TRANSITION IS HARD AS IT IS. KEEP COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS TOGETHER. DO NOT SPLIT SPRINGVILLE ES.
03/29/2020 10:45 PM	Sally Badawi	sally.badawi@gmail.com	Cooper Mountain Elem			As the committee wraps up, I urge you to please reconsider your vote on sending all of Cooper Mountain to Mountain View. This decision does not meet the committee's objectives as there are no issues to solve. We don't have overcrowding at Mountain View or Highland and the vast majority of Cooper Mountain is within the Highland boundary which feeds into Mountainside where over 50% of Highland students attend. The status quo works. Please don't change it.

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03/29/2020 7:44 PM	Sri	Srib467@gmail.com	Springville K-8			THANK YOU to the committee for voting to keep Springville at Stoller. I appreciate the committee for working so hard and coming to a decision right before we went into a stay home mode. Springville is the NORTHERNMOST community in BSD and North Bethany has ONLY ONE reasonably distanced middle school which is Stoller. Please keep communities together. Please do not split us.
03/29/2020 7:34 AM	Stephanie R	Stephanie12@comcast.net	Cooper Mountain Elem	Highland Park MS	Mountainside	There is no way that the committee has adequate time to read our online comments when the website has not been updated since 3/11/2020. And given the last few meetings the committee consistently refers to public testimony, which is a [?]random[?] draw and not representative of the majority of our school. We have used our collective voice online to plead with the committee to hear our concerns, but their actions repeatedly demonstrated that we don't have a voice. Now with meetings understandably being closed to the public, we feel even more powerless.
03/29/2020 11:09 PM	Steve Smith	catyprel@yahoo.com	Cooper Mountain Elem	Highland Park MS		I understand the purpose of this committee was to adjust middle school boundaries for the new Timberland school as well as adjust overcrowding and make minor other changes as needed. How does moving 70% of two elementary schools in the south area of the district fit these guidelines? Is the purpose of this committee to adjust all schools in respect to equity? This is a huge change for the students of Cooper Mountain elementary. By making this recommendation so late in the process, you have not allowed for a full process or even full analysis of this decision. It is wrong to adjust a few school's feeders based on equity if that is not a focus for the entire district. And all communities need to have a voice. The final meetings of the committee is not the time to slip in changes that affect 70% of an elementary school.
03/29/2020 10:43 PM	VAIBHAV KHANE	vaibhavkhane@gmail.com	Springville K-8	Stoller MS	Westview	Mr. Sparks and AC members, First of all appreciate all of your time time and efforts to reach this stage in the MS boundary adjustment process where we have a working map which satisfies most of policy JC objectives. I also appreciate you voting and reaching preliminary consensus on MS boundary for ES schools on North side of US 26 during last meeting -especially agreeing on feeding Springville/Sato/Jacob Wismer to Stoller MS and Findley ES going to brand new Timberland school which is helping with capacity numbers on North side. For April 2nd meeting, I suggest focusing on minor OPEN issues from the last meeting (such as final decision on walkable Findley which currently feeds to Stoller MS and so on) to fine tune the boundary map for the north side MS and finalizing the overall MS boundary map for an entire school district. This is going to be the last meeting which is happening in the middle of COVID-19 crisis. PLEASE MAINTAIN minimum 6ft. distance between your seats during this meeting for your/others safety and focus on real OPEN issues during this meeting so that a final consensus can be reached. Please avoid any new, novel or out-of-box thinking ideas at this stage/during this meeting. Also, decision about location of SUMMA on north-side of US 26 is a Teaching and Learning department's deliverable and AC should respect it. Thanks for all the efforts. Vaibhav

FW: Middle School Boundary Adjustment - Letter from Kaiser Ridge Neighborhood

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Mon 3/30/2020 2:00 PM

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Middle School Boundary Letter from Kaiser Ridge Neighborhood.pdf;

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Subject: Middle School Boundary Adjustment - Letter from Kaiser Ridge Neighborhood

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Mr. Sparks,

Attached is a letter from the Findley families living in the Kaiser Ridge Neighborhood in opposition of including our neighborhood in a potential Findley/Jacob Wismer elementary boundary adjustment process. Please share the attached letter with the Boundary committee and include as part of the public record and comments prior to the upcoming April 2nd committee meeting.

Thank you,
Kristen Ballou