

Middle School Boundary Public Comments  
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Submitted	Name	Email	Elementary	Middle	High	Options	Comment:
8/20/20	Ai Okada	aiokada94@gmail.com	West Tualatin View				Dear Advisory Committee, My family has reviewed all four MS Boundary Idea Maps. Our children would best be served by Theme 3. We really like facilities and it is closest to our house. Thanks,Ai Okada
8/24/20	AKIRA OKAMOTO	aokamoto0303@gmail.com	Findley Elem	Stoller MS	Sunset		I appreciate the committees effort to find a good solution to this. I would like to leave my input for this since I am a part of Oakridge Estate residents. As you heard from other residents, Stoller is just across street from our community. Our kids grow up looking at it thinking that they would go to the school for a middle school. Now the current proposal is to feed all Findley kids to Timberland, regardless a physical distance to their nearby schools. This would require our kids to ride a school bus for 30min instead of walk to Stoller for 15min (the closest home in our community can walk there in 3min). I understand that some families want to keep all Findley kids to attend the same middle school, but there also are families who want their kids to spend their precious time on things other than being on the bus. Therefore, to be fair, those who live within a walkable distance to Stoller must be given an option to choose between Stoller and Timeberland. Thank you for your consideration!
8/21/20	Amy Dale	amyvuk@gmail.com	Terra Linda Elem				Terra Linda should attend Timberland with our Cedar Mill neighbors. Terra Linda is by far the most economically diverse school north of 26. Sending us to a school South of 26 will NOT solve the economic inequities - it will just make it worse by moving the only near title 1 school in the North.
8/23/20	Amy Zhang	yue0921@gmail.com	Findley Elem	Stoller MS	Sunset		Please consider Stoller Middle School as an option school for the kids living in Oakridge community. I understand that some families in this community are voted for Timberland because not all Findley kids can go Stoller and they don't want to separate their kids with others. However there are also some families who don't mind of the splitting and want their kids to walk to school. Please consider giving those kids Stoller as an option.

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8/23/20	Andrew Moen	andrew11395@gmail.com		Highland Park	<p>Thank you for your continued attention to comments from the community in this boundary adjustment process. I would like to respectfully request that the committee give the Cooper Mountain/Highland Park decision the same level of consideration and discussion that has been provided to other schools in the north of the district. With all that has changed in our school environment and the long pause in this process due to COVID, I strongly encourage the committee to refocus on the original boundary objectives. I don't think a 70% impact to the cooper mountain community and an increase of \$50K in busing cost, is in support of these objectives. Please keep Cooper Mountain feeding Highland Park.</p>
8/23/20	Arun	arun.kaariya@gmail.com			<p>To Committee members, Superintendent and BSD board members, First of all thanks to BSD for resuming the boundary change process. I plead to the BSD to move Summa program out of Stoller to Timberland asap because we dont want to be in a situation where all other schools are reopened BUT STOLLER IS NOT ABLE TO OPEN BECAUSE OF overcrowding. We are in very unprecedented times with the current pandemic. We have seen the counties, businesses and most importantly the schools struggling to remain open through this pandemic with no end in sight. In early July it was clear that the schools cdnt remain open primarily because it was just impossible to have 6 ft distance rule implemented at all BSD schools but most importantly the overcrowded ones like Stoller. The pandemic has caused enough anxiety lets not add to the anxiety by pushing this process any further. Lets tie the loose ends. It is also clear that to safely reopen schools we can no longer afford to have Stoller overcrowded like it currently is. If the no of COVID cases go down (and they have been according to recent data) and the schools can actually be reopened in early spring of 2021 we should make sure that there is enough space at Stoller to reopen it safely. I plead again to the BSD to move Summa program out of Stoller to Timberland asap because we dont want to be in a situation where all other schools are reopened BUT STOLLER IS NOT ABLE TO REOPEN BECAUSE OF overcrowding and the inability to maintain 6ft distance. Regards, Arun</p>

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8/21/20	Betty C.	bettycats@yahoo.com	Cooper Mountain	Highland Park		<p>What is the purpose of this committee? Is it to adjust boundaries for the new middle school and resolve overcrowding, or is it to balance free and reduced lunch numbers across the district? It is not right to change the school for 70% of 2 elementary schools based on a metric not used for the other schools. If you are aiming to balance FRL, that should be done for all middle schools, not just Mountain View and Highland. You are proposing a major change for the south portion of the district, yet you did not even consider this issue when looking at boundaries in the north. Why only consider this for 2 schools? And if the district is moving towards a Common Middle School Experience, this small change to FRL should not impact the education at both schools. So why are you disrupting the schools for so many students when they are already experiencing trauma due to a pandemic? What is the purpose of this move? Is it really in the best interest of students? And why is it only being addressed at the end of this process and only for these schools? Please reconsider this rash decision.</p>
8/20/20	David Gershon	david_gershon@yahoo.com	West Tualatin View			<p>I would like to inform Middle School Boundary Advisory Committee that our family prefers Theme 3. Our WTV student has already attended classes at Timberland. We like the facilities. It is more accessible to drop our children off. Sincerely, David Gershon</p>
8/20/20	Elizabeth Webber	Bethmwebber@gmail.com	Raleigh Park Elem			<p>Now is a historic time in our country. I urge the committee to be bold and reconsider the boundaries of the middle schools to address the major inequities of race and socioeconomic status. As noted in the earlier meetings the differences in free and reduced lunch rates are astounding. This leads to very differently resourced schools in this era of fundraising and foundation funding. Be bold and use this moment to make real change. There are ways to distribute the boundaries of the schools north of 26 for better equity. This should matter more than property values, more than walkability, more than pet projects. Now is your chance to balance even a small part of the systemic racism and inequity built into our public school systems.</p>

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8/21/20	Greg Smith	gregsmith22@gmail.com	Cooper Mountain	Highland Park		<p>I am very concerned with the direction of this committee. The focus needs to be reevaluated. We are in a different world than we were when you began this process. The focus now needs to be maintaining school consistency for as many students as possible. Our students are experiencing trauma. They need the safety of their established school environments. Switching the middle school for Cooper Mountain Elementary students adds further disruption to students who are already experiencing chaos in their education. Kids need consistency. Students who are currently in 6th and 7th grade need to continue with their current middle school and not be moved unnecessarily. Families need to be able to continue working with the schools where they already have relationships. We are living in a pandemic and all families are struggling. I understand you need to make necessary adjustments to accommodate the new middle school. However, this is not the time to adjust schools unnecessarily. Cooper Mountain Elementary students should not have a middle school change right now. This is not the time to adjust based on free and reduced lunch levels. Students need to know they still have a school community. They already feel isolated. Switching middle schools should only be done for an absolute need during a pandemic. Our kids are in crisis. Do not add to the trauma Cooper Mountain students are already establishing. Please table any unnecessary school adjustments until our world returns to something more normal.</p>
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8/20/20	Janette Johns	janette.grassman@gmail.com	Montclair Elem			<p>As a white woman, in a position of power and with financial stability, let me take a moment to advocate for equity for students in BSD. Schools should house the most diverse populations possible. Students grow and learn by being surrounded by different and new ways of being. One way to address this during a boundary shift is purposefully balancing socioeconomic representation in school populations. Another way is balancing representation by race. Boundary changes are the perfect opportunity to clearly send the message that ALL kids are valued in BSD ... AND ... we are not going to support a system that provides inferior resources to our Black and Brown children, or those living in poverty. There is so much potential in this process for special interest groups (or people) to cleverly push or lobby for a school to be populated primarily by white and/or affluent families. Please do not cave to voices that promote this kind of division. This is where we show that BSD TRULY values inclusion and equity. Make decisions that are NOT driven by trying to avoid making people mad. People are going to be mad. Make decisions that YOU know are right for kids. Privilege is NOT right for our kids. Equitable access to resources is. Make equitable decisions--it's your most important job.</p>
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8/23/20	Jennifer Hoffman	krh0923@msn.com		Highland Park	Mountainside	<p>Dear Committee- It's been quite the year! Thank you for taking up this project again. It goes without saying that having to stop the process so suddenly, when decisions were coming to a close was frustrating for everyone involved. But, as with everything surrounding the Pandemic, we all learned to adapt and just deal! There was no other option. My daughter finished 5th grade at Cooper Mountain remotely. Her teacher and school did an outstanding job in making her final months of Elementary School as positive and fun as possible. But just like students everywhere... she missed out on so much! And now, she is starting middle school remotely for possibly a very long time. She is doing CDL so she will meet her new teachers and classmates remotely. The kids and teachers will learn to bond and form relationships in new ways. Nonetheless, it will be a not only a huge and long adjustment, but also a very challenging way to start Middle School. Please keep Cooper Mountain feeding to Highland Park! 5th grade ended on such a stressful and sad note. Please don't change her boundary so that in just one year when she starts 7th grade she would need to switch schools. The incoming 6th graders deserve some type of consistency. So much was taken from them this past spring; and there seems to be no end in sight of activities, sports, school, life, being either cancelled, changed, or put on hold. Please let the kids who are starting at the middle school that they been planning on for years, stay at the same school for all three years. Thank you for your consideration in not changing Cooper Mountain's boundary. There's just been too much change for these kids. Thank you.</p>
8/24/20	Justin Haag	j.haag@hotmail.com	Greenway Elem			<p>Greenway Park residents that live South of Hall Blvd &amp; South/ East of Greenway Blvd currently go to Whitford vs Conestoga. Kids could get to Conestoga via Fanno Creek Trail/ sidewalks without crossing any major roads. Getting to Whitford, those kids would have to cross Hall Blvd &amp; 217 and walk along Scholls Ferry Rd. As far as safety goes, this middle school boundary doesn't make any sense to me and should be re-looked at.</p>

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8/25/20	Ken	kmilesmiles@yahoo.com	Cooper Mountain	Highland Park	Mountainside	<p>Please leave Cooper Mtn Elementary boundaries unchanged. Please continue sending the vast majority (70%+) of our kids to Highland Park MS. I know this process is now restarting after several months of dormancy, but a lot has happened since March and I still do not believe enough analysis has been done to recommend our kids get moved to another middle school. There was a lot of debate around Stoller MS in the Spring. The amount of time / debate spent on whether to move Cooper Mtn to Mountain View was less than 10 minutes. If this process is supposed to take in consideration what the general population of Cooper Mtn wants, then I do not believe the current recommendation of this committee supports what we as parents want for our children.</p>
8/25/20	Ken	kmilesmiles@yahoo.com	Cooper Mountain	Highland Park	Mountainside	<p>This note is to those parents of Cooper Mountain students who wish to move all of Cooper Mountain ES students to Mountain View MS. Please realize that when you advocate for this change, you are not just advocating for changing middle schools. You are also advocating for changing high schools. The next logical step in this process longer term is to rebalance the high schools. As a result, if we switch to Mountain View MS our feeder pattern will align even more to Aloha High School and there will be a much higher probability that our students will end up having to change from Mountainside High School to Aloha High School. If this is your longer term desire, then continue to push for a change. If not, please reconsider your position. I want my kids to attend Mountainside HS. Please do not change our current middle school feeder pattern to Highland Park MS.</p>

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8/20/20	Kim M.	andrewandkim@comcast.net		Highland Park		<p>Thank you to the committee for your time and effort in this continuing process. I would like to see Cooper Mountain Elementary continue to feed into Highland Park Middle School. I ask the committee to consider all factors and impacts in the decision making process. Last spring, there was a preliminary decision to switch Cooper Mountain to feed Mountain View Middle School with little to no discussion around some very important impacts. Most of Chehalem is walkable to Mountain View, and moving Cooper Mountain to Mountain View eliminates this walkability and creates new bus routes, costing the district \$50,000 per year. In addition, this switch impacts feeder patterns and goes against the wishes of the majority of the Cooper Mountain community. Since these factors were discussed and considered for the committee's decisions in other school boundaries, please consider all of these factors and keep Cooper Mountain feeding to Highland Park.</p>
8/23/20	Kim M.	andrewandkim@comcast.net		Highland Park		<p>I would like to ask the committee to revisit the proposed middle school change for Cooper Mountain Elementary. During the very short discussion, this change was made 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, and the Common Middle School Experience is working on addressing this. A small change in free and reduced lunch does not alone justify \$50K of increased busing cost, increased bus travel time (elimination of Chehalem's walkability), or disrupting hundreds of families who do not want this change. Furthermore, the current free and reduced lunch at Mountain View is already lower than those at two other middle schools in the district that the committee has already considered acceptable, so there is no need for this isolated change. Please consider all of the data and impacts and keep Cooper Mountain feeding to Highland Park.</p>



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8/24/20	Kim Moen	kim.moen@yahoo.com		Highland Park		<p>I ask the committee to make proposed boundaries that align with the objectives for this process. Outside of establishing new boundaries for Stoller and Timberland, the only objective related to other Middle Schools states to adjust boundaries, as needed, to accommodate the new Timberland boundary. The proposal of swapping Cooper Mountain and Chehalem does not support this objective. The 3/12 working map showed both Highland Park and Mountain View with acceptable capacity, warranting no need for a change to existing boundaries in order to accommodate the new Timberland boundary. Please do not make unjustified and unnecessary changes that impact communities, feeder patterns, and district costs. Keep the objectives in mind and keep Cooper Mountain feeding to Highland Park.</p>
8/24/20	Kim Moen	kim.moen@yahoo.com		Highland Park		<p>Throughout this process, the committee has referenced public comments and has been considerate of what other school communities have asked for. Cooper Mountain Elementary splits into two middle schools, yet the only public comment that has been selected for the committee to hear from is representatives from one of those middle schools. Please value all the written comments equal to the public comments. Please take the time to consider all of the community input and factors affecting a decision. Please keep Cooper Mountain feeding to Highland Park.</p>

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8/24/20	Lin M	linma188@yahoo.com	Findley Elem	Stoller MS	Sunset	<p>We live at Bethany Heights community which is on the east side of Stoller. My 3 kids have been walking to Stoller everyday for 6 years. Unfortunately, it seems in the last several meeting, our community has been allocate to another middle school. It is not reasonable to bus our kids to another school 4 miles away while they can walk to the current school. With COVID19 crisis, the MSBA board should reconsider the rules of how to adjust the school boundary to reduce spreading the virus----I suggest that any kids within walking distance from a school should be kept in the that school, instead of busing them to another school. Also with COVID19 crisis, kids are bounding more and more with their nearby community and school. Arbor Heights is our only neighborhood community and their kids are assigned to Stoller. Our kids are already isolated at home due to COVID19. If they go to school 4 miles away and split from our nearby community, it will not benefit their social skills.</p>
8/24/20	Luke Martin	Luke_martin@beaverton.k12.or.us		Five Oaks MS		<p>I strongly recommend that people on the committee listen to [?]Dear White Parents[?] (podcast). It is extremely important that we understand the importance of the role white privilege plays in the decision making process. It is an eye opening listen that directly relates to our current situation.</p>
8/24/20	Lynnsey Sitter	lynnseysitter@gmail.com	Findley Elem	Stoller MS		<p>I just wanted to pick up where we left off and remind the committee that it's absolutely ridiculous that families who live ACROSS THE STREET from the Stoller campus will likely be bussed to a school 4 miles away instead of walking across the street. This entire process should have been handled differently. Objective professionals should have been hired to gather information relevant to the question and create a number of maps that realigned ALL levels of schools at the same time and balanced long term educational and logistical goals. Those maps should then have been reviewed by a committee and made available for public comment. This process has now twice in the short time we've lived here shown itself to be a complete joke and the district should not be surprised when those who can leave it for others that have a better and more stable strategy.</p>

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8/24/20	MadhuR	mrangar@yahoo.com	Springville K-8	Stoller MS	Westview	Dear Committee,As as reminder, here is where we left off regarding Stoller. With Springville, Sato and Jacob Wismer NET Resident students in Stoller (No Options, Summa), IT IS NO LONGER OVERCROWDED:In 2021, we are at 84% of permanent capacity (Board Objective 90%)In 2025: we are at 101% of permanent capacity (Sustainable - No Portables)2026&#43;; Population Drops (Continues to be Sustainable).With the updated population projections, Springville is the SMALLEST school that feeds into Stoller.Summa is Teaching & Learning's Call and should not be a primary concern to the committee.
8/24/20	Marie Smith	catyprel@yahoo.com	Cooper Mountain	Highland Park		As you make boundary adjustments, please keep in mind that students are living through trauma now. They need consistent school environments when their world is in so much chaos. My daughter is currently at Highland, entering 7th grade. She lost a third of her sixth grade year due to Covid and is now starting 7th grade virtual. These are unprecedented times. My daughter misses her school community so much. Current proposals to switch the Cooper Mountain group to Mountain View would change her school during what is already a traumatic time. A student who has had school abruptly close in 6th grade and is doing distance learning for 7th grade should not then have to switch middle schools for 8th grade. This is not the time to make any nonessential boundary changes.
8/24/20	Meg Russnogle	megu0602@hotmail.com		Highland Park		We would like to stay the current school district. Our whole family moved to current house last year, so our kids can attend Highland Park MS and Mountainside HS. That is the reason we moved. Please do not change our school district.Thank you.

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8/24/20	Nikita Astafev	astafnil@gmail.com	Jacob Wismer Elem		<p>When adjusting the boundaries please keep it simple for students who live within the walking distance of the school - please do not force kids to use school bus when there is a healthier, safer, cheaper option of walking. We live within the walking distance (Wendy Ln and 150th ave intersection) from Jacob Wismer elementary where both my daughters attended classes (K and 3rd) and would like our kids to continue walking to their schools (hopefully Stoller MS) when time comes for them to go to middle school. We understand the need to reallocate kids between schools to solve Stoller MS overload problem, we believe that this could be done with ease/safety/cost-effectiveness of transportation in mind: those kids who already live outside the walking distance from any MS will use bus service no matter what, so no need to increase the load on buses by forcing the kids that walk currently to go by bus. I comment here because I had noticed a few adjustment proposals that resulted in such a map that my kids would have to take a bus ride to get to the MS, whereas there is a simple and logical way to avoid bus/traffic/accidents/weather - keep walking. If the argument to go by bus is like this: there are only a small number of kids that live close to the school and the district can definitely take them on buses with no/minor additional cost, then that's a wrong argument - see, if there is such a small number of kids who live close to a given school, then that nearest school can reasonably accomodate for them with no extra cost and no deterioration in quality of life for those kids. Going by bus versus walking within walking distance is a definite degradation in quality of life. Our kids attend additional classes after school, and the bus ride will eat into the time they critically need to adjust and mentally relax between school and after school activities. Healthy physical activity of walking to/from school helps reduce everyday stress, while riding a bus doesn't. And with traffic situation becoming worse year after year there's non-negligible delay in transportation to/from school as well as non-negligible safety exposure due to accidents.</p>
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8/24/20	Sarah Langton	sarah.t.langton@gmail.com	Sexton Mountain			
8/24/20	Vasu Akkineni	vasu.akkineni@gmail.com	Springville K-8			<p>The plan that was tentatively voted for was to keep Springville at Stoller. Stoller will no longer be overcrowded with Springville, Sato and Jacob Wismer NET resident students. The corrected projections provided by BSD prove this. Five Oaks will have a good balance with Rock Creek, Bethany and Oaks Hills West feeding into it. I request the committee to move forward with these decisions.</p>