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09/24/2020	Angela Zahler	angelazahler@gmail.com	Oak Hills Elem	I am discouraged by the potential change of opinion of the committee to leave the Oak Hills East kids out of the Timberland Boundary. I attended many of the meetings this past year it was finally made clear that our children/students deserve to attend school with a group local in their community. The fact that our children will be isolated and attend Sunset in a small group will be so difficult as they transition with otherwise cohesive feeders. The argument that they will attend Sunset with Barnes students is further isolated given that Barnes is transitioning to a dual language program and will make it a destination option school and those left to follow feeder patterns will be small. We are a strong community and our children/families are positive contributors. If you value special programs like summa over community school children in a feeder pattern I question your intentions and ability to look at this objectively. Please make sure OAK HILLS EAST GOES to TIMBERLAND. Give our kids a chance at high school, give them the right middle school.
09/24/2020	Rowan Wepener	Rowan.wepener@gmail.com	Rock Creek Elem	Dear Committee MembersPlease remain committed to previous votes and mapping that keeps Rock Creek Elementary with its close Northern neighborhood schools as we are moved to Five Oaks. We do not wish to be separated from the schools that we interact with most often.
09/24/2020	Chantal McCartney	chantalmcc@gmail.com	Cooper Mountain	Please revisit the proposed move of all Cooper Mountain students to Mountain View. This is a large change, 70% of Cooper Mountain, for a small change to FRL. This was not in your original group objectives and disrupts the educational path of so many students as well as moves them out of the peer group they will go to high school with at Mountainside. Instead of "Lego pieces," please see these moves for what they really are, forcing hundreds of students to change schools. Moving school populations unnecessarily adds stress and instability to students and families at a time when those school connections matter more than ever. Please keep Cooper Mountain feeding to Highland Park.
09/24/2020	Natacha Turek	Natachadolmoun@gmail.com	Oak Hills Elem	Oak Hills (East of Bethany) wants to go to middle school at Timberland with other elementary schools that will eventually feed into Sunset High School.
09/24/2020	Suzi Fei	suzifei@yahoo.com	Oak Hills Elem	PLEASE SEND SUNSET-BOUND OAK HILLS EAST TO TIMBERLANDThe committee voted to allow Oak Hills East kids to go to Timberland with the other kids who will eventually go to Sunset. Please don't reverse that decision! In the last meeting, Abhijit Sathaye again brought up the question of why not send our few kids to Meadow Park. He represents Stoller. I can't help but think there are reasons he would like to see Oak Hills East and even Terra Linda at Meadow Park. Perhaps he would like to see room for Summa at Timberland? Terra Linda wants to go to Timberland--they deserve to go there due to proximity and community. Oak Hills East wants to go wherever Terra Linda is going because we want our kids to know people when they get to Sunset! Clean humane feeder patterns please! Abhijit referenced the northern portion of Barnes that also feeds into Sunset. Please let me remind you that Barnes will soon be 100% dual language. Student who opt out of dual language will attend a different elementary school. Dual language students will go to Meadow Park and then Beaverton High School. In the future, it may make sense for all of Barnes to feed into Beaverton HS. In the meantime, I imagine parents who live in North Barnes like to have the option of going to Sunset for proximity or Beaverton HS to be with friends and finish the dual language program. Oak Hills East students spend very little time with Barnes students due to the dual language program. At Sunset, we will not know them and they will not know us. We should not be paired with Barnes for purposes of ensuring feeder patterns. Oak Hills East needs to attend middle school with another full Sunset-bound elementary school, specifically Terra Linda. In the Sept 3rd Workmap Option B, there is enough room for all Sunset-bound Summa students to attend Meadow Park in both 2021 and 2025. That will also repair the poverty numbers for Meadow Park. In 2021, there is enough room for all Westview-bound Summa students to attend Stoller -OR- Five Oaks. Sometime between 2021 and 2025, Westview-bound Summa should move from Stoller to Five Oaks to relieve overcrowding at Stoller. This would allow Stoller to not exceed 100% capacity by much even with all of Springville attending Stoller. Dividing the Summa kids by which high school they will attend will be fantastic for them socially. With this plan, just about everyone gets what they want as far as I can tell.

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09/22/2020	Alivia Sil	alivia2001@gmail.com	Findley Elem	<p>The last boundary change meeting on Sep 3 made many of us really anxious and worried about the entire process. We understand that the unusual situation due to Covid forced BSD to postpone meeting schedule, and every staff of BSD are working very hard, to help and provide best teaching solution and experience to our kids. Having said that, most of us did not expect that a 're-inventing of the wheel' will happen again. Many of us felt, that it was kind of a fresh start, rather than trying to come to an optimal consensus solution. In reality, the boundary change adjustment project/process is neither an engineering lego puzzle nor a place to vent our personal emotions, conscious or unconscious biases (which we understand is quite high at this moment due to both Covid and with the recent wildfire that happened in Oregon). Given the timeline we have, my request to BSD is to make sure that in the next meeting, a sincere drive is made towards reaching an optimal consensus with all the hardwork that was done until March 12th, 2020. As matured adults, we should be focusing on the main agenda and issues of this project. 1) Reducing population of Stoller 2) For the safety and security of our kids, making sure we are not using portables for Summa or Regular kids except for Legacy. 3) North Summa in Timberland if Findley is moved to Timberland (We understand that final decision will be taken by Teaching and Learning) . We hope to have an optimal solution and justifiable, balanced decision for our kids, where both there academic and emotional needs will be adjusted optimally if not best.</p>
09/23/2020	AK	arun.kaariya@gmail.com		<p>To the BSD long range planning dept,As a resident of Bethany and a BSD parent for over 14 years, I have had my 3 children go to different schools. What I have witnessed over these years is that buying a house in BSD school district has gotten very stressful over the years. This is because there is no stability and predictability to which school your kids will be assigned to. It seems that there is a boundary change process every 2-5 years. People buy houses to be in good school district and some of the schools in the district are better performing than others. Ultimately parents shell top dollar to be in better performing schools only to find some 3 years later that they are going to a different school.This creates a lot of anxiety for parents on 2 levels first for their child's education and second the real estate impact of the BSD's decision to drastically change boundaries. The BSD should be proactively involved in washington county decision to estimate the growth in a particular area and plan accordingly to build new schools in the high growth areas instead of just randomly buying land elsewhere and forcing the stable neighborhoods to different schools. In the long run people will stop buying houses in BSD because of frustration, lack of stability and the stressful boundary change process.Each boundary change feels like a blood path and creates a very hostile environment between parents as they are put to fight for their children's future. The people with loudest noises in the room, with all boo hoos and drama tactics put pressure on the committee members to go for the decision that supports loudest noises in the room. It happens at every boundary changeBSD needs to do some pondering over the gaps in their long range planning and learn from their mistakes. The Springville- Sato area needs a new elementary and new middle school and while it may sound ridiculous to spend more money when a new school is already built it will be the most well thought out long term planning that the BSD has never done.Arun</p>
09/22/2020	AK	arun.kaariya@gmail.com		<p>Thank you to all the committee members for their time commitment to this process. At the last meeting several committee members wanted to revisit the Stoller boundary decision. If the committee does decide to go down this route I request the committee to select the maps that have been previously discussed and not bring any new maps to the table as this would truly be starting at square 1.Regards,Arun</p>
09/22/2020	Molly Penna	mollygail@hotmail.com	Rock Creek Elem	<p>If my Stoller student must change schools, I hope the committee considers travel time. I think Five Oaks makes sense geographically, but Meadow Park does not. Moving students to middle schools that follow their high school path also seems important to me. Let[?]s face it, our high schools are really big, familiar faces become pretty important in a community as big as Westview.</p>

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09/21/2020	Eric Simantel	ericsimantel@gmail.com	Rock Creek Elem	<p>Hello there, Thanks for hanging in there. I am sure pre-Covid, the entire committee expected this to be wrapped up well before now. That said, I want to remind the committee of your hard work, and what you already voted on in the last meeting that was pre-Covid. Don't unravel your hard work. Sometimes - time gives you reflection, at others - it takes you off what your compass is. Paramount is to relieve pressure from the northern schools. Paramount is keeping kids together, and if possible create an environment where kiddos are able to feed into middle school and high school together. Please go back and review the last vote Pre-Covid votes you made. You created an awesome new middle school in recreating Five Oaks and making it a 100% feeder to Westview. In another part of the district you soundly made decisions to create an ESL feeder for Spanish Language. Equality is important. Equal access is important. That said, let BSD do their job to create this. It is a factor in the Middle School Boundary discussion, but not the committee's task to solve. BSD has said that across middle schools they will equalize the curriculum so there is equal access across the district. We do want diversity in the schools. That creates tolerance and a cross-pollination of ideas. That said, I don't think you should task or burden yourself with this journey. I believe that this should be done at the highest level (High School). Create the High School boundaries to have equality and diversity, and then adjust Middle School and Elementary School Boundaries accordingly. That is a task for another committee at another date. My analogy is that if your job is to saw a log in half; get that task done; and dismiss yourselves - while letting a different subset of the community help replant the forest. IE, you can't replant the forest with a chainsaw in your hand. Refind your compass to keep true North in sight. Thank you for your hard work!</p>
09/21/2020	Jamie Williams	jamie.stewart.williams@gmail.com	Rock Creek Elem	<p>It is irresponsible of BSD to continue this process and I believe it the responsibility of the committee to end the discussions immediately. The next meeting, if necessary at all, should be the last. The point of this process was to relieve the overpopulation at Stoller and to populate Timberland. That can be done simply by taking schools out of Stoller and having them TEMPORARILY moved to Timberland. Temporary moves do not require a committee. I recommend BSD take all Sunset feeding students temporarily out of Stoller and move them to Timberland along with those in the immediate vicinity of Timberland who zone to Sunset and opt to temporarily attend Timberland. Timberland should be made into a Sunset feeding school so the students temporarily leaving Stoller to fill Timberland should also be zoning to Sunset. Every time the committee touches another school, you hear the community extremely unhappy; that is particularly true of schools south of 26. Nobody has been given the directive to redraw all middle school maps in the district and there is no reason to do it now. We are hearing more and more that a middle school will be closed in the next few years. Are we seriously considering doing this twice in a short time? How does that help the children in our community? I thought this was about the children. If anyone needs to be impacted, it should only be the school that has the problem: Stoller. If BSD wants to move the Westview feeding kids to Timberland, that would be fine too. There is no need to touch any other school with a middle school closure imminent. It is careless and cruel to impact these children multiple times in such a short period. Why is BSD acting like COVID is not happening? We have no idea what the school budget will look like going forward. We have no idea when in-person schooling will happen again. We have no idea how the tax base is being impacted by the economic impacts of the pandemic and the population who will no longer need to live in this area because permanent work from home is being accepted by many major employers in the metropolitan area. The prudent move is to make only temporary decisions in this environment. We have an overpopulated school and an empty school relatively close to it. Obviously the decision is straightforward. My son will be starting at Stoller next year, so this impacts me as much as anyone else. The committee is as broken as our politicians. They voted on things that they didn't believe in and now a majority of the group is thinking to undo what has been decided. As they should, the solution is not ideal and is hurting too many people south of 26, an area completely irrelevant to our current task. But the committee is trying to rectify socioeconomic inequalities that are well beyond the scope of this work. Every time they look at free and reduced lunches, they seem to not accept that the people north of 26 are much more advantaged than those below. Similarly, there is an area in the southwest of the BSD boundary much more advantaged than its neighbors. We cannot fix that geography; why are we trying? To do so would require bussing. Plain and simple. That is not what BSD is ready to do. Instead, if changes are done to schools south of Stoller's boundary, which seems nonsensical at this point, the committee should instead just focus on keeping communities together, minimizing the amount of high schools coming out of a particular middle school and keeping Spanish immersion students together. The current plan that has been voted on is pretty close to that. If this process must proceed, as nonsensical as that is, just make small tweaks to what you have already decided and accept that you are in an impossible situation. It is time to move on either way. Either go with what you guys have already decided or scrap the entire thing and wait a few years when budget and population statistics have solidified. Please don't have any more meetings beyond the next one. That last one, like 75% of the meetings so far, was a complete waste of everyone's time. Nothing at all was decided and if we are in a stalemate, accept that. Use Timberland as a temporary school to relieve Stoller. Include gifted/option schools if necessary. Focus on keeping high schools together. Sunset kids make the most sense. This is all very straightforward.</p>

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09/20/2020	SB	sylvanite@yahoo.com	Cooper Mountain	
09/18/2020	Shawli Sengupta	shawli22@yahoo.com	Springville K-8	<p>After multiple meetings the committee voted to keep Springville at Stoller. Majority of the committee members supported to keep Springville at Stoller. Please move forward with this vote.</p>
09/18/2020	SANJOY SAHA	sanjoy123@gmail.com	Springville K-8	<p>Dear committee members, In the last meeting some committee members wanted to bring back the discussion of stoller and it is discouraging. There is a reason for voting and as a committee member, you need to embrace the decision and not beat the dead horse. Enough already discussed on the stoller, we need to move on to the next leg of this boundary process. Thanks</p>