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10/23/2020	Arun	arun.kaariya@gmail.com	Findley Elem	Stoller MS	Sunset	<p>To the BSD Superintendent, First of all I would like to thank you for reading the large amount of comments coming your way. I have multiple things to add about the experience as well as suggestions which I will be putting out in different comments. This boundary change process has been extremely overwhelming as well as emotional on various levels for parents of the affected community. 1. People buy houses to be in Stoller neighborhood (often shelling out top dollar) for the community as well as the excellent education and dedicated teachers at the school. Stoller has been consistently a top performing BSD school for several decades. Yet after only a couple of years they find themselves being shifted to another school. 2. Findley was the second closest school to Stoller (at 1.1 mile) after Jacob Wismer yet Findley had to move out of its community to Timberland only and solely because this school to relieve Stoller overcrowding was clearly built at a wrong spot... 3. I request the district to build a school at a spot that is closer to a high growth area in the future. This needs a strong long range planning. 4. The north bethany parents put on a real show and tried to intimidate other parents at the meeting, using dubious ways, going to media, clapping and booing at committee members to have the situation their way. I do not think that this process was civil or fair in any way and this kind of behavior including the caustic comments should have been blocked way earlier in the process. 5. No school should have had a sole proprietorship over Stoller, yet it seemed that some schools overplayed their hand. 6. There were other schools whose pto was heavily involved in the process sending out email to parents to not support parents from other schools, this in itself is a big red flag as it goes against the pto bylaws. Thanks, Arun</p>
10/23/2020	Brandy Carpenter	raisinbran2727@hotmail.com	Oak Hills Elem			<p>Oak Hills East to Timberline Oak Hills West to stay with Bethany at Five Oaks. We have already been split once at high school- parents on both sides of Oak Hills agree that it would be more ideal if being forced to split to do so at middle school.</p>
10/23/2020	Gretchen Erlandsen	gerlandsen78@gmail.com	Findley Elem			<p>Superintendent Grotting, As a parent who has children that will be affected by potential elementary boundary changes, I would like to share my thoughts. As talks of middle school boundary changes began, it became clear that some felt that we should be including new talks of elementary boundary changes as well. I strongly opposed the new elementary boundary process that was recommended for the 3 grid codes across from Stoller Middle School that would effect Findley Elementary School and am pleased that the BSD Board rescinded their vote to make those adjustments. I believe that this is not the right time to be introducing a new boundary process and it is not the best use of our already limited resources. Many families are already experiencing undo rest due to the pandemic and this would just compound it even more. Our young students are already experiencing school in the most unprecedented way and it is causing many students to build anxieties, undo stress, and new mental health problems. In many ways this is a traumatic experience for our youngest learners. I believe that if the board would have pushed this vote through it would only cause more uncertainties and create an even larger negative impact on these little minds. It is important that we continue to provide our students with the sense of community and keep them feeling safe and secure. We are asking a lot of children to "be resilient"; when we uproot them from their safe spaces, when we as adults, would have a hard time recovering from. It would make more sense to encourage families, who feel strongly about their students walking to Stoller, to apply for an in district transfer than initiating an entirely new boundary process. I understand that this is a very difficult decision to be making and I applaud you and the board for dedicating so much of your time to it. I strongly encourage you to put the students of the Beaverton School District first and to support the board in their opposition of this new elementary boundary change that would affect the 3 grid codes across from Stoller. Thank you, Gretchen Erlandsen</p>
10/20/2020	Haddy El-Mansy	elmansym@gmail.com	Cooper Mountain			<p>Thank you for continuing to solicit community feedback. The committee voted to maintain Cooper Mountain existing boundaries and we kindly ask that you uphold a no-change boundary for our community. We at Cooper Mountain overwhelmingly support this prudent recommendation and thank the committee for adherence to the JC Policy in deciding this final vote.</p>

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10/22/2020	Jagan Reddy Kankara	jmkreddy123@gmail.com	Springville K-8	Stoller MS	Westview	I am a parent of a kid going to Springville and middle school next year. First, I really want to thank most of the committee for the extraordinary work they have done looking at overall Beaverton School dist. Its been a long year with extreme pressure on parents not knowing where the kids will be going next year. Given the circumstances where we are in(eg - new school in a wrong geo location), I would strongly recommend to approve the map that is been voted vehemently in favor, with some minor changes in the southern side. I strongly suggest not to consider regular students(over SUMA). Thanks again for looking at a big picture and making the right decision.
10/20/2020	JS	jennym578@hotmail.com	Cooper Mountain			Please send all Cooper Mountain students to the same school. I personally think that should be Mountain View (6% is a significant difference), but I even more strongly believe that CM students should stay together at whichever school they go to. Don't send 30% to Mountain View and the rest to Highland Park just to reunite them all for high school. Those 30% then get pulled away from the majority of their classmates twice, once for middle and again for high. Please keep the Cooper Mountain Community together!
10/20/2020	Julie Pfeiger	juliepfeiger@hotmail.com	Cooper Mountain	Highland Park MS		Hello, Thanks so much to the committee for their commitment during this middle school boundary process. I followed many of the sessions and heard perspectives from across the district. This is definitely a stressful undertaking during a pandemic and I was encouraged to hear the sympathetic voices who suggested limiting the impact/strain on families as much as possible. It was clearly important to the committee to keep the focus on the JC Policy stated objectives and I appreciated the chance to witness the discussions and voting. I support the current map and I am especially happy to see the Cooper Mountain boundary will remain as it currently exists. There has been a lot of community support to keep the current boundaries for the Cooper Mountain area and I'm grateful this committee considered our feedback when making the final recommendation. Thank you for continuing to hear us and moving forward with a final approval that retains the Cooper Mountain boundaries as they exist today.
10/24/2020	Laura Dunlap	Laurardunlap@gmail.com	Bonny Slope Elem			It's clear that enrollment at Stoller needs to be reduced, and one of the least intrusive ways to do that is to simply move the Summa program from Stoller to Timberland. The bus time for Summa kids won't be dramatically changed, and it will reduce the number of kids at Stoller while increasing the number of kids at Timberland.
10/21/2020	Leda Mareth	ledamareth@hotmail.com	Rock Creek Elem	Stoller MS	Westview	The middle school committee was given with an impossible task. The current high school and elementary school boundaries make it very difficult to draw middle school boundaries that fit into the existing lines. As a Rock Creek family, we were aware that we were going to be moved out of Stoller during this process. I am very grateful that the committee has places with our closest neighbors, Bethany elementary school, in a new location. I strongly urge that we be kept with Bethany elementary in the new boundary adjustment. I support the current map as the best possible outcome of this process. Moving forward, it would be advisable to draw boundaries as a comprehensive discussion involving all schools instead of in chunks.

10/19/2020	Lynnsey Sitter	lynnseysitter@gmail.com	Findley Elem	Stoller MS	<p>We would like make the Superintendent and the Board aware of our strong objection to the recommendation of the MSBA Committee. The Beaverton School District serves over forty thousand students in a community of well over a hundred thousand. The process used by the district to make changes to school attendance boundaries is one of the most unprofessional things I've ever witnessed. Having unqualified parents draw on maps with Sharpies and pitting communities against each other is not how these decisions should be made. Objective professionals should be hired to gather relevant data and create maps that align ALL LEVELS of schools at the same time based on our long term educational and logistical goals. Those maps should be narrowed to a few iterations and refined by a panel of individuals who represent ALL impacted parties, including the schools, options programs and special education and then made available for public comment from the community before a recommendation is made. We moved to this area almost 6 years ago. Our first home was in the West Tualatin View Elementary School attendance area and shortly after we bought our first home, the district used misleading information to help justify the changes in the boundaries that cut our neighborhood off from its community north of 26 and send it to Beaverton High School. During that time, we had a third child and needed a larger home. When we began that process we paid considerably more attention to not just what schools a home was assigned to, but where it was in proximity to those schools. We found a home we liked near Stoller Middle School and accepted that our attendance could be changed back to Westview High School or to Jacob Wismer Elementary School which is closer than Findley. It NEVER occurred to us that anyone would seriously suggest that our children not walk literally ACROSS THE STREET to Stoller, but that's where we are. It's very frustrating to be in this position again barely 3 years later. What does Policy JC's neighborhood proximity even mean if families who can see the school from their homes will be bussed to a school four miles away so that others can be bussed in to their neighborhood school? I have a third grader who simply cannot understand why she will have to ride the bus basically back to our old house and won't get to walk to school with her neighborhood friends and, frankly, I can't explain it to her because it defies logic and common sense. Even she understands that it's better for her health and that of our environment to maximize the number of students who can walk to school. She feels like she's being unfairly pushed out of her own neighborhood and I agree with her. I want to close with the most important thing to our family, though, and that's stability for our kids. School is difficult enough without having someone upend your world every two or three years because of the inability of those in charge to have a clear plan. In our 6 years in this district there has been a noticeable lack of long term planning. The impact of Covid-19 on the enrollment of the district and its already shaky budget will further impact long term plans and has not been considered in this process, but it moves forward nonetheless. Data on traffic impact and land use and projections for enrollment in the center of the district are being ignored and we will be right back here again in a few years when those changes come to fruition. The district should not be surprised when those with the means to do so leave the Beaverton School District for others with better planning and stability for their students. We respectfully ask that the Superintendent and the Board reject this recommendation. We ask that the district act in accordance with its own policies and the data. We ask that it uses a more professional and objective process to make decisions that impact thousands of people in our community. The Sitter Family</p>
10/19/2020	Sally Badawi	sally.badawi@gmail.com	Cooper Mountain		<p>Thank you for keeping the public involved in the second phase of this process. I ask that you please recommend the committee's final map regarding Cooper Mountain's boundaries, maintaining a feeder to Highland Park. Our community was shocked by an initial recommendation to send our students to Mountain View and send Chehalem West students to Highland Park. We were told that this would increase Mountain View class size and add 50, 000 dollars to the transportation budget, thereby adding two more bus routes and taking away West Chehalem's walkable accessibility. After a months of voting spearheaded by one parent in opposition of hundreds, the majority of the committee finally decided that it was in the best interest of West Chehalem and Cooper Mountain students to maintain their existing boundaries. We are grateful for this recommendation and ask that you maintain it. As we live through distance learning and approach a post-COVID era, I think more than ever students will need stability and the district will need to conserve funds to help teachers navigate all the learning deficits that will result from distance learning. Your memo earlier this summer said that the budget would be cut, starting with the student success act. I ask that you consider this as you analyze boundary maps. Adding any unnecessary transportation or making class sizes bigger should be scrutinized and avoided. Budget scrutiny is already happening on a small scale. Part of our fun run funds were used to purchase additional distance learning assessment tools requested by our kindergarten teachers. As a school community we rallied and raised money to help our students. I hope that this can happen on a larger scale, district wide. Thank you.</p>

10/19/2020	Walter Knowles	Dudelif7@gmail.com	Greenway Elem	Whitford MS	Southridge	<p>We live in the Greenway neighborhood. We are divided by Greenway Blvd. A few years ago the High School boundary was changed so our children would go to Southridge. I believe the boundary should be changed for Middle School as well. Currently set to go to Whitford but I think all of the Greenway neighborhood should go to Conestoga. I would like my children to all walk or ride bikes to school. I feel it is safer for them to go over the pedestrian bridge and ride to Conestoga. It is closer than going across the freeway to Whitford.</p>
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