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| 10/26/2020 | Ameya Limaye | ameya.limaye@gmail.com | Findley Elem | Stoller MS | Sunset | | Dear Superintendent Grotting, As the parent of a Summa-attending student in the proposed Timberland boundary, I feel very strongly that Timberland middle school should have a Summa program. According to BSD projections: 1) Timberland boundary has more number of Summa students than any other middle school. 2) Timberland school has enough permanent capacity to accommodate all the Summa students in its boundary. I would thereby urge you to ensure that the Summa program is started at Timberland middle school |
| 10/29/2020 | April L Powers | POWERS.VMD@GMAIL.COM | Sato Elem | Stoller MS | Westview | | It's clear from this entire process, all of the committee's thoughts, and public testimonies that this map isn't perfect. Ideally, the district would take this opportunity to redraw boundaries at all levels district-wide, but unfortunately, that is not happening. I believe the committee was able to come up with a solid map that addresses the major issues despite these less than ideal parameters. The overcrowding at Stoller will be reduced, Timberland will be filled, and the district as a whole is not being disrupted more than necessary. I understand the disappointment when demographics are considered, but short of moving Findley to Meadow Park to help even out that disparity, there's not much more that can be done with the current elementary boundaries without disrupting more students and resulting in numerous school splits. I believe the priorities in this map are the right ones - avoid splitting schools, balance demographics as much as possible, make reasonable transportation decisions, and focus on walkability. Walkability is especially important for lower income areas. As an example, a sizeable number of lower income students reside in the lower half of Sato and are able to walk to Stoller. I believe the committee is right to keep this area at Stoller. Students here are at increased risk of having their attendance affected by their economic status if they are moved to a school where they need to catch a bus vs one that is within walking distance. The district should prioritize the stability and equity to areas such as these. As I have stated in previous testimony, we can't let perfect be the enemy of good - or at least decent. This map isn't perfect but no map will be without redrawing all boundaries. This map is decent and is the best way to accomplish the objectives set by the School Board. |
| 10/26/2020 | Arun | arun.kaariya@gmail.com | Findley Elem | Stoller MS | Sunset | | To the BSD superintendent, As a Findley parent excited for my child to go to the new Timberland middle school boundary I sincerely request the district to look at the possibility of having a Summa program either the whole North Summa or the Summa students from Timberland boundary located at Timberland for the following reasons. 1. There is enough space and students to have a Summa program at Timberland. It does not make sense to transport them to Timberland and then have them take a bus to other school especially if there is space. 2. There are 190 students in Timberland boundary, TLD said that Summa programs are usually located where there is space and where there are students. Timberland is a perfect example of a school that has both these. 3. I sincerely request the district to take the Summa decision by end of 2021 to further reduce the uncertainty and chaos that has been created both by the boundary change process and the pandemic. 4. I also request the district to distribute the North Summa teachers wisely so in the event North Summa has to be split instead of entirely being at Timberland the split Summa has good teachers at both branches. Thank you for your time, Arun |
| 10/26/2020 | Arun | arun.kaariya@gmail.com | Findley Elem | Stoller MS | Sunset | | This comment is regarding the meadow park boundary, which currently has lot of capacity. I will admit that I did not know much about the dual language program. After the last meeting I did some background research. 1. As I understand that there are 3 dual language programs in BSD. 2. We have dual language pathways up until high school for 2 of these schools Barnes el and Vose el. 3. Up until now Aloha Huber was a K8 and had that complete pathway until high school with all K-8 schools deciding to close down there is no middle school dual language program available to Aloha Huber kids. 4. It would be only logical to move Aloha huber el to Meadow park for multiple reasons: a. Meadow park has a dual language program. b. Barnes el is currently at meadow park so Aloha huber kids will have friends in dual language program that they can relate with. c. Meadow park has enough space to accommodate Aloha huber kids. Yes the FRL will take a huge beating but as we have already seen FRL across schools is so varied throughout the district. Thanks, Arun |

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| 10/26/2020 | Arun | arun.kaariya@gmail.com | Findley Elem | Stoller MS | Sunset | To the BSD Superintendent, First of all, thank you for reading all the comments. This boundary change process has been specially challenging due to the uncertain times we have all found ourselves in. We are at the end of this process and there are still uncertainties that bother me. 1. I do feel for Jacob Wismer sunset portion being isolated from rest of the population. This problem can be solved by feeding oakhills sunset portion to Stoller which will also balance low FRL at Stoller and would not require the use of portables while still providing friends to Jacob students. 2. I feel very strongly that the legacy should be applied to both 7th and 8th graders, although they are not going to school they have formed friendships with other students and connections with teachers more so because of the pandemic. 3. We have reduced the population at Stoller by moving two schools out of Stoller. Yet every map still keeps showing Summa program in Stoller. The committee agreed with a majority very early on that Summa needs to move out of Stoller as an option program. 4. The district agreed that no portables will be used at any school. Yet the Stoller numbers show that if Summa remains at Stoller there will still be need for portables at Stoller. 4. As per TLD Summa program is usually located where the majority of students are AND WHERE THERE IS SPACE. Stoller has kids, it does not have space to accommodate these kids. 4. We hope the district will be considerate of this situation and move Summa out of Stoller. I would like to remind that Findley which is only 1.1 miles from Stoller and with 70% of Findley students in walking zones is the closest school to Stoller. It would not be right for Findley or Rock creek to be removed from Stoller while keeping the Summa students in portables. 5. We would rather have Summa move out from Stoller and maintain Rockcreek and Findley in Stoller, if the district is going to use portables. Thanks, Arun |
| 10/28/2020 | Beth Webber | bethmwebber@gmail.com | Raleigh Park Elem | | | The middle school boundary adjustment process has proposed removing the middle school split form Raleigh Park elementary. Please retain this change and keep our school together at the middle school level. If Whitford is found to be over capacity (or Cedar Park under capacity) please move the school as a whole and do not reinstate the split. |
| 10/29/2020 | Brian Adams | adamsbr@up.edu | Oak Hills Elem | Meadow Park | Westview | Thank you for working to keep communities together. Please keep Oak Hills west with Bethany and to Westview and Oak Hills east with Terra Linda and on to Sunset. Thank you. |
| 10/29/2020 | Brian Wallace | briansg80@gmail.com | Findley Elem | Stoller MS | Sunset | This message is for Mr. Grotting, First, I want to thank you for soliciting feedback on the final recommendation that is being presented to you by Steve Sparks and the MS boundary committee. I also want to thank Steve and the committee for having to endure what was surely a much longer and challenging process than originally expected. Throughout this process, I appreciated all of the varying opinions across the school district, but believe the committee did outstanding job. I support without hesitation the final map that was reviewed at the last meeting on October 15. I have two children that attend Findley elementary school and appreciate that the committee took into consideration the tremendous amount of comments which supported keeping the current Findley elementary boundary as is and to send the entire school to Timberland middle school beginning next fall. For Findley elementary school, there were two items that were discussed and I believe ultimately were decided appropriately and reflective of the community's desire. The first relates to the existing elementary boundary of Findley, there was a discussion at one point for the committee to recommend an elementary school boundary adjustment process, but I was very pleased that the committee listened to all of the feedback received which strongly opposed changing the Findley elementary boundary. Secondly, I strongly support the committee's decision to send all of Findley to Timberland. There was a small, but vocal minority who could walk to Stoller who expressed their desire to attend Stoller, but our family supports the committee's final recommendation to prioritize keeping communities together and sending all of Findley to Timberland. Thank you for your time and consideration and I ask you to please approve the final map as recommended. Thank you! |
| 10/25/2020 | Brittany Monson | brittany.hancock@gmail.com | Oak Hills Elem | | Westview | Hello Mr Grotting, Thanks so much for all you've done during 2020 to help our kids. And thanks for taking our input as parents about the middle school boundaries. We (Oak Hills community) appreciates the current draft of the map that keeps our kids together starting in middle school and going into high school. It's so vital that kids have a support system when entering high school, and the more connections they have the better the transition becomes. Please keep the map that sends Oak Hills East to Timberland with Terra Linda so they can attend Sunset together, and keep Oak Hills West with Bethany Elementary so they can attend Westview together. We so appreciate the thought you and the committee have placed into this big decision. Thank you for helping our Oak Hills students! |
| 10/28/2020 | Carol Ben-Ari | carolcheslek@gmail.com | Rock Creek Elem | Stoller MS | Westview | Please keep Rock Creek with our northern neighbor schools. It is bad enough our kids will be pushed out of their legacy school, Stoller, where we have history and community, to Five Oaks, which is 3.5 miles away through the worst traffic in this area, without making us go without our northern sister schools. This is the only way to ensure an equitable middle school experience for ALL students! Rock Creek may be small, but our kids deserve at least this consideration! |

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| 10/29/2020 | Chris Shultz | cshultzcoug@hotmail.com | Oak Hills Elem | | | | Dear Superintendent Grotting, I am writing you to so that you know how important it is for my children to go to a middle school where all the kids feed into the same high school. I like the current proposal that keeps Westview-bound Oak Hills West with Bethany Elementary so they can attend Westview together and sends Sunset-bound Oak Hills East to Timberland with Terra Linda so they can attend Sunset together. This way they are able to create bonds/roots that will hold thru high school. Thank you for your consideration.Sincerely,Chris Shultz |
| 10/28/2020 | Christy Constantine | christygtravel@yahoo.com | Rock Creek Elem | | | ACMA | As you consider the committee's work, please also remember the feedback of the community. Across BSD, parents asked that students remain with their peers from neighborhoods, recreational leagues, and nearby schools and feeder patterns. In our family's case, please ensure Rock Creek stays with Bethany and West Oak Hills. Even with that, we are being split from our neighbors to the north, whom our students also know from leagues and schools and even walkable/bikeable parks and paths. Please allow them this continuity of peers, particularly as RC kids will clearly be feeding back into Westview with their northern neighbors. This is a complicated process, made more complex by the fallout of Covid, much of which is unknown. Please remember change is only progress if it's helpful change. Perhaps this is no longer the time for change, and this decision should be postponed several years while long term planning is reassessed. That would certainly be better than putting a cohort of children through chaos only to reassess later anyway. If you do decide to move forward, please ensure that it's thoughtful, positive, and serves the best interest of kids and communities by keeping them together. Thank you for your work. |
| 10/29/2020 | Cindy McHenry | Cindy.mchenry@gmail.com | Oak Hills Elem | Meadow Park | Sunset | | Please send Oak Hills E students to Tumberland so they can form friendships with those who will continue on to high school with them at sunset. While we would prefer Oak Hills Wlementary school stat together throughout Middle and High school, that is not currently the case and it will be an easier transition making the break before middle school so kids can make a new community before high school. Thank you. |
| 10/29/2020 | Clara Hayden | claramaren@hotmail.com | Oak Hills Elem | Meadow Park | | | I just want to make it clear that the Oak Hills community is in agreement for separation after elementary school so there are clear high school feeders for our students. Please send Sunset-bound Oak Hills East to Timberland with Terra Linda so they can attend Sunset together and keep Westview-bound Oak Hills West with Bethany Elementary so they can attend Westview together. Oak Hills Elementary has been a pawn, first with splitting us up between the high school boundaries, and now we don't need to be the pawn again by putting us at Meadow Park and having our kids have no other kids feeding into their high school with them. It is so important that we are kept with our community neighbors, so our kids know their fellow students entering high school. |
| 10/29/2020 | Dean Sakihama | dsakihama@gmail.com | Findley Elem | | | | Thank you for the opportunity to submit final comments regarding the middle school adjustment process. I am a parent of two children within the Findley elementary boundary. I have a strong appreciation for what Steve and the committee had to process this past year. There clearly was not an easy answer, but I believe and strongly support the final map approved by the committee at the last meeting. Speaking specifically to Findley elementary school, I appreciate that Steve and the committee made a prudent decision to keep all the Findley together and send the entire school to Timberland middle school. I know there was some objection by those of us who can walk to Stoller middle school, but I am appreciative that the committee listened to the feedback from the community that we strongly opposed breaking up Findley by either conducting an elementary school boundary adjustment process or sending part of our school to Stoller and part to Timberland. I strongly support the committee's final decision to not conduct an elementary boundary adjustment process and to keep Findley all together attending Timberland. I know these decisions are challenging, but having followed this process carefully, I am confident that the decisions made by the committee, which are reflected in the final map, represent not only what is most logical, but the strong wishes of our family and the Findley community. I ask the superintendent to please approve the map as is. Thanks for considering my final comment. |

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| 10/25/2020 | Emily Murnen | emily@novnine.com | Oak Hills Elem | | | As a mother of two Oak Hills students, I wanted to reiterate what the Oak Hills community has stressed throughout this planning process. Our Oak Hills community strongly agrees that the separation after elementary is best (rather than separating after middle school) so that there are clear high school feeders for our students. The Sunset-bound Oak Hills East should go to Timberland with Terra Linda so that they can attend Sunset together. The Westview-bound Oak Hills West should be with Bethany Elementary in middle school so that they can attend Westview together. Please do not have Oak Hills students be the only ones from the middle school attending the high school. This has caused a lot of isolation for our current Sunset Oak Hills East students. |
| 10/27/2020 | Eric Simantel | Eric@RyderMortgageGroup.com | Rock Creek Elem | Stoller MS | Westview | Hello Superintendent Grotting, I don't think its far fetched to say that this entire process went the way anyone intended. I think all communities agreed that the beginning of the process looked to be a selfish "land grab" - where a parent's first an natural reaction would be to "protect" their child. It was an ugly mess in the beginning - but as time went forward and the dust settled, I think parents realized that they could have what was best for their child and do right by the community at the same time. I think it took some parents longer than others to get there, but I think collectively through seeing the equality struggle this country is going through during a time of a pandemic inside of a polarizing election - I feel at the end of the day what we all feel is best about is feeling safe inside of a "community". A feeling of belonging. A feeling of equality. I know those terms have all slightly different definitions to folks, but here is what I hear coming from the folks around me: 1) Keep our kiddos together, and in a consistent feeding pattern to high school. Fix what is broken, and make a Middle School a 100% feeder to a higher where possible. This means after splitting Oak Hills into different middle schools, please don't split them again. Keep the Oak Hill kids that are going to Westview in the same middle school with other kiddos going to Westview. And the same for the Sunset kids. This also means Rock Creek Elementary School has connections with Bethany, and Oak Hills in the community - don't break this up. Please keep them together at a new reinvented Five Oaks that can and should now be a 100% feeding Middle School to Westview. Community means making the new Middle School a 100% feeder to Sunset. That would make Stoller also be a 100% feeder to Westview. These kids deserve connectivity. 2) Deliver equality by making it easy on lower income, and ESL families to get to school and stay together. In those Middle School meetings, I heard the Middle Upper class of the district demand their version of equality. The folks who stood up from the lower income and ESL representations had a different idea. Their idea is to keep their bus routes short. When transitioning to high school, make it easy for them to get there - keep their ESL program close by. 3) If diversity is a priority, it should be done first at the High School level. You can't fix it here first. Fix it by moving high school boundaries, and then in future years filtered to new redrawn Middle School Boundaries. Or heck - it might be too late, but put this process on pause and add in High School to the equation. It's a heckuva project - but why not fix it all at once? Let that be your legacy as you move to retirement (I know that you came out of retirement to help the district transition to what is next). Thank you for your time, Eric Simantel Parent of a kiddo at Rock Creek, and a kiddo at Stoller, and a Volunteer inside of our Community in various programs. |
| 10/24/2020 | Ezra Richards | ezrarichards@hotmail.com | Oak Hills Elem | Meadow Park | Westview | Superintendent Grotting, This map is excellent! Keeping Oak Hills west with Bethany Elementary helps the kids have some consistency between Elementary, Middle School and High School. This is incredibly important for the community and for the kids to have peers with them during these important, formative years. Putting Oak Hills west, Bethany and Rock Creek together in at Five Oaks also helps the kids develop their friend associations as they enter into High School. Well done sir! |
| 10/24/2020 | Heather Clement | heather.mclement@gmail.com | Oak Hills Elem | Meadow Park | Westview | Please keep the submitted map as is for Oak Hills. Send Sunset bound kids to Timberland and Westview bound kids to Five Oaks. It[?]'s critical as a community that whole neighborhoods are not divided but are sent to the same Middle and High Schools. |

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| 10/26/2020 | Heather Lambert | heather.pilates@gmail.com | Oak Hills Elem | Meadow Park | Sunset | ACMA | As a parent of 4 children, 2 of which were affected by the last high school boundary change, I would strongly recommend that Oak Hills Sunset Bound students be grouped with other Sunset bound students while in Middle School at the Timberland location. It would be more effective for kids to be able to develop relationships with other students after elementary school rather than after middle school. Entering high school knowing less than 1% of the high school population and essentially only the kids they went to Elementary School with is very limiting and detrimental to emotional and social health overall. On top of this, the only other students that fed from Meadow Park to Sunset were kids from Barnes Elementary but Barnes has now switched exclusively to Spanish Immersion and those students would logically feed to Beaverton's Spanish Immersion program. This situation leaves Oak Hills Students at an extreme disadvantage socially. This request would also accompany a request for the West Section of Oak Hills Elementary to attend Five Oaks with other Westview Bound Students. Please honor the map the committee has put forth as it is the most sensible for our situation of being split down the middle in Oak Hills. Our Oak Hills Community stands united in this decision. Thank you for your consideration. |
| 10/29/2020 | Ingrid Shultz | ingshultz@gmail.com | Oak Hills Elem | | | | Superintendent Grotting-My children currently attend Oak Hills elementary. I support the current map proposal because it favors: - Sending Sunset-bound Oak Hills East to Timberland with Terra Linda so they can attend Sunset together.- Keeping Westview-bound Oak Hills West with Bethany Elementary so they can attend Westview together.Please do not move Oak Hills to Meadow Park because this would put Sunset and Westview bound kids with no other kids feeding to high school with them.Middle school and high school are difficult enough without having our children deal with social isolation.For the social emotional well being our children, PLEASE approve this current map.Sincerely, Ingrid Shultz |
| 10/25/2020 | Jennifer Brinkerhoff | skierjenn@gmail.com | Oak Hills Elem | Meadow Park | Westview | | Through written comments and public testimony, the Oak Hills Elementary School community made it very clear to the committee that we support being split after elementary school so our students can go to middle school with their future high school peers. We appreciated the response of the committee and the final map which has our Sunset-bound Oak Hills East students attending Timberland with Terra Linda so they can attend Sunset together as well as our Westview-bound Oak Hills West students attending middle school with Bethany Elementary so they can attend Westview together. Since our elementary community won't be together through high school, we support establishing these new communities during middle school. Thank you. |
| 10/28/2020 | Judy Turner | turner.judy11@gmail.com | | | Sunset | ACMA | The significant drop in enrollment numbers of 1,663 across the BSD from last school year is more than enough justification for hitting the pause button. The majority of the losses were among elementary and middle school students. Pushing forward with changing the middle school boundaries for September 2021 does not make sense when no one knows if enrollment will continue to decline or not. I agree with the others who have advised delaying the boundary changes a year in order to gain a clearer picture of how enrollment is shifting and then determining the best path forward for middle school boundaries. This approach is best given the uncertainty of the times and to avoid poor decisions being made that could cause long-term harm.When the time is right to proceed with boundary adjustments, the proposed committee map is lopsided, still placing too many students at Stoller and not enough at schools in the central part of the district. No Summa programs should be placed at middle schools north of 26. Summa would be best situated at the schools with smaller populations where there's room to accommodate as the program ebbs and flows.Families are going through a very difficult time with the challenges of online learning and harmful effects of social isolation on our children. More disruption for delicate middle school age students 10 months from now with the proposed boundary changes would add more stress and anxiety to the fire. Please put the students wellbeing and best interests first and postpone making changes by a year.Thanks. |

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| 10/28/2020 | Julie Curtis | juliekcurtis@yahoo.com | Oak Hills Elem | Meadow Park | Westview | <p>During the Middle School Boundary discussions last spring, it was disappointing to see how much the well-being of students and schools in the more affluent north-of-26 neighborhoods dominated the meetings. Relatively little consideration seemed to go towards other factors - particularly around diversity, equity, and addressing socio-economic disparities - that could make a huge difference for the thousands of children and families throughout the Beaverton School District. The district has both an obligation and an opportunity to approach boundary recommendations with a broader set of factors driving their decisions. If we want to improve schools and have our district play a part in healing what's broken in our state and nation, we need to find ways to break the cycles of poverty and systemic injustice wherever we find them. This should begin with reexamining the committee's stated priorities, which put the affluent north-of-26 neighborhoods' interests ahead of everyone else. Last year these priorities were stated as, a) establish new boundaries for the Timberland neighborhood school; b) reduce the number of students at Stoller to approximately 90% of building's permanent capacity; c) balance attendance at other schools; and d) possibly make minor adjustments to other attendance boundaries. Shouldn't there be a larger objective here about providing every child with access to a well-balanced and well-supported school to support their learning and academic success? It is a disservice to a majority of the district's students and families when the committee's work seeks to optimize outcomes for Timberland and Stoller and treat as lesser priority, recommendations that may be in the best interest of the school district as a whole. For example, up to this point there has been little attention given to balancing the massive inequities in free and reduced lunch student populations across the district, especially at Mountain View or addressing the rather shocking imbalance at affluent schools north of 26. Past maps under serious consideration have done little if anything to address this serious problem. Ensuring equitable commute times for students bussed to their assigned middle schools throughout the district is another factor the committee should take into account. Affluent areas have been able to mobilize strong parent activism to advocate for their children, yet there are many obstacles to this type of advocacy in less affluent parts of our district. If less affluent communities do not come together with a strong voice to advocate for themselves, district leaders should own the responsibility of looking out for their interests. As a district, we should find ways to lift the schools and communities in our school district most affected by poverty, rather than isolating or ignoring them. In addition to these broad considerations, I also want to advocate for the interests of my neighborhood, Oak Hills-West. In the past, and even in the current process, Oak Hills students are often treated like a Lego piece that can be plugged in anywhere. While Oak Hills is a wonderful neighborhood school, its attendance boundaries are bisected by busy Bethany Boulevard - hence the East and West distinctions. Due to geography, recreational and community ties, the Oak Hills-East community is joined with the Terra Linda area. Similarly, the Oak Hills-West community and the Bethany Elementary School community are all one geographic neighborhood (in this case we even have a common name - the Charlais neighborhood). The best thing you can do to address Oak Hills isolation is to split Oak Hills students after elementary school so both the East and West communities can attend middle school and high school with their neighborhood peers. The Oak Hills Elementary community has spoken about this consistently with a unified voice. We ask you to: 1) Send Sunset-bound Oak Hills-East students to Timberland with Terra Linda Elementary students, so they can deepen associations through middle school and attend Sunset High School together. 2) Keep Westview-bound Oak Hills-West and Bethany Elementary students together for middle school, supporting the fabric of their geographic community, and keep high school boundaries in place so they can attend Westview together. 3) Make equitable decisions about the future of Meadow Park Middle School, its student body, and the community that supports this school. Do not rezone this school in a way that aggravates or worsens socio-economic disparities. In fact, Oak Hills-West and Bethany Elementary would welcome the opportunity to continue at Meadow Park. Its diversity has been one of the strengths of the educational</p> |
| 10/29/2020 | Karen Sakihama | karensakihama@gmail.com | Findley Elem | | | <p>What a year it is been, not only with the events in 2020, but what the middle school boundary committee had to take into consideration the past 12 months. While I do not envy their position on the committee, I very much appreciate all of their hard work and listening to the comments from the Findley community. I am writing today to convey my strong support for the final map that the committee approved at the last meeting. Since I am a parent within the Findley elementary boundary I want to specifically provide my support for the final map that includes keeping the current Findley elementary school boundary untouched and to send the entire school Timberland middle school beginning next fall. There was some discussion with splitting Findley to Stoller and Timberland, but I support the final decision to keep all of Findley together to minimize the detrimental impact that it would have on our children to create an unnecessary split. If there's anything I've learned this past year as a mom is that our children's social and mental health are as high a priority as part of their K-12 education. For example, my daughter is a second-grader at Findley and having some of her closest friends moved out of the current Findley boundary now (through an elementary boundary adjustment process) would be extremely challenging not only for my child but an abundance of others during what has been an already stressful year. I am writing you as the superintendent of our district to please support the final map as recommended by the boundary committee. Thank you for your consideration and hope you are staying healthy and safe. Best!</p> |
| 10/29/2020 | Kathrine Kraft | kathrine.kraft@gmail.com | Oak Hills Elem | | | <p>As the parent of two Oak Hills Elementary students, I am very happy with the committee's recommended map. By splitting the Oak Hills community for middle school instead of waiting until high school, it allows our children to attend feeder middle schools with and befriend children who will continue together through 12th grade. This will aid in community building and reduce stress and trauma for our children at grade transitions. The map shows Five Oaks and Timberland attendance zones feeding completely into their respective high schools. This is how a FEEDER pattern is supposed to work. Please follow the committee's advice and adopt the boundaries for Five Oaks and Timberland as shown.</p> |
| 10/29/2020 | Kelly Osowski | kellyjosowski@gmail.com | Cooper Mountain | | | <p>Thank you to you and the boundary committee for your time and hard work. I support the decision to keep Cooper Mountain elementary as status quo. It is the best decision for our students during this stressful time. Thank you again for your time.</p> |

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| 10/27/2020 | Ken Miles | kmilesmiles@yahoo.com | Cooper Mountain | Highland Park | Mountainside | Dear Mr Grotting -When the middle school boundary discussions initially kicked off, there was the sense from the Cooper Mountain community that the primary objective was to ease capacity issues concerning schools in the north end of the district. As a result, participation from our school as well as other schools in the south end of the district was rather small. But, as you may have observed, once a drastic change was being proposed to our school, the participation and involvement in the boundary adjustment process from Cooper Mountain families rapidly increased. We are passionate about our schools and our kids' education. We believe what is best for our children is to continue the current path we already have by feeding Highland Park and then on to Mountainside High School. This feeder pattern is why many of us live in and contribute to this community. We were very pleased when we saw that the boundary committee recognized that changing our feeder pattern had a minimal benefit, but carried with it a tremendous cost (student disruption, incremental bussing costs, etc) to both Chehalem and Cooper Mountain communities. Thank you for allowing the community to be involved in the process. We are happy with the result and recommendation of the committee. |
| 10/26/2020 | Keri Campbell | tkjcampbell@outlook.com | Oak Hills Elem | | Sunset | As a life time resident of Beaverton and student who attended schools in the Beaverton School District, I understand school boundaries change, but please consider social support of students when starting high school. Not knowing your peers will harm all the students from Oak Hills if they don't go Timberland JS.Our Oak Hills community agrees that separation after elementary school is best so there are clear high school feeders for our students.Send Sunset-bound Oak Hills East to Timberland with Terra Linda so they can attend Sunset together.Keep Westview-bound Oak Hills West with Bethany Elementary so they can attend Westview together.Thank You,Trevor, Keri & James Campbell |
| 10/27/2020 | Khrystyna Porseva | khrystyna_1@yahoo.com | Bonny Slope Elem | | ISB | Superintendent Grotting, thank you for this final opportunity to participate in the boundary adjustment process. I want to thank the Committee as a whole for reaching a balanced map given the circumstances. Please, proceed with the process and approve the current map. I remember the very first committee meeting in Stoller middle school where I have witnessed tremendous pressure against a balanced and fair solution and against the best interest of the entire community. Some elementary schools had to leave Stoller to prevent a overcrowding, I believe the Committee made the right, fair and equitable choice. The only thing I would do better the next time is to find a way to engage community more uniformly, especially the disadvantaged areas, as some where shouting their demands all the time while others we have not heard from at all. |
| 10/28/2020 | Kristen Ballou | kjballou@comcast.net | Findley Elem | Stoller MS | Sunset | As a Findley parent, I support the boundary map proposed by the committee primarily for two reasons. First, it does not split Findley as students transition into middle school. Secondly, all of Timberland students are also within the Sunset HS boundary. I feel that consistent feeder patterns are of utmost importance when considering the social and emotional growth of students. I live within walking distance of Stoller, however, I feel that the consistent feeder pattern provided to Findley students by attending Timberland and then Sunset outweighs the convenience of walkability. Thank you. |
| 10/28/2020 | Laura Blattner | grantspy@gmail.com | | | Westview | As you make your final decisions about the middle school boundaries, please remember that Oak Hills families support splitting the student body at the end of their elementary years. Please send Oak Hills East students to Timberline, where they will feed into Sunset High School with other students in their school. Oak Hills West families should stay together with Bethany Elementary in going to Five Oaks Middle School and ultimately Westview High School together. It is critical for students' social-emotional connection to have a stable group of friends to move through their schooling years, but particularly once they reach middle school age and start really developing stronger friendships. |
| 10/28/2020 | Loretta Ramm | rett71@yahoo.com | Oak Hills Elem | Meadow Park | Sunset | Dear board members,This has been a long discussion with the delay from Covid and I thank you for your continued hard work and thoughtfulness! I am speaking out for the Oak Hills kids on the East side of Bethany. Please send them to a middle school where they will continue on to high school with their friends. One thing that I know for sure going through this pandemic is that my freshman who is at Sunset and went to Meadow Park, has classes without a single person she knows. There is no one she can reach out to because she doesn't know anyone. Had this been different, she's have a better support system. I really hope you take this into consideration when making your decision. Please send (East side) Oak Hills to Timberland or Stoller with kids that will move on Sunset together. |

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| 10/25/2020 | Mandi Middlestetter | mandi.middlestetter@gmail.com | Oak Hills Elem | | | | As a parent to two children, currently in Kindergarten + fourth grade, in two more years, our eldest will be enrolled in our community's designated middle school. PLEASE KNOW: Months later, our Oak Hills community still agrees that separation after elementary school is the best choice for us, in order to establish the now-missing CLEAR HIGH SCHOOL FEEDERS for our students. This translates to sending Sunset-bound Oak Hills East to Timberland with Terra Linda, so that they can attend Sunset High School together. And, sending Westview-bound Oak Hills West with Bethany Elementary, so that they can attend Westview High School together. Thank you! |
| 10/24/2020 | Manju Padmanabhar | manjuramesh04@gmail.com | Oak Hills Elem | Meadow Park | Westview | ISB | Why is it that Oak Hills Elementary school has always been split up when dividing boundaries? It's very saddening to know that the district has ALWAYS not been taking this school into consideration while making the changes and has ALWAYS split the OAK HILLS kids to different middle or high schools. We STRONGLY object and DISAGREE to splitting OAK HILLS families living West of Bethany Blvd to FIVE OAKS MS and east of Bethany Blvd to Timberland MS. We want to send all OAK HILLS Elementary kids to same middle school - TIMBERLAND MS irrespective of whether they are on west side or east side of Bethany Blvd. PLEASE consider this with highest priority and we want all the OAK HILLS elementary kids TOGETHER to TIMBERLAND Middle School. WHY do you always want to divide OAK hills kids? They all grow up together from their Kindergarten years to 5th Grade(six long years) and every time we have to take the hit and are the scapegoats for boundary changes all the time. This is just not FAIR. DIVIDING a closely knit community of innocent elementary school kids between west and east side of Bethany Blvd is totally UNFAIR UNFAIR!!!!!!!!!!!!!! |
| 10/29/2020 | Mara Adams | mara.adams@me.com | Oak Hills Elem | Meadow Park | Westview | | In keeping with the latest map (gamma), please keep clear high school feeders for our students... this includes moving Oak Hills East to Timberland with Terra Linda (onto Sunset) and keeping Oak Hills West with Bethany (onto Westview). Thank you! |
| 10/29/2020 | Meagan Pak | meaganstruthers@gmail.com | Findley Elem | | | | I[?]m a mom of 2 children in the Findley elementary school boundary. We live in walking distance of Stoller Middle School and strongly support the boundary committee[?]s decision to send Findley elementary school to Timberland. We appreciate that the MS boundary adjustment committee carefully considered all of the feedback provided by the Findley families in walkable Stoller and prioritized keeping Findley together. We feel very strongly that it is far more important to keep elementary school communities together over increased walkability. We also appreciate that the committee listened to feedback from the neighborhoods across from Stoller and did not change the Findley elementary boundary and did not support a future elementary boundary adjustment process. I am not only a mom, but a former elementary school teacher and know how important consistency is for our children. Our families and kids have had to endure an extremely challenging year and I believe this has taught us how important the relationships and communities that are formed in elementary school are. For this reason, I believe the committee made a great decision on not changing Findley[?]s elementary boundary and kept all of Findley together moving to Timberland in middle school together. I wholeheartedly support the final map that the committee has recommended and is proposing to Mr. Grotting. |
| 10/29/2020 | Michelle Bisgard | mich_bisgard@hotmail.com | | Stoller MS | Sunset | | Stoller has been extremely overcrowded for years and the proposed map makes it still crowded. It also doesn[?]t make sense that students who live directly across the street from Stoller would not go to Stoller. Send walkable Stoller students to Stoller. Sato growth and Springville growth is not stopping soon and Stoller will be extremely overcrowded again if all of Sato and all of Springville feed into Stoller. |
| 10/29/2020 | Michelle Swenson | michelle.oakley.pdx@gmail.com | Oak Hills Elem | Meadow Park | | | Please keep the recommended split of Oak Hills East attending middle school with Terra Linda, another Sunset bound school... and Oak Hills West attending middle school with Bethany Elementary, another Westview bound school. While not ideal to have to split away from their classmates at any time, we prefer the split from elementary to middle school to avoid the current situation of students feeling isolated in high school. Thank you! |

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| 10/29/2020 | Paul Pak | paulcpak@gmail.com | Findley Elem | | | <p>Superintendent Grotting, thank you for reviewing feedback from parents on the final map recommended by Mr. Sparks and the Middle School Boundary Adjustment Committee (MSBAC). We have been actively involved in this process since the very beginning. I'm sure none of us predicted that this process would take 12 months and would have to be completed during a pandemic, but if 2020 has taught us anything, it is that we must remain resilient and prioritize the strength of the Beaverton school district, which is the strong sense of community. I was a student for 13 years in the district, attending K-12 in the BSD. I love this district and believe we have the best leaders, teachers, staff, parents and most importantly students. I know this process was a very emotional one and involved some tense moments, but I want to express my gratitude to Steve Sparks for his leadership and professionalism during this process. I serve on Findley's PTO so had the opportunity to speak with Mr. Sparks 1 on 1 before he spoke at one of our meetings and it was clear that he genuinely cared about our students, parents and this process. I am writing you today to state my strong support for the final map as approved at the last MSBAC meeting on October 15. The MSBAC was given a near impossible task, but believe they came up with a great final recommendation. While you can't please every single person, I believe the final map reflects the desires of the communities and what the best and most logical solutions were based on the data. If I may speak to our family's specific situation, we have two children in the Findley elementary boundary. We strongly support the MSBAC recommendation to avoid a split and to send the entire Findley Elementary School to Timberland. We support this even though we live across from Stoller and therefore could walk there. However, we believe it is far more important to keep the Findley community together than to create a split just for walkability. We believe community is more important than walkability. That is certainly one thing we have learned from the challenges of 2020. We believe we must avoid unnecessary disruption and prioritize keeping communities together which have been vital to endure the challenges of 2020. We believe the mental health of our families and children is more important than the ability to walk to school. We also strongly support the decision to not change the Findley elementary school boundary. At one point in the process, there was a discussion of the possibility to recommend an elementary school boundary adjustment process for Findley, but I was very pleased that the MSBAC listened to the overwhelming amount of comments submitted which opposed changing the Findley elementary boundary. This was a great example of how the MSBAC listened to the feedback and public testimony received during the process. We ask Superintendent Grotting to please approve the final map as recommended by the MSBAC. Thank you for not changing the current Findley elementary boundary. Thank you for keeping Findley together and sending the entire school to Timberland.</p> |
| 10/29/2020 | Renee Niepoky | renee.niepoky@gmail.com | Cedar Mill Elem | Cedar Park | Sunset | <p>Greetings Superintendent Grotting! I am writing this note as I look out of my east facing windows to see the tennis courts and school of Timberland as it is directly on the westside of our property. After the school construction was completed a few years ago, the property fence has been opened and pedestrians have been walking through to/from the school grounds. Our Cedar Mill neighborhood is literally right next door and I hope that our children and students will be able to walk and attend this neighborhood school. I realize these decisions take a lot of time and effort and I appreciate all the time and attention the boundary committee members have given towards these efforts. Thank you for your consideration and all that you are doing to listen and ensure the community is heard. Renee Niepoky</p> |
| 10/25/2020 | Rian Murnen | rian@novnine.com | Oak Hills Elem | | | <p>It is very important to my family and for our community that Oak Hills splits after elementary school rather than after middle school so that there are clear feeders for our students. It is equally important for our students to attend middle school with other students that are going to attend their high school. Send the Sunset-bound Oak Hills East students to Timberland with Terra Linda. Send the Westview-bound Oak Hills West students to middle school with Bethany Elementary.</p> |
| 10/25/2020 | Sarah | sarahtuttle@yahoo.com | Cooper Mountain | Highland Park | Mountainside | <p>We are thankful that the committee was able to agree that changing the boundaries in the South is not recommended at this time. As a parent of Cooper Mountain, our community is asking that you accept that recommendation and please not needlessly create more change for our students. Please leave Cooper Mountain Elementary feeding Highland Park Middle school. We have been building our network with neighbors from the Highland Park communities to provide our kids with familiarity and stability as they move to middle school and on to high school. Thank you for listening to our community and the overwhelming public and online testimony not just from Cooper Mountain families but from Highland Park and Mountain View as well that request that you maintain Cooper Mountain's current feeder patterns. If and when a change is needed please ensure that the same criteria and logic is used across the district and not in just one community. PLEASE do not uproot communities without solid justification.</p> |
| 10/29/2020 | Stacey Morris | staceymorris@gmail.com | Bethany Elem | Meadow Park | | <p>Please keep our Westview-bound Oak Hills West neighbors with those of us that are in Bethany Elementary boundaries so our kids can attend middle school and then Westview HS together. Also please send Sunset-bound Oak Hills East to Timberland with Terra Linda so they can attend Sunset together.</p> |

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| 10/29/2020 | Stephanie Smith | stephanieruccismith@gmail.com | Findley Elem | | | <p>This message is for the BSD Superintendent. I am a mom of two children in the Findley Elementary School boundary and live across the street from Stoller Middle School. I know it was a very challenging process that Steve Sparks and the Middle School Boundary Committee went through this past year, but I want to express my strong support for the final recommendation and map that the committee approved. This includes not conducting an elementary boundary adjustment process for Findley and sending all of Findley to Timberland. Among many challenging decisions around the area of Stoller Middle School was what to do with the students who attended Findley Elementary School, but could walk to Stoller Middle School. As previously mentioned, my family lives directly across from Stoller Middle School, but support the decision to keep Findley together and send Oakridge Estates (and other Stoller walkable) to Timberland. Our family and neighbors I've spoken to strongly believe it is more important to keep the Findley community together and send the entire school to Timberland to reduce avoidable splits. We appreciate that Steve Sparks and the committee took the overwhelming comments in support of this from other families who live across from Stoller and attend Findley and decided to keep Findley together and send us to Timberland. I ask you to please accept the map that Steve Sparks and the committee have proposed with no modifications for Findley. Thank you to Steve Sparks and the Middle School Boundary Committee for their work. And thank you Superintendent Grotting for supporting the map they proposed.</p> |
| 10/29/2020 | Stephanie Wallace | mswallace80@gmail.com | Findley Elem | | | <p>I am a mom of two children who attend Findley elementary school. The purpose of my final comment is to provide my support for the final recommended map as approved on the last boundary meeting on October 15th. Having followed this process for many months, I understand how many different viewpoints that had to be considered, but I believe final map is reflective of the desires of the Findley community, my neighbors and our family. In particular, I support the following (1) keeping Findley together and sending the entire elementary school to Timberland middle school (2) keeping the existing Findley elementary school boundaries as is. This not only reflects my viewpoint, but is consistent and unanimous with the other parents that I have spoken to who attend Findley. They all feel very strongly that it is important to keep existing elementary school communities together since the bonds are formed during these years are very important. As we have learned this past year through having to endure a global pandemic, is that these friendships that our children and parents develop are critical to the success of our children's education. I believe the boundary committee had a very challenging project, but believe they came up with a good solution and I strongly support the final map that is being proposed. I ask you Superintendent Don Grotting to also please support and approve the final map as is. Thanks to Steve Sparks for his leadership through this process. Thank you for keeping Findley together.</p> |
| 10/29/2020 | Steven Smith | Stevensmith@outlook.com | Findley Elem | | | <p>Superintendent Grotting, thank you for the opportunity to share my final comments regarding the middle school adjustment process. I am writing to provide my support for the final map that the boundary committee approved at the final meeting on October 15 which includes sending all of Findley elementary school to Timberland middle school. We specifically chose our home in Oakridge Estates to attend Findley elementary school. During our time at Findley, we have built a very strong bond with the Findley community and support keeping the Findley boundary as is (i.e. no elementary boundary adjustment process) and to send all of Findley elementary to Timberland middle school beginning next year. We believe the elementary school communities that are formed are extremely important to our children's mental health and social well-being and therefore agree with the final map proposed which keeps Findley together. I know this was an area of discussion for others who live in my neighborhood, but after many many discussions with countless neighbors in Oakridge, I am confident that our neighborhood overwhelmingly supports keeping Findley together and sending our entire school to Timberland as recommended. There was a small outspoken group who oppose this, but my observation is that this was indeed a small minority of the community as everyone I spoke with strongly supports keeping Findley together in the final map. We ask you to support the final map proposed by Steve Sparks and the boundary committee. Thank you very much.</p> |

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| 10/26/2020 | Susan Visintainer | vispdx@msn.com | | Stoller MS | Sunset | <p>I have a huge concern over the proposed boundary changes the committee is putting forth. The current proposal doesn't keep Stoller at or below capacity. Once again Stoller will be overcrowded. My husband and I both voted to help fund more schools but if this is how the school district is going to work we will have to rethink any future bond measures Beaverton Schools put on the ballot. The committee is made up of too many that are not doing what is in the best interests of our children specifically the kids that are currently attending Stoller or will be attending in the future. Why aren't the principals from the middle schools involved? There needs to be a shift and some kids may spend 10 extra minutes on a bus. It's not possible for all of Springville to attend Stoller and keep Stoller at or below capacity. If its' ok to split Jacob Wismer students between Sunset and Westview then it's ok to split the kids at Springville between two middle schools. I would hope the administration would look at it the proposal and consider making changes to the boundary committee's recommendations.</p> |
| 10/28/2020 | Suzi Fei | suzifei@yahoo.com | Oak Hills Elem | | ACMA | <p>Oak Hills students want to go to middle school with the same kids who will go to their high school. Since our elementary school is split into two high schools, please send west Oak Hills to Five Oaks middle school with Bethany Elementary, and please send east Oak Hills to Timberland middle school with Terra Linda Elementary. Oak Hills students do not get to know kids from north Barnes Elementary due to their dual language program, so they cannot be considered a feeder partner into Sunset High. The current map leaves Meadow Park middle school underutilized. This is great! They have a strong Summa program. I suggest you send all Sunset-bound Summa students to Meadow Park for middle school. At the moment, there's enough room for Westview-bound Summa students at Stoller, but as Stoller fills up, Westview-bound Summa will be able to fit into Five Oaks middle school. It would be so great for the Summa kids to be able to go to middle school with all of the other Summa kids who will end up at their same high school. When the time comes to redo boundaries again, please do elementary, middle, and high school all at once and clean up the feeder patterns. It will save so much time and headache. This was and still is a mess. The committee has done the best they could and everyone involved has done a great job, but their hands are often tied because they cannot touch elementary or high school boundaries.</p> |