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# RPS Rezoning Process

## Update for the Richmond City School Board

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Venue: Richmond City School Board Meeting

Date: June 3, 2019

## Summary of Rezoning Public Information Sessions

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- On May 29, community members attended public information sessions about the rezoning process at Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School (18 people) and the South Side Community Service Center (16 people).
- At each session, Cropper GIS presented an overview of the rezoning process and reviewed project objectives and timelines. Below is a sample of the questions asked by attendees:
  - How do enrollment projections account for open enrollment?
  - Have you received information from the City in terms of potential new construction that could increase enrollment in the future?
  - What's going to happen to Elkhardt-Thompson once the new middle school opens?
  - How can we meet all guiding principles, and are some more critical than others?
  - How do we take emotion out of the process to ensure decisions are not made based on support of one particular school?
  - Has the School Board committed to honoring this process? In other words, will the School Board accept the recommendation from the Rezoning Advisory Committee?

## Summary of Rezoning Advisory (RAC) Meeting (5-30-19)

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- On May 30, the Rezoning Advisory Committee (RAC) held its first meeting at the Richmond Technical Center. Cropper GIS presented an overview of the rezoning process and timeline, and oriented the committee members to the various demographic and capacity utilization documents previously reviewed by the Board.
- The RAC also explored enlarged zone maps to surface key questions for further investigation. Among those were:
  - How well do the enrollment projection assumptions hold up over time?
  - How are enrollment projections aligned to Richmond 300 data?
  - How does the capacity study align with the enrollment map?
  - What is the economic data for each school and how does that track with enrollment projections?
  - How do we account for the possibility that RPS might attract more students with improvements over time?
- The next RAC meeting is June 27, during which committee members will begin to explore draft rezoning options. All RAC meetings are public and will be live-streamed.