

Aloha High School

Beaverton High School

Subject: Please keep the Raleigh Hills K - 8 Community together!

Date: Friday, February 19, 2016 at 4:58:01 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Jill Byrne

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments, Susan Greenberg, Anne Bryan, Eric Simpson, Donna Tyner, leeann larsen, Becky Tymchuk, linda degman

To the members of the Boundary Adjustment Committee,

As a member of the Raleigh Hills K-8 Community, I ask that you put the 52 Raleigh Hills K-8 students you have moved to Southridge HS back at Beaverton HS and keep our tight-knit community together. We have three concerns about your current proposal:

1)Community: Raleigh Hills K-8 is a small, but very special school. Many kids attend from kindergarten all the way through the 8th grade (9 years!!) and make lots of wonderful friendships during that time. Our neighborhoods are very close with families sharing time at the pool, park, kids walking/biking to each other's houses, after-school activities & enjoying the Fanno Creek Trail. Your proposal takes 52 children away from most of their friends after all their years together and we ask that you focus on your priority to keep communities together and allow these kids to attend Beaverton HS with their friends.

2)Safety: Traveling from the Garden Home neighborhood to Southridge would require using Hall Blvd and/or Scholls Ferry. These are very congested roads that compromise the safety of our kids, when traveling to and from school. Traveling to Beaverton HS uses roads that are significantly less congested and will increase the safety of our children, when they are transported to/from school.

3)Capacity Utilization: Southridge HS has a higher capacity utilization than Beaverton HS. Moving these 52 students to Beaverton HS will provide some alignment of the utilizations and still allow for enrollment increases over the coming years.

We understand that shaping the future school boundaries is clearly not an easy task and, as Dr. Rose commented on Tuesday night, you have been given priorities that are often conflicting and will require compromises to satisfy. We appreciate that your challenge is to find a balanced recommendation that will support the stated priorities for the boundary adjustment. We ask that you look at our concerns and reconsider your decision to divide our strong community. Please keep the 52 Vista Brook/Garden Home RHS K-8 students at Beaverton HS with their friends.

I would also like to add that at this end of Oleson road we live on the dividing line between the Beaverton and Tigard School District. This boundary change will essentially exclude us from neighborhood communities on both sides. The teen years are difficult enough without being separated from the friends you have had for nine years as you enter high school. I was appointed legal guardian of my two relative foster children three years ago. They both had to attend two different schools for Head Start before entering Raleigh Hills K - 8. Building secure relationships is very important for their development. I feel that separation from their peers in the years to come will have a negative impact on their social, emotional and academic development. Please consider the effects this separation will have on the 52 students currently attending Raleigh Hills.

Sincerely
Jill Byrne

Subject: Please Keep Raleigh Hills K-8 Students Together!

Date: Sunday, February 21, 2016 at 4:13:26 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Wendy Cawley

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments, Susan Greenberg, Anne Bryan, Eric Simpson, Donna Tyner, leeann larsen, Becky Tymchuk, linda degman, jeff rose

To the members of the Boundary Adjustment Committee,

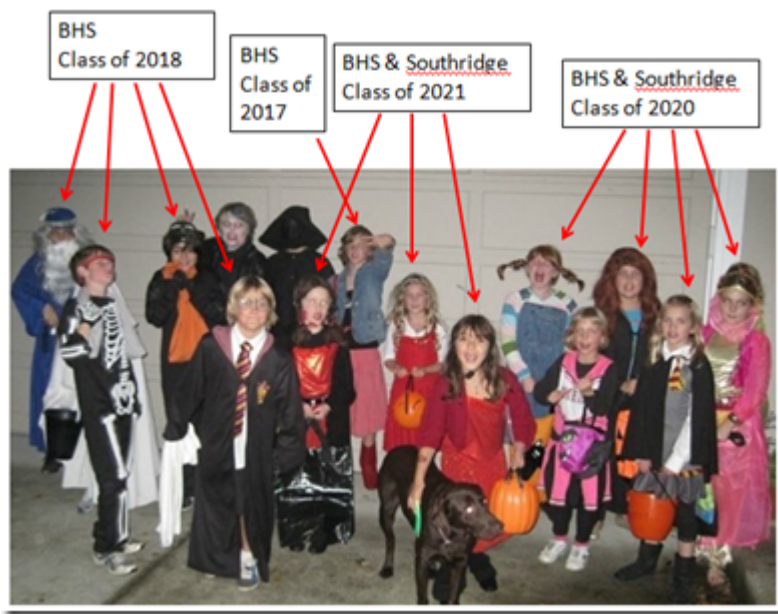
As a member of the Raleigh Hills K-8 Community I respectfully ask that you put the 52 Raleigh Hills K-8 students you have moved to Southridge HS back at Beaverton HS and keep our tight-knit community together. I have three concerns about your current proposal:

- 1) **Community:** Raleigh Hills K-8 is a small, but very special school. Many kids attend from kindergarten all the way through 8th grade (9 years!!) and make lots of wonderful friendships during that time. Your proposal takes 52 children (1 in 4 from RHS) away from most of their friends after all their years together and I ask that you focus on your “Neighborhood Unity” priority to keep communities together and allow these kids to attend Beaverton HS with their friends.

I have very specific concerns about the proposed boundary on SW 90th Avenue south of Scholls Ferry Road that cuts the Vista Brook subdivision and neighborhood in half. As you can see in the photo below, the proposed boundary is a line across a roadway, not at a roadway.



This line follows Fanno Creek trail to Vista Brook park, a gathering place for our neighborhood – ironic since this proposal aims to separate our neighborhood. The Vista Brook subdivision not only has a park within its boundaries, it also has a pool where our children spend many hours during the summer, along with many others from the Raleigh Hills K-8 community. It would be a shame to separate a subdivision that creates community. The picture below was taken more than 5 years ago. 11 of the 20 children proposed to be separated in the Vista Brook subdivision are pictured below. They have spent the last 10 Halloweens together, the last 10 years at the Vista Brook pool together and countless hours together on various sports teams. I urge you to reconsider dividing our neighborhood along the path to our neighborhood park and to please utilize arterial roadways for boundary breaks (Garden Home at the south end of our neighborhood, or even further south at Hall Blvd to include all of the RHS K-8 community.)



2) Safety: Traveling from the Vista Brook/Garden Home neighborhood to Southridge would require using Hall Blvd and/or Scholls Ferry. These are very congested roads that compromise the safety of our kids when traveling to and from school. Both have intersections in the Top 5% of the most dangerous intersections in the Portland Metro area (see ODOT SPIS sites, <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TDATA/gis/docs/STIPMAPS/spisReg1.pdf>.) Traveling to Beaverton HS from our neighborhood uses roads that are significantly less congested and have fewer dangerous intersections, keeping our kids safer when they are transported to and from school.

3) Capacity Utilization: Southridge HS has higher capacity utilization than Beaverton HS. Moving these 52 students from Raleigh Hills K-8 to Beaverton HS will provide some alignment of the utilizations and still allow for enrollment increases over the coming years.

I understand that shaping the future school boundaries is clearly not an easy task and, as Dr. Rose commented on Tuesday night, you have been given priorities that are often conflicting and will require compromises to satisfy. I appreciate your challenge in finding a balanced recommendation that will support the stated priorities for the boundary adjustment. I ask that you look at my concerns and reconsider your decision to divide not only the Vista Brook neighborhood and subdivision, but also our strong Raleigh Hills K-8 community. Please keep the 52 Vista Brook/Garden Home RHS K-8 students at Beaverton HS with their friends.

Sincerely,

Wendy Cawley

Mother to Jesse, BHS Class of 2017 and Paige, 7th Grader at RHS K-8

Subject: Boundary Adjustment Comment Form

Date: Monday, February 22, 2016 at 9:16:00 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Do_Not_Reply@beaverton.k12.or.us

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Name: Jacquelin Powers

Email: Jackiethepeapod@gmail.com

Comment:

My family only recently moved to Oregon from California. We absolutely love Beaverton especially it's friendly people and the wonderful schools. The only thing we don't love is the lack of a string program at the schools here.

My son has been playing violin for 3 years and it's his passion. Since he had been homeschooled in California the one thing he was excited about coming to public school was being able to play in the Orchestra.

Then we move here and we find out the only school in the district that has a string program is Beaverton HS, which is great because we are only a mile from Beaverton! Then we find out that Beaverton is not the school Logan will be attending, Aloha is. Aloha that is 2 miles away. We are three blocks from the boundary south of Farmington and north of Division.

When we asked to be transferred to Beaverton they said they would not take any transfers this year because of the Boundary Adjustment but maybe we would be lucky and the boundary lines would change in our favor. We came in a week after ACMA process so although they have a strings program there we can't get in.

How is that the only school that has room to take more students in won't and why do students have to go a mile out of their neighborhood to attend a school that is overcrowded and doesn't have the programs they are passionate about?

I know that our opinion isn't as important in the grand scheme of things, but having my son at Beaverton would be huge for my son and his future.

Thank you,
Jackie Powers

Southridge High School

Subject: High School boundaries

Date: Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 8:24:38 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Angela Dagnino

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

I am writing to express my displeasure and frustration over the current high school boundary proposal.

We live in the Sexton Mountain area. My son, who has been playing Beaverton Youth Sports for many years, has now been moved into the Southridge High School. Many of his friends who he grew up with during his entire tenure at Sexton Mountain Elementary and now at Highland Park will attend the new high school. It was disappointing to us in the first draft to lose the opportunity for him to attend BHS. It is even more disappointing to see the second draft being placed at Southridge.

The current proposal boundaries do not make sense. Murray Blvd should be the dividing line between Southridge and S Cooper Mountain High School. Why push the S Cooper Mountain boundaries narrowly up all the way to TV Hwy? The Southridge boundary should push Eastward and North, away from the new school, not towards it.

I understand and sympathize with the committee that there are many difficult factors to consider but please revisit the first plan that considers fairness to the students of Sexton Mountain/ Vale Park area.

Thank you,
Angela Dagnino

Sunset High School

Subject: Boundary Adjustment Comment Form

Date: Sunday, February 21, 2016 at 1:45:37 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Do_Not_Reply@beaverton.k12.or.us

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Name: Lynda Gordon

Email: lynda.f.gordon@comcast.net

Comment:

Dear Boundary Committee,

Students from the West TV Elementary neighborhood are meeting nearly all the criteria as selected by BSD to remain at Sunset High School. These are: Proximity to school, safety, transportation, neighborhood unity, staffing patterns, minimize transitions for students. Why are they being sent to a faraway school on a treacherous route during the busiest times of day?

With these students heading to Beaverton High School instead of the much closer Sunset High School, they will have a longer, environmentally-damaging bus commute that will require them to leave earlier to anticipate the daily traffic on the 217 freeway. When other progressive school districts like Seattle are adjusting bell schedules to provide high school students with more sleep, the Beaverton School District is needlessly taking it away. Sleep is essential for the developing adolescent brain.

Students wanting adequate sleep would need to commute themselves but this route is more dangerous, crossing railroad tracks, navigating Portland's most dangerous intersection (Highway 26 and Cedar Hills Blvd) and/or joining the scrum of agitated commuters on highway 217. Since teenagers are five times as likely to have car accidents, this is a dangerous proposition you are making for our children.

The Beaverton School District community of parents, students and taxpayers are seeking common-sense solutions to the rapid growth in our area. The BSD is harming this coalition of the formerly-willing by not allowing parents to give meaningful input in the process. Other than this "junk drawer" of submitted letters, there have been very limited ways that the citizenry have been allowed to participate. Often, parent concerns have been met with accusations of snobbery or elitism. I applaud the innovative dads' whom created the mapping app that allowed the public to participate in the process. This tool finally introduces fact-based and quantitative reasoning to the BSD boundary discussion.

It is especially galling that the West TV Elementary neighborhood is meeting your criterion but still they are being required to move. The question remains: are you planning to follow your own boundary guidelines or is this whole charade to obviate the mission of forced bussing to extract more Title 1 funds from the Federal Government? The process that Superintendent Rose and his consultants have established, one that doesn't allow parents with a stake in the outcome to meaningfully participate, is surely harming the warm relationship that BSD had with it's previously generous supporters.

Frankly, this boundary process feels like a "done deal" that was created before the process even began and that we are all just going through the motions. I do not think it is too late to set aside current plans to complete a qualitative and quantitative analysis that your stakeholders require and deserve. By doing this you will have a more authentic outcome without alienating your supporters and squandering the formerly strong reputation of the Beaverton School District.

Sincerely,

Lynda and Mark Gordon

Subject: About the boundary changes

Date: Sunday, February 21, 2016 at 9:51:51 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Alex Hallam

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

I am a concerned parent who wanted to voice my opinion about the changes. I want to continue to be in the boundary for Sunset High School. My reason is distance and safety. It is 2.5 miles which takes me less than 10 minutes to get to Sunset HS with approximately 32 accidents a year if I go along the Cornell route. Beaverton HS is 15 to 30 minutes (depending on traffic) with ~ 130 accidents a year along *either* the 217 route *or* Cedar Hills route.

Thanks

-Alex

Subject: Transition/open enrollment option

Date: Monday, February 22, 2016 at 12:50:38 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Debbie Johansson

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Dear Committee,

You speak of equality, yet I do not feel you are addressing this at all. We cannot afford to move to the richer side of town. PLEASE don't take away our ability to choose our school! I will provide transportation. My child is interested in the engineering program offered at Sunset High School. This robust program is NOT offered at Beaverton High School. Students should not have to miss out on an opportunity because of overcrowding. When we voted on a bond to help overcrowding, we did not vote to leave the school we chose for a school with less opportunity!

No one I have spoken too seems to have any answers, for the planning of our children in switching schools and what that truly means!! Yet we are to sign our children up for classes as if the next four years are in one school!!!! When in fact, you are planning on pulling kids from one type of program (IB or AP) and putting them into a different learning tract all together!!

One staff member went so far as to say, these next FIVE years would be very difficult for the High School Students and provided his sympathy. At the same time, he was thankful it didn't affect his kids, since they were not in this age group.

School spirit is embraced and embedded strongly in middle school and runs through the entire families experience. With this boundary change, you are asking parents and families to give up their loyalties. There needs to be more thought given to the families effected during this transition!!!

My solution:

Give all the high schools an open enrollment option.

Provide bus service to those outside each boundary the same that is offered to students at the Options Schools.

You may find that the students would pick the schools that work best for their families. You may even be surprised at the number of students that want to move to a brand new school.

Thank you,

Debbie and Lars Johansson

(Alex 14 & Lucas 11)

Subject: Let Oak Hills kids walk to Sunset

Date: Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 8:53:56 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Michelle McGhee

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

CC: Becky Tymchuk, Susan_Greenburg@beaverton.k12.or.us, linda degman, jeff rose, leeann larsen, Donna Tyner, Anne Bryan, Eric Simpson

Dear Boundary Advisory Committee-

We live in Oak Hills, and our family walks and bikes everywhere. We walk to and from school nearly every day, we walk to donuts on Saturday mornings, and on good days, we ride everywhere from the library to dinner. So, throughout this boundary process, you can imagine I had been thrilled to see the maps showing the Oak Hills neighborhood going to Sunset. This would mean our kids in Oak Hills could walk to high school. We could easily walk to and from football games and after-school extracurricular activities. We would feel like a part of the local community where we buy groceries, go to the library, and spend so much time.

I was disappointed to see that at the last meeting, the Oak Hills neighborhood has been shifted back to Westview. I understand you have a long and complicated list of things to look at when assigning neighborhoods, but I wish you would prioritize proximity to the school. We hear Sunset's band during football games, as we are only 0.7 miles away. If Sunset were an elementary school we would be walkers. How does it then make sense for the district to pay to bus our kids to a different high school? Or from a safety perspective, should we be adding more brand-new drivers to the ever-increasing traffic congestion in all areas around Bethany and north of Hwy. 26? This letter is *not* about choosing one great school over another great school. This letter is about choosing boundaries that make more sense for your students, and more sense for the communities surrounding your schools.

I completely understand the calls for school unity, as I too would love for our school community to stay together, but those calls seem premature given that none of us know what the future will hold with regard to as-yet-undetermined elementary- and middle-school boundaries. My perspective as an Army kid likely colors my opinion, but I feel strongly that our kids will adapt (and benefit from that experience), form new and strong communities at their local school, and, most importantly, get on with the business of learning. That business would be made easier by simplifying their lives a bit. Let's give them the opportunity to practice the environmental awareness we preach...get them out in the fresh air and teach them that they don't need a car for everything. Please prioritize proximity and safety when deciding boundaries. Please consider keeping Oak Hills at Sunset.

Thank you for all of your efforts, we know you have a difficult task.

Subject: Boundary Adjustment Comment Form

Date: Friday, February 19, 2016 at 4:30:19 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Do_Not_Reply@beaverton.k12.or.us

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Name: Ravi

Email: pr.ravi@yahoo.com

Comment:

Hi

We are part of the community that feeds Jacob Wismer and Stoller. This is perfect as our kids can walk to schools.

Currently, Jacob Wismer feeds into two high schools after Stoller Middle School. As part of the High School boundary adjustment process and per the Elementary & Middle School Split Maps posted on Feb 16th consolidates JW students to Sunset.

We welcome this consolidation. This keeps the schools close and also avoids the split after middle school.

Thanks and Regards

Ravi

Subject: Boundary Adjustment Comment Form

Date: Monday, February 22, 2016 at 10:12:03 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Do_Not_Reply@beaverton.k12.or.us

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Name: Ann Keisling Smith

Email: pergamon.video@gmail.com

Comment:

Hello,

I understand a transportation and safety study was not done for this change in high school boundaries. But I do want to call your attention to the fact that by having West TV community members and students drive to Beaverton High School, this will severely impact traffic in front of St. Vincent's Hospital on Barnes Road. Most people exiting our West TV neighborhood travelling to Beaverton High School via 217 will pass in front of the hospital. I believe this dramatic increase in traffic could have a major impact on emergency vehicles entering and exiting the hospital, and something that should be considered before a final decision is made. I have not seen anyone else mention this.

As you might know, our neighborhood exits onto Cornell Road on our way to Sunset High School, and thus has no impact currently on St. Vincent's Hospital traffic.

Thank you for your time.

Ann Keisling Smith

Dear Principal John Huelskamp and Committee Members,

My sister in law told me a story of when she worked for Principal Huelskamp as a teacher. As an exercise of engagement, he challenged the teachers to go out into the neighborhoods and understand them. To know where the kids in the district live and what type of neighborhoods they are a part of. I couldn't agree more.

Principal Huelskamp and respected board members, I ask for you to heed this advice! I challenge you to acknowledge the body of evidence below, walk my neighborhood, and continue to land on the conclusion that my neighborhood does not belong in the Cedar Mill Neighborhood.

I am an Engineer so I'll get to the points and facts. **Simply stated, I am very concerned that the committee is overweighting equity and incorrectly weighting the stated Primary Criterion.**

REGARDING BOUNDARY CHANGES VS TRANSITION PLANS

My kids are illiterate... that is to say they are age 0, 2, and 3. Although they are not currently in the school system they soon will be. I moved into the West TV Elementary from the Elmonica area, prior to that, Seattle. I myself am a graduate from Cedar Mill Elementary, Cedar Park, and Sunset HS. For these reasons I am very concerned with the proposed Boundary changes, and do not support convoluted transition plans.

WITH REGARDS TO EQUITY:

Please understand that as the son of immigrant parents and the father to three minority children, I am very concerned with Equity. **While honorable and well intentioned**, I believe that school boundaries are fundamentally the **wrong trigger to create equity in neighborhoods**. That responsibility is not the responsibility of the committees, but rather on city planners. **It is a fallacy to think the issue of Equity/Diversity is as simple as moving a boundary line**. This is short term thinking and short sighted. As you have probably heard, many people have chosen to move into our neighborhood for school district, and just as easily many will also move out due to school district.

Numerous scientific articles highlight the ineffectiveness of school boundaries as an effective means for creating diversity. To quote a few:

"Some scholars and policymakers contend that such (income based integration) policies will also reduce racial segregation. ... The article finds that, in general, income integration is no guarantee of even modest racial desegregation."

Implications of Income-Based School Assignment Policies for Racial School Segregation, Joint study Stanford, UCSB, UC Davis

WHAT HAPPENS IF WE TRADE OUR PRIMARY CRITERION FOR EQUITY

Policy JC, School Attendance Areas clearly states;

"In planning and developing an adjustment of attendance area boundaries, the superintendent first shall consider the following primary criteria: availability of space, proximity to school, safety, and neighborhood unity."

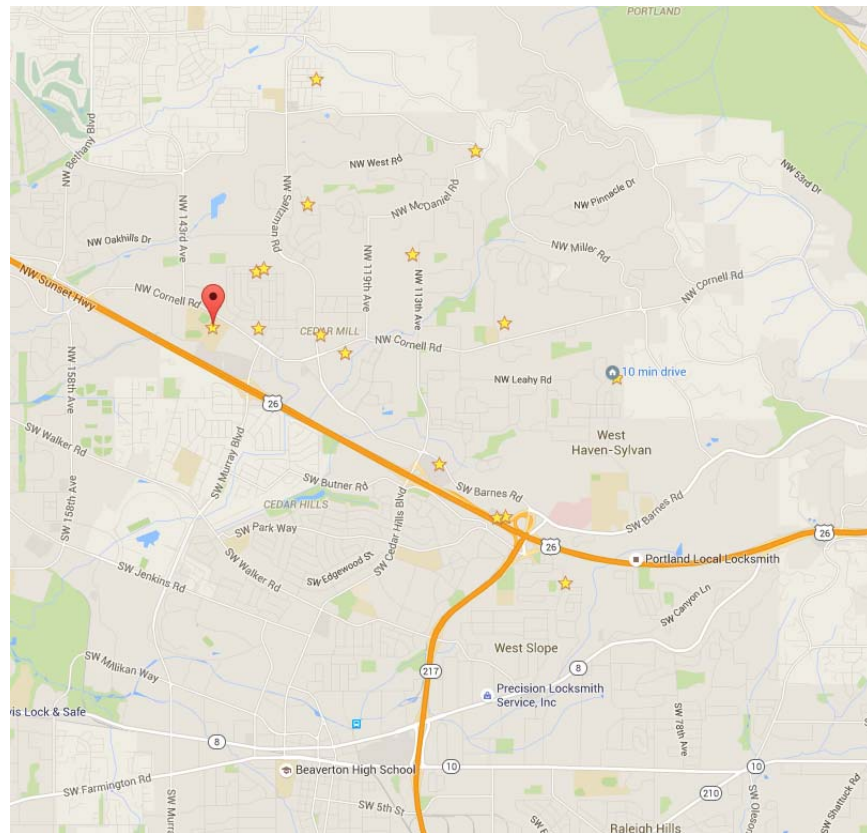
At this point (10+ meetings), the committee has clearly represented it's intention of excluding the West TV Elementary area. Despite being one of the loudest and most active participants in this public "process" (/public ignoring), we have yet to see any concessions in our area. **Three of the Four Primary criterion** have been traded for 1 Primary Criterion and consideration to "student body composition". The result is a **disastrous geographic divorcing** second only to the folks in the Waterhouse neighborhood. This is not an emotional stance, but an objective one.

Availability of Space + Equity VS Proximity to School, Safety, and Neighborhood Unity

WITH REGARD TO NEIGHBORHOOD UNITY (150 yrs!)

This is a map of my Friends, Family, Church, Grocery Stores, Hardware Store, Library, Bank, etc...

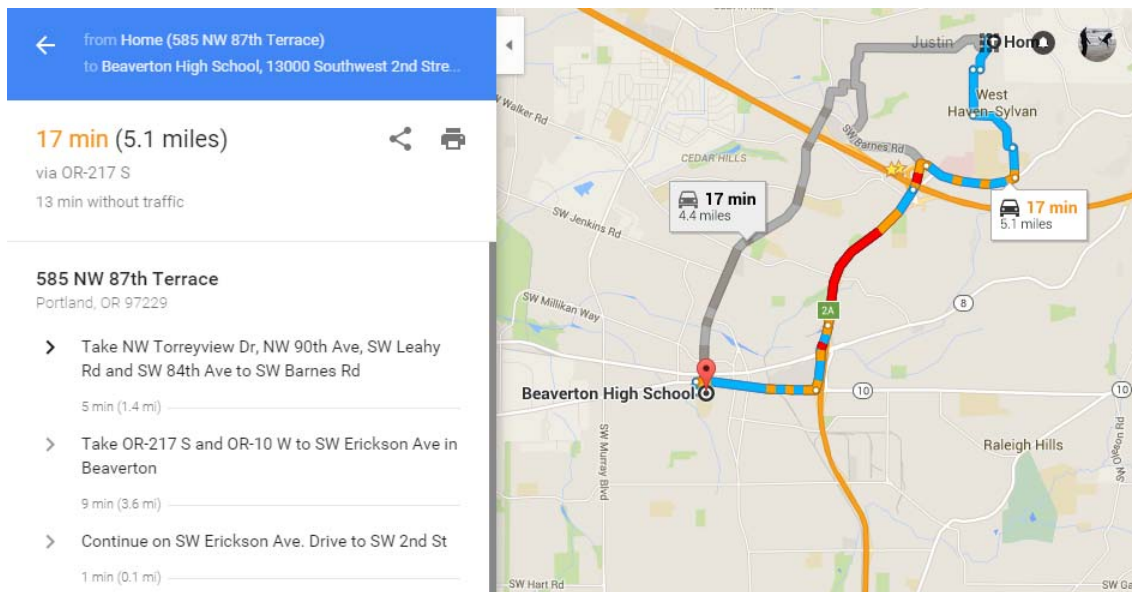
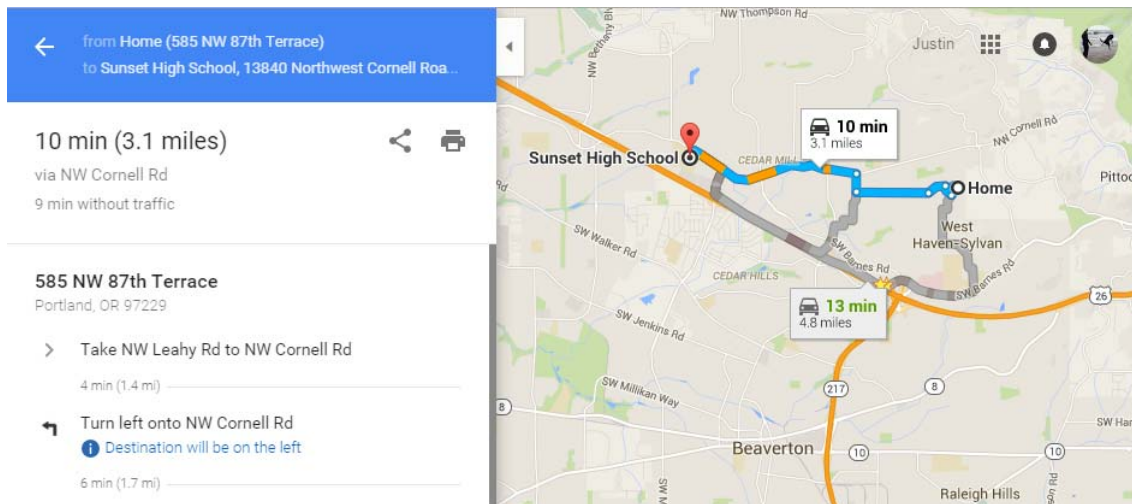
I cross HWY 26 for Washington Square and Century Movie Theater. I'd also state that the Roger Tilbury Memorial Park is a \$786,00 dollar project and other public works projects seek to further intertwine our neighborhood North of 26. This is in direct conflict with your plans.



WITH REGARDS TO SAFETY AND PROXIMITY AND TRANSPORTATION

Safety and Transportation in a Nutshell:

- Proximity: 3.1 miles (Bike Accessible) vs 5.1 miles (Drive Only)
- Cornell and Leahy (Residential roads) vs Hwy 217, 2 Major Interchanges
- ODOT traffic report data states HWY 217 is more dangerous route
- Transportation cost for buses is greater and more dangerous



As I stated before, please Principal Huelskamp, walk the **neighborhoods** that you are breaking up. There is no number or metric associated with community. And our children are better served with an operational community than with the equity and diversity numbers on a superintendent's desk.

Sincerely Justin Wang

Westview High School

Subject: Boundary Adjustment Comment Form

Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 8:08:57 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Do_Not_Reply@beaverton.k12.or.us

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Name: Shelley Batty

Email: Dszk.batty@comcast.net

Comment:

I am writing with the hope that I might get a vote in where my child goes to high school. We moved into our current neighborhood (173rd between Walker road and Cornell on the eastside of 173rd by five oaks. I live on Weybridge Way) years ago to began emerging ourselves into the Westview high school community. We, as so many others, have been looking forward to high school at Westview and have been so excited to see the boundaries not crushing our dream....until the last 2 meetings. I hope you'll take into consideration allowing 2017 entering 9th graders the opportunity to finish out their high school years without forcing a transfer , should they be able to provide there own transportation and not cost the district additional dollars. I am deeply frustrated that our years of being in the Westview community will be changed and my daughter will be forced to attend a school that has never been of interest to us. It's not even an even comparison of programs. My daughter(s) stand to lose so much (academically and with sport/dance programs) if you force the latest boundary change and make her to attend Aloha High School. Please, please hear our voice!

Shelley Batty

Subject: Boundary Adjustment Comment Form

Date: Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 5:55:31 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Do_Not_Reply@beaverton.k12.or.us

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Name: E.D.

Email: pdxhusker@gmail.com

Comment:

Please put the Bethany area (north of West Union, east of Bethany, and south of Springville) back into Westview. We do not want to leave the Westview community. I have read public comments that the Oak Hills elementary school neighborhoods would prefer to be moved to Sunset. Why not move these neighborhoods to Sunset and leave the Bethany area in Westview, which is what was proposed in the Springboard proposal. The Springboard proposal also had the Waterhouse and Elmonica neighborhoods going to Sunset, which they would prefer over going to Aloha. I liked the Springboard proposal better than the current proposal.

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B' 3, 4 Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 11:15:55 PM Pacific Standard Time

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Dear Boundary Committee Members.

We live in the Stonegate neighborhood. We are very proud and happy that our three children were educated at Elmonica, Five Oaks and Westview schools. At the time I thought that the boundaries were a little strange, as we lived closer to Sunset High school than to Westview High school, but our children were expected to attend Westview. That was OK as it was serviced by a highway and the commute was only a matter of minutes.

I have been attending all the meetings and at the last public hearing at Southridge High School had a chance to listen to all the concerned parents who discussed your latest boundary proposal.

I am quite puzzled why you seek to place our neighborhood in the Aloha school district, as many people stated the distance and safety should be prime considerations. You are probably aware that Beaverton is getting more congested, as the population increases and travel times are increasing, together with pollution, so why are you considering bussing children from this neighborhood, further away from their homes, when Sunset High School is so much closer and commute time would be safer and shorter?

Other concerned citizens spoke about keeping our community together which is a valid point as our neighborhood was brought together by our children attending local schools, not schools far away. if you want to further diversify the high school population, why not consider a proposal that was made by some parents, which was to include Elmonica School students to Sunset High school catchment area.

Thank you,

Paul and Ingalill Shead.

Subject: Boundary Adjustment Comment Form

Date: Sunday, February 21, 2016 at 10:28:26 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Do_Not_Reply@beaverton.k12.or.us

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Name: Austin Jones

Email: Austinjones860@gmail.com

Comment:

Dear boundary committee,

My name is Austin Jones and I am a 7th grader at Meadow Park. I live in Stonegate.

I decided to go to Meadow Park because I wanted to keep learning Spanish in the TWI program and my twin brother is in Summa and I wanted to go to school with him. This is the Summa school that he was asked to go to by the school district because it's the closest to our neighborhood.

I looked at the newest map and all of my friends at Meadow Park except a couple are in the Westview or Sunset boundaries. Even some friends that ride the same bus as I do right now will still go to Westview. There aren't many kids in my neighborhood, most of the homes don't have kids still at home that will be going to high school. If I have to go to Aloha I will only know a couple of kids when I start high school. This would be hard. Please move us back to Westview.

Austin Jones
7th grader at Meadow Park

Subject: Boundary Adjustment Comment Form

Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 10:09:37 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Do_Not_Reply@beaverton.k12.or.us

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Name: Carrie Law

Email: carrielaw75@gmail.com

Comment:

I am disheartened to hear about the high school boundary adjustments. I have five children. My oldest will be a freshman in 2018. We bought our house in the Cooper Mountain area because we liked the feel of the community and were told that we were going to be in the South Cooper Mountain High School boundary. Then I was told that they are taking a chunk of our area and are now having our children go to Aloha High instead because "our area brings in the fundraising money for Aloha." This is wrong in so many ways. Homes south of Farmington Rd. should be going to South Cooper Mountain. It makes sense. We are all part of the community of Cooper Mountain (we live on Cooper Mountain so our kids should go to South Cooper Mountain). Our area is growing rapidly. We bought our home last year and there are 50 new homes being built within a couple of blocks from us. I see signs everywhere in our neighborhood that new homes are being built and property that is being sold to build new neighborhoods. That's a lot of families that Aloha High will not be able to handle, since it will be at capacity. The traffic! Ugh. Taking my son to Mountain View Middle School is a nightmare because of the traffic (I take him because the buses are always late). I can't even imagine how much worse the traffic will be on Farmington Rd if this entire community has to drive north for school. Also, the boundaries are so unbalanced. It's like you're catering to Westview, Southridge and Sunset and that is just gross!!! Pulling Hazeldale out of Aloha balances the free/reduced lunch budget. Quit playing favorites and do what's best for the kids in Beaverton.