

High School Boundary Adjustment Comment Form

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Name: Colleen Anderson

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Comment:

Allow Freshman to finish at the school they started at.

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Name: Josh Blair

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Comment:

After reviewing the latest revision of the High School boundary map, I am still not satisfied with what our option is (Aloha High). I live right next to Elmonica Elementary (Watercrest Ct. Neighborhood) with the hope that both of my children would go to Westview High eventually (both my wife and I are alumni). I realize this has been a daunting and tiresome task, but if the boundary could be moved over to east of 173rd, then it would resolve my unrest. What can be done?

Concerned parent,
Josh Blair

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Name: Greg Colton

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Comment:

I'm considering a move and I can't tell from the current published proposal for HS boundaries if 585 NW 107th Ave, Portland, OR 97229 maps into Beaverton High or Sunset High. Can you please help me?

It currently shows as mapped to Sunset, but the area on the map is near the cutoff. I know the meeting to vote to accept the proposal is Monday, so for now even if you can tell me what is current and what is proposed I'd appreciate it. Thank you, Greg

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Fri 10/7/2016 2:20 PM

To: BSD Boundary Adjustment Comments <Boundary-Adjustment-Comments@beaverton.k12.or.us>;

Name: Keith Davidson

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Comment:

Hello,

I don't have comments so much as questions., specifically, those surrounding the "transition." I've read thenFAQ section which helped a bit but there are, obviously, many rumors about athletics at the new school. Will there be varsity athletics year one (2016/2017)? If not, what are junior grade students, who would have been on a varsity team on another respective school supposed to do? It seems this would rob them of future opportunities. If no varsity sports year one, what is the plan for implementing that athletic level in the future? What "level" will the new school begin at (ex. 3A, 4A, etc.)? What is that transition plan? This obviously affects all incoming students, especially those who are "gifted" with abilities that will present future college scholarship,prospects.

Any information or clarification about these reas would be more than greatly appreciated by all parents regardless of High School. Thank you very much.

-Keith Davidson

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Name: Jessie Dhillon

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Comment:

Hi, I've read over the notes published by the Superintendent. There appears to be a shading issue on the adjusted High School Boundary Map. Page 4 clearly states the boundary for Aloha High School is South of Walker, East of 170th. However, the map shading shows that the shading line is on a side street, 173rd. It appears this should be adjusted to reflect the main thoroughfare, 170th, as referenced on page 4.

Could you please be sure this is updated to reflect the actual boundary?

Thank you!

Jessie Dhillon

625 SW 171st Ave.,

Beaverton OR 97006

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Sun 10/9/2016 4:41 PM

To: BSD Boundary Adjustment Comments <Boundary-Adjustment-Comments@beaverton.k12.or.us>;

Name: Carolyn Dillon

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Comment:

Dear Superintendent Grotting,

Thank you for efforts to listen to the boundary concerns from every community member who came to each of your listening sessions. I also appreciate the effort you extended to understand the decision making process of the previous boundary map.

As you come to a conclusion of this process, I would greatly appreciate your consideration to allow an amendment to the previously approved transition plan. As you heard at the October 28th meeting with the High School Boundary Committee, Oak Hills was a neighborhood that was juggled repeatedly back-and-forth from Westview to Sunset. This was a difficult decision for good reason. While the Oak Hills neighborhood is within the walking distance to Sunset, it is truly part of the Westview community.

I have been a Learning Specialist for the Beaverton School District for almost 20 years. During these years I have worked with elementary and secondary students who have learning difficulties. Through these many years I have found that a student's greatest success isn't determined by curriculum or assessments. It is determined by building and maintaining relationships with the student. When students believe they have someone who cares for them, supports them, and believes in them, their effort improves intrinsically. Now I am faced with the dilemma of watching my own son be isolated from the social support that we have created and encouraged since kindergarten if he is forced to transfer to Sunset as a sophomore. I implore you to please consider providing an amendment to the transition plan which would allow any small groups of students to stay at their current high school if they choose. This could apply to any boundary that isolates a group of less than 20 students to transfer to their new high school. For Westview, would be minimal as it is less than .02% of their class.

To emphasize this isolation please consider the following:

- Out of the 2017/2018 Sunset sophomore class, only 2% will be kids from Oak Hills.
- Of the entire Sunset population, only .006% of the Oak Hills students will be transferring from Westview.
- Only 9% of the total Sunset population will be from Westview.

These Oak Hills sophomores won't know any of the upperclassmen. Not only will their high school experience be impacted socially, they will also be greatly impacted academically which will in turn, affect their grades, test scores (SAT, ACT, SBAC) and college applications.

My two sons, a senior and freshman, are both thoroughly enjoying their Westview experience. My senior has had many positive experiences in numerous AP classes, at cross country and track meets, as "MORP" prince, school field trips, and more. My freshman is currently enrolled in advanced classes (Geometry and STEM Chemistry) which will transition into AP classes as a sophomore. He is also looking forward to taking additional AP classes that his older brother has encouraged him to take. A transfer to Sunset will squash this plan. My freshman is a bright boy with strengths in math and science. The AP program is perfect for him. A change to the IB program will be a breach to the continuity of an academic program that is encouraging my son to thrive based on his strengths and learning style.

At Back to School Night last week I was able to learn more about a class that Westview has created this year. Students attend a weekly Community class which encourages school spirit, community building, and relationships across grade levels. The teacher shared with parents what was shared with the students: that the teachers will stay with this group of students all four years, they will have a different focus each year, they will build a relationship with each other that will culminate in a senior project and further their understanding on college decisions. His Literature and Composition teacher also shared with the students that he will be with them as sophomores. All of his teachers emphasized the growth they would make in their class and how this would help them in future classes. They shared how they are available to support these students to be successful. They are doing what good teachers do. They are building relationships! My son thrives in this type of community.

At one of the High School Boundary Listening Sessions, a community member shared a comment that really struck me. She referenced that the classes of 2018, 2019, and 2021 are all able to stay in one high school for their 4 years. The class of 2020 students who are being forced to transfer will be in 3 different schools in 3 years. She was told by a staff member that her child would be fine. Her response was that she doesn't want her child to be just "fine". She wants her child to thrive. I couldn't agree more. I want my son, and all his Oak Hills classmates, to continue to thrive in the social community that we have created and reinforced since kindergarten at Westview. I want them to thrive in with the academic continuity of the AP program at Westview. I want them to thrive in the high school where they study, play, and cheer for Westview.

I greatly appreciate the difficulty of this decision for you and your team and sincerely hope that you will take these concerns into consideration.

Thank you for all your efforts in this process.

Respectfully,

Carolyn Dillon

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Comment:

First of all, I want to say thank you for slowing down the boundary decision and providing greater research and evaluation of the selection criteria. I appreciate that you listened to the people you serve and gave it more time and thought.

However, I am writing specifically to express my disappointment in the District's decision to move the West TV area to Beaverton High School. It is extremely ironic that this area has been identified as the sacrificial lamb in this entire boundary decision. The West TV community is the very community that presented the factual-based data asking for a re-evaluation of the safety and proximity criteria. It is the West TV community that organized residents throughout the district demanding equity in the final decision so that students would have a safer route to school and that they could attend the high school in their neighborhood. When the new memo was released earlier this week, I was unfortunately not surprised when the result of this analysis ended with everyone else in the entire district being the winners in this and West TV families paying the price. I was happy to see that some of the areas were able to be returned to the high school that was closest and made the most sense, but apparently the criteria are being applied to everyone but West TV.

Safety – The new memo talks about how as a result of the changes, safety improves overall in the district. There is a table that highlights how so many schools that previously crossed major highways (US26) and major intersections will no longer have to do that. Except for students from West TV.

Transportation – The new recommendation acknowledges that transportation costs will increase overall, but that most students will see a decrease in the time they spend traveling. Except for students from West TV. The time for these students will increase substantially. In fact, students from other schools will be able to ride their bikes to school, but this is no longer an option for anyone in the West TV area that were previously planning to ride bikes to high school. Sadly, the extra time it takes to ride the bus home means more parents will need to take and pick up students because they won't have time to ride the bus home before getting to scheduled outside activities. That means more cars on the road in the most congested area of Beaverton and in all of Washington County.

Proximity – The new memo includes a graphic that shows a circle diagram to illustrate proximity to high schools. It clearly shows that only one high school is close to the West TV area – Sunset High School. The memo goes on to say that West TV is going to their second closest high school. This is not acceptable when it is just as "close" as travelling to Portland Public School's Lincoln High School than to travel to Beaverton High School for the people of this area. Most students in the district will have a relatively short commute to attend their high school. Except for students from West TV.

Community – The new memo acknowledges the intense feedback from the West TV community about how they are integrated into Cedar Mill and describes the argument as compelling. Yet, apparently the need to fill Beaverton High School is considered to be of higher priority. This is the only reason given for moving the students from the West TV area to Beaverton High School. As a result, these students will now and forever be the black sheep of the entire district. No longer part of the Sunset HS community, yet being forced to attend Beaverton HS where they are not part of the community. Apparently all other areas of the district can go to school within their community. Except for students from West TV.

I consider myself fortunate that my two kids will not be fully affected by this change. My son will be a senior at Sunset when this takes effect, and my daughter will continue at ACMA. She will now plan to stay there throughout her high school career. Riding the bus home from school will not be an option as it will take too long. Time is the most precious commodity for families as we juggle school and activities and the prolonged bus ride will not make this a viable option. In support of my daughter's friends and their families, I felt it was important to

speaking out one last time. Many lost hope months ago realizing that this is an uphill battle and that the District will do whatever they want.

It appears that the decision that the District is making is vindictive and punitive to the families who have worked hard to be organized, proactive, and helpful in this process. As parents, we have been trying to show our children that getting involved, presenting valid facts that are not based strictly on emotion, and speaking up are important and that it pays off in the end. Sadly, this decision simply teaches them that it doesn't matter. Equity appears to be provided for nearly all areas, except the West TV area.

At the same time, the decision will alienate the taxpayers of this area who will no doubt not be inclined to support future ballot measures. The trust has been lost. At the very least, I would hope that the District will reach out to this community to try to repair the damage that has been done. It is going to take a lot of time and effort and I don't believe the District truly understands the impacts it will have on the daily lives of these families.

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Name: Sara Hill

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Comment:

I am two streets away from the current proposed boundary change near 175th and Rigert on Loma Vista St. My neighbors and I would prefer to be in the new high school boundary.

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Name: Cyndi Jerde

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Comment:

There are two major concerns that I have with this boundary change. 1. It will affect my children negatively. Ridgewood is part of a continuum of the IBS program. Beaverton High's principal has refused to engage our concerns on this. If Beaverton High would invest in the IBS program so that our children can have a continuity of education, I would be fine with the change. If you would like support from our school community, this is something the school district needs desperately to address. You cannot sell us on a school program and then rip it out from us and say it "doesn't really matter." 2. There still remains little equity between the High Schools. The final map improves a little but not really. We purchased our home because it was in Sun set district. If my home values decrease because the school district is incapable of supporting equally great schools, I will personally make sure to campaign against any further funding you may be requesting. It appears, the district has already mismanaged the last bond money.

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Name: Heather Lambert

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Comment:

Dear Superintendent Grotting,

I appreciate you taking the time to gather input from the community regarding our opinions with regard to the high school boundary decision.

I would ask that you please consider the Oak Hills Community as a unified group and not turn our elementary school into a split feeder.

For years our community has developed a sense of togetherness by not only learning together but also playing together. If the East Side of Bethany Blvd changes during the High School years, a small percentage of our children split off from all their friends and are singled out to go to Sunset. This change was made due to a very small percentage of parents that requested to go to Sunset High School based on location. To be honest Mr. Grotting, these families represent a small percentage and a very young demographic whose kids are barely starting elementary school. They do not yet understand fully the nature of how their kids's friendships will mature in the latter elementary and middle school years.

As a parent of this community for 12 years now, I can see how difficult it would be to see an elementary lose the cohesiveness of playing for one league in extra curricular activities. As a split feeder, half of us would move up through Sunset Leagues and the other half would move up through Westview Leagues. Becoming a split feeder, we are inviting issues of school rivalry into an elementary setting. The worst part is that it involves two very strong schools, Sunset and Westview. I cannot think of a more disruptive environment at the elementary level as a lot of younger siblings come up through the ranks becoming loyal to their assigned high school.

Introducing the split feeder system to our school will also create a division among the children with parents choosing to associate and invest in friendships that would be on "this side" or "that side" of Bethany Blvd. I don't see this as a way to enrich and strengthen our relationships among one another.

It is important to point out that the East side of Bethany Blvd which includes Oak Hills, Skyview, and Telshire are older neighborhoods and are inhabited substantially less by young families. The bulk of the student body that attends Oak Hills Elementary School come from the West side of Bethany Blvd. Those of us living on the East Side basically get penalized for having bought older homes in older neighborhoods. We certainly would not want to discourage families from buying in older more established areas aiding in "turn over" with time and instead choosing to always buy homes in sprawling outer edges of the school district. Buying into a split feeder school in a 50 year old established neighborhood is not an attractive choice for most. I feel it would be wise to avoid creating this kind of situation.

Please keep our school together by sending us all to Sunset or all to Westview. Please don't divide us, our unity is what strengthens us and drawing a line down the middle that begins at the onset of 9th grade undermines all the investment of the years leading up to High School. On the original Springboard Proposal, all of Oak Hills Elementary was going to Sunset, then they switched us all back to Westview on the second draft of the map. On the third draft of the map, they split us down the middle which is the worst choice of all. Now even those that have older siblings will choose to stay Westview which singles out my kids even more as they are the oldest and do not have that clause to fall back on. This situation decreases once again, the number of kids that will move to Sunset.

Please think carefully about how this boundary decision will affect a very strong community that is centered around Oak Hills Elementary. The neighborhood of Oak Hills itself is 650 homes that covers a large area. Some may argue we are closer to Sunset, some may argue it is easier to get to Westview due to heavy traffic on Cornell Road that only allows traffic one lane in each direction. In either case, we are the

pawn in the middle. We could go either way. We are essentially equidistant to both schools.

Please keep Oak Hills Elementary School from becoming a split feeder.

Sincerely,

Heather Lambert (Oak Hills Resident, Mother of 4)

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Name: The McCarver Family

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Comment:

Dear Superintendent Grotting,

We can only imagine what the High School Boundary Adjustment process is like, considering so many factors.

For what it is worth, we would like to share our preference to keep West Tualatin View Elementary in Sunset High School's Boundary. We are very pleased with the Beaverton School District and deliberately chose to live in a location within the district. At the center of our request is proximity and safety, so that our children are close to school in our community.

We ask that you please consider our thoughts.

Sincerley,

The McCarver Family

Aaron (police officer) Becky (Providence caregiver) Harrison (5th grader) & Abigail (4th grader)

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Comment:

I am completely disappointed in the new boundary mapping that has come out and has excluded the Waterhouse South Neighborhood from the consideration for Westview or Sunset/Beaverton High School areas and has been placed in the Aloha district. Aloha is still the 4th farthest school from our neighborhood. All of the years our children have been in activities outside of school and with school mates it has always been with families from the Sunset/Westview communities. Now our grade school is going to be split between 2 high schools and it is only a small portion of our school that will be impacted. I am heartbroken that my kids will not have the opportunity to go to High School (starting next year) with all of the kids they have grown up with in the last 13 years. The Waterhouse North and South and Elmonica area are a great community to be a part of and it disappoints me that we are being separated from that community.. this is really not a mapping exercise and should have been looked at in greater detail then I feel that the group gave to this sense of community.

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Comment:

Dear Superintendent Grotting,

I am Beaverton parent with a high schooler. I am extremely concerned that the new high school boundary process will solidify income inequality in the district, creating schools for those with money and those without. The current map has created three schools: Aloha, Beaverton, and Southridge with 50% or more of the students receiving free and reduced lunch, and two schools: Sunset and South Cooper Mountain, with fewer than 25% of the students receiving free and reduced lunch. Sunset high school is down to 11% free and reduced lunch in the latest map while Aloha has increased to 61%.

How is this equitable? Ironically, last spring, the district newsletter boasted "In the Beaverton School District, all new administrators engage in Leading for Equity Training to develop concrete leadership actions, explore different areas of equity leadership opportunities and identify strategies to interrupt the cycle of inequity. " The high school boundary committee showed no leadership in reducing income inequality in the district, and it is up to the school board and you, the new superintendent, to remedy this.

The proposal promotes economic inequity. As I'm sure you know, considerable research shows that poor children achieve more when they are in schools with students with higher incomes and higher parental education levels. Higher income/higher education parents also bring more resources in terms of fund raising and volunteer abilities.

My children will both be attending Sunset High School, which will be the wealthiest school in the district, but they attended William Walker, which is one of the poorest elementary schools. My children notice the income gap, and they notice their their classmates who haven't had exposure to poor children lack both understanding of and compassion for the poor children. As a parent, I can also attest that the school culture is highly skewed toward the wealthy kids. There seems to be little awareness of the issues of poverty among the families or demonstrated by the administration.

If the district truly wants equity for all, it will work toward a redistricting plan that represents income diversity.

Sincerely,

Lynn Santelmann
BSD Parent
Associate Professor of Applied Linguistics
Portland State University

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Comment:

The boundary should stop at the line of hey 26 and should include the original north end boundary, in my opinion. This saddens me as my daughter will be heading into middle school next year and we thought Sunset High. After moving to this area from NE Portland so our daughter could attend a good school. We were very excited that she would one day be going to Sunset High. We have supported the high school since by going to football games and performance art shows.

Please reconsider this change and don't leave us out.

We live off NW Leahy Road and there are a lot of parents here that feel very strongly about keeping Sunset High School their high school.

Thank you,
Alison Stolin