

Subject: Proposed High School Boundary Map Input

Date: Saturday, October 31, 2015 at 9:04:02 AM Pacific Daylight Time

From: sejica

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

To Whom It May Concern:

My husband and I have had a chance to view the proposed boundary, and while we recognize that this just that, a proposal, we wanted to express our concerns and opinions. We live at 11384 NW Pumpkin Ct, which is located in Cedar Mill, the census-designated place as you know that is just north of 26.

In purchasing our property, we explicitly limited our search to Sunset High School's boundaries as it was a high quality high school, based on our research, and in an accessible area. In reviewing the boundary map at the time, our home was solidly within the boundary. It is, quite literally, in the middle of the boundary map for Sunset. We live only a mile away from Cedar Mill downtown. Our neighbors are fellow families with children at Sunset or themselves as Sunset alumni. Sunset High is as much a neighborhood tradition as it is an asset to the Cedar Mill community. This proposal just appears to be too drastic a change even when quickly comparing the current and proposed boundaries. The center of the proposed boundary has shifted and the borders appear, to our lay eyes anyway, very irregular.

To assign our neighborhood to Beaverton High is detrimental to our neighborhood and community in many regards. First, neighborhood cohesiveness is negatively impacted as parts of Cedar Mill are assigned to Sunset while other parts, like us, are not. We have friends up the road on 113th, just north of Cornell, who would be assigned to Sunset. The proposal just seems unnecessarily awkward. Why is Cornell being treated as a natural boundary instead of Route 26, especially given the school's proximity, road congestion, presence/absence of pedestrian walkways and neighborhood look and feel? Please come visit our neighborhood and walk to Cedar Mill downtown and see that Sunset is just a stone's throw away from our downtown.

Second, on a related point, from a safety standpoint, we do not understand why our home, which is within a walkable distance from Sunset at 1.7 miles and north of 26, a busy highway and natural pedestrian boundary, are being adjusted down to Beaverton, which is south of 26, and over 3 miles from our home, especially when factoring in traffic, commercial development, etc. Like I mentioned, anyone who has walked around in our area can see and feel that Sunset High would be a more appropriate and logical choice for our neighborhood.

Third, though arguably the most important, we have great concerns about the quality of education that our children are due to receive with this change. Even a quick discussion amongst our neighbors has revealed that some may choose to opt-out of Beaverton High if this proposal passes. If this boundary adjustment is implemented, what will be done to improve the quality of education at Beaverton High to make it equivalent to Sunset? Simply having fewer pupils per teacher is not sufficient to guarantee a high quality education. The demographics of Sunset and Beaverton High Schools are different and how will those differences be equalized by simply moving neighborhoods north of Sunset into Beaverton High? Will there be a interim grandfather clause to allow us to send our children to attend Sunset if the proposed changes pass?

Fourth, we have great concerns about our home's resale value being negatively impacted with a lesser quality school (Beaverton H.S.). What short-term and long-term redress will the district offer to home owners like us? What financial remedy will be offered to us to make us whole from now being in a less desirable area due to the boundary change? I can assure you that educated professionals with families (or plans to start families) put great weight in school quality. That is why the Cedar Mill and Bethany areas (or zip code 97229) have had so much development and an active (some might call it insane) real estate market. We explicitly made the decision to NOT be in the Aloha and Beaverton High boundaries despite there being much larger, high-end homes within our budget there, so this proposal is very disappointing, to put it mildly. We did not anticipate that in supporting and voting for the education bond that we would be potentially undermining our home's value/equity and the value of our children's educational experiences.

Respectfully submitted,

Sejica Kim

Subject: We Purchased this Home to be in Sunset HS Boundaries

Date: Saturday, October 31, 2015 at 11:17:45 AM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Ginger Goodspeed

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Hello,

We made a \$600K investment in order to make sure our family stayed and lived within the SUNSET High School Boundaries.

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This is RIDICULOUS. I don't know who proposed this change, or why they would do such a Stupid Thing, but I am NOT willing to lose home value, and/or change schools based on this proposal.

We are in the Cedar Mill neighborhood, and we are NOT located in Beaverton. We are in Portland, which has the same Zip Code 97229 as Sunset High School.

Beaverton High School should host kids from Beaverton. NOT from Portland.

When I voted for you to receive the funding, I never could have anticipated your actual desire was to chop my property value and disrupt my children's education in such a negative way. Unbelievable!!!

Looking forward to your reply.

Ginger

Ginger G Pearson
11368 NW Pumpkin Ct
Portland OR 97229

Subject: Re: We Purchased this Home to be in Sunset HS Boundaries

Date: Saturday, October 31, 2015 at 11:37:34 AM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Ginger Goodspeed

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

We think you should move the new proposed boundary SOUTH to have Sunset Highway be the dividing line, and EAST at least to Cedar Hills Blvd.

Our children, neighbors, friends, Church groups, etc., are all associated with Sunset and Sunset High School Athletics.

PLEASE move the boundaries so that from SOUTH of Cornell until the Sunset Highway and WEST of Cedar Hills Blvd REMAINS in the SUNSET HIGH SCHOOL BOUNDARIES.

Thank you,

Ginger

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11368 NW Pumpkin Ct
Portland, OR 97229

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Subject: grandfathering options

Date: Saturday, October 31, 2015 at 2:00:21 PM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Stephanie Rider

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Hi,

I am interested to know how the school district will be handling transferring kids between high schools when the high schools support different programs. For instance, kids in the Sunset HS following the IB program cannot finish the IB program if moved to Beaverton or Aloha.

Similarly kids in Westview HS in an AP program moving to an IB school like Sunset will have their AP studies disrupted and may not be able to transition into an IB program midway through HS.

I would like to know how you will be taking care of our kids in this situation. Their studies should not be penalized and altered mid stream once they are on a course, be it IB or AP.

Thank you

Stephanie Rider

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Subject: Keep North of 26 at Sunset HS

Date: Saturday, October 31, 2015 at 2:01:52 PM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Kevin Lee

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Please keep students residing North of 26 where they belong - at Sunset High.

The shift of students that attend West Tualatin View and Cedar Mill Elementary, as well as the new Cedar Mill Middle School to Beaverton HS from Sunset is a poor choice. Cedar Mill's students and community would literally be split down the middle, causing not only negative impacts on these children's emotional adjustment at a sensitive time, but also causing significant transportation hardships for the students North of 26, from commuting a short distance on Cornell to reach Sunset HS to then having to drive through all of very congested Beaverton to reach Beaverton HS, causing additional traffic on the already at-capacity 217 and nearby feeder streets. Particularly with the addition of the new middle school in the Cedar Mill area, keeping these students together at the same schools as they progress through the system is the smartest choice.

Subject: New boundraries for Beaverton schools

Date: Saturday, October 31, 2015 at 6:07:31 PM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Jessica Becker

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

I am very disappointed that our home high school may change...we recently bought our home and part of the reason we bought the home was because of the home schools. I do not feel that we should have to send our children to a school that is located further away. Home buyers should be grandfathered into whatever school was considered the home school at the time they bought their home.

Jessica Becker

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Subject: Boundary adjustment for sunset high school

Date: Saturday, October 31, 2015 at 9:46:58 PM Pacific Daylight Time

From: NATALIE SIMAS

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

To Whom It May Concern:

We have heard that the boundaries for the Beaverton School District might change.

We live 1.5 miles from Sunset High School and are shocked and disappointed that we might have to now go to Beaverton High School.

We firmly believe that this isn't right for our neighborhood. We moved here for the school and as it is the closest high school to us, we feel that we should continue to be within its boundary.

If there is another way that we can petition the board more effectively, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Natalie Simas

On NW pumpkin Ct

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Sunset Boundary Adjustment

Date: Saturday, October 31, 2015 at 10:26:51 PM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Jeff Pearson

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

To Whom It May Concern,

We purchased our house in order to make sure our family stayed and lived within the Sunset High School Boundaries.

Sunset High School is less than 2 miles from our home (Cedar Mill), while Beaverton High School is over 4 miles away from our home

We are really having a hard time understanding the logic behind this decision. In fact we have the same exact zip code as Sunset High School

This decision makes no sense for our neighborhood. Please reconsider this proposal and keep our family at Sunset where they belong

Thank you

Jeff Pearson

Subject: Proposed map released Thursday

Date: Saturday, October 31, 2015 at 10:58:34 PM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Jessie Harris

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

I am writing to provide feedback on the map released this week. As a parent in the West TV elementary school area, I am saddened and concerned to see the proposed changes.

I looked into the criteria the committee is using. While I am not privy to all the information, it seems as parents we can comment on proximity, unity, safety and transportation.

Most relevant is that our neighborhood is closer to Sunset HS by approximately a mile. Furthermore, we are north of 26. Highway 26 creates a very real boundary in terms of neighborhood unity as well as safety and transportation issues.

Lastly, it seems that the creation of the new Beaverton HS boundary creates the most disruption to any of the existing boundaries. This brings up a number of concerns but most notably that the inequity in the community disruption will like cause a long-term sense of transition and disconnect for our kiddos.

I truly believe that this is a lot to ask of the West TV community and hope you will reconsider the boundary map originally proposed on Thursday.

Best,
Jessie Harris

Subject: Sunset, not Beaverton

Date: Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 12:01:44 AM Pacific Daylight Time

From: James Greenblatt

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

We bought our home on SW Moonridge Place four years ago knowing that we were buying a home in the Sunset High district. I would be very unhappy if that were not the case when my young daughter is of high school age.

JCG

James C. Greenblatt

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Subject: Sunset/Westview proposal

Date: Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 9:40:02 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Heather Clement

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

The new boundary change for the Oak Hills Elementary area has predominantly been moved to Sunset High School. However, there is a very, very small area within the Oak Hills boundary (Charlais neighborhood) that is being left within the Westview boundary. We would ask that you please consider sending all of the kids who live within the elementary boundaries to the same High School. The relationships formed between parents and kids from the elementary years very often persist through the High School years.

Thank you,

Heather Clement

Subject: public comments

Date: Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 12:34:25 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Terry Koo

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

To the committee,

I live at 3620 SW 117th Ave in Beaverton. In my opinion, the springboard proposal has several flaws:

First, it exacerbates the gap between "rich" and "poor" schools. For example, compare the "free and reduced lunch" percentages before and after the change. Schools like Westview and Sunset are spinning off poorer neighborhoods, while schools like Aloha and Beaverton either lose wealthier neighborhoods or take on poorer ones.

Second, it increases the differences in the racial demographics of the schools. Note that Westview and Sunset increase their percentages of whites and Asians while decreasing their percentages of blacks and Hispanics.

Third, the shapes of the new district boundaries smack of gerrymandering. For example, the catchment area for Sunset has changed from a relatively round shape to a curved and elongated "tadpole" shape. BSD is clearly willing to make sweeping changes to school boundaries, so why should we settle for such geographically-implausible boundaries? The widening gaps noted earlier make the appearance of gerrymandering especially unsettling.

Fourth, if the new school is in the southwestern corner of the district, why is it that there are such sweeping changes to every school boundary? I would have expected the largest impact in schools neighboring the new school, and increasingly smaller impact the further out one goes. Yet Beaverton and Sunset have enormous changes to their boundaries.

Thanks for your service on the committee, and please consider changes to the springboard proposal which address the above.

-Terry

Subject: Comments: initial draft of HS boundary change

Date: Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 1:59:58 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Adele H

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

To Whom it May Concern:

In reviewing the initial draft of the 2017 high school boundary change, I am concerned that the students living between Cornell and the north side of Barnes Rd. will be traveling too far for school.

High school start times are already too early for teenagers, and the extra travel time will mean less sleep/less energy for academics.

I would propose extending the boundary for Sunset up to the north side of Barnes Road and beginning the Beaverton High School boundary on the south side of Barnes Road.

Thank you for considering.

Adele Hughes Hromco

Subject: preliminary proposed boundaries for high schools

Date: Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 2:19:40 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Ann Keisling Smith

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Hello,

First of all, I know the committee worked very hard on this proposal, and I am grateful for your time. That being said, I want to voice my disapproval of your current reconfigure of BSD's HS boundaries.

We live in the neighborhood around West Tualatin View Elementary, a neighborhood that has historically fed into Sunset High School for over 50 years. I attended Sunset, graduating in 1975, and my older daughter will graduate in 2017. My youngest has been looking forward to attending Sunset for years. She is currently an 8th grader at Cedar Park, and the way it looks now, she will attend Sunset for one year, and then be transferred to Beaverton.

This is avoidable if you reconfigure the boundary to schools north of Hwy 26. This avoids the disruption of splitting Cedar Park in half, and keeps the historic connection to this community.

I don't think any of us passed the bond measure for new schools to see our lives disrupted so intimately. I think you all should look again at other creative solutions for making the fewest possible changes, rather than change almost everyone for the sake of parity.

Since the growth in the district is in the north, and a new building was recently built there, I think you should reconsider making Springville a high school, and shifting more kids to the new middle school being built in Timberland, and the new elementary being built in Bethany.

I also think you should reconsider your start date -- perhaps you could have Cooper Mountain start with one class, keeping all who started at a high school able to finish there, and each year add another class to Cooper Mountain High. Then do your redistricting map, trying not to impact SO many families and neighborhoods.

Please let me know if you would like another member to look at the current plans and try to find a better solution.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ann Keisling Smith

Subject: Boundary equity concerns

Date: Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 3:20:16 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Lynn Santelmann

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Dear Boundary Adjustment Committee,

With the release of your preliminary boundary map, I am very concerned that the district is reinforcing economic inequities in the schools. I am a parent of children who went to William Walker, the second poorest school in the district with 85% of the students eligible for free and reduced lunch.

Our children have experienced first hand the inequities that happen when many poor families are concentrated in one school: Fewer field trips (parent groups can't raise the funds), poorer playgrounds (parent groups can't raise the funds), fewer parent volunteers in the school, fewer children performing at a high level, more time in class spent on basic skills and less on enrichment and discussion. Our children currently attend Cedar Park Middle School and Sunset High School, and have noticed a huge difference in their education when moving to schools with many fewer children in poverty.

Most of the elementary schools slated to be in the Beaverton and Aloha high school districts are low income schools with significant proportions of English Language Learners. Looking at data from the state, the elementary schools that feed into Aloha and Beaverton have an average of 64% and 50% free and reduced lunch respectively. The new boundaries would increase the number of students with free and reduced lunch by about 7% at these schools, while reducing the students with free and reduced lunch at Sunset by similar margins.

Currently, Aloha and Beaverton high schools have the lowest average graduation rates of the five traditional high schools in the district (as averaged over district data from the last 6 years). They are also in older buildings and have fewer advanced academic programs than Sunset and Westview do. Adding more poor families to these schools, while reducing the number of poor families in Sunset (and having relatively few in the new South Cooper Mountain High School) will simply magnify the already unacceptable differences among the district schools.

The new boundaries are going to push the district into a two-tiered system: Academic high schools for the wealthy and other. I strongly encourage you to rectify these stark demographic differences as you modify the plan moving forward.

Sincerely,
Lynn Santelmann

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Subject: FW: Windemere Neighborhood Boundary Changes/Sunset High School
Date: Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 4:54:12 PM Pacific Standard Time
From: shiloh
To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

From: smetcal5@hotmail.com
To: Boundary-Adjustment-Comments@beaverton.k12.or.us
Subject: Windemere Neighborhood Boundary Changes/Sunset High School
Date: Sun, 1 Nov 2015 16:36:09 -0800

Hi,

My name is Shiloh Metcalf and I live in the far northeast corner of the Beaverton school district boundaries, off of Barnes Road. I have lived in my home for 10 years and I'm raising three daughters. My oldest daughter graduated from Sunset High School June of 2015. Our family has been engrained in the Sunset life and community and we have chosen to stay in this community for the educational opportunities that Sunset High School provides. The proximity of our neighborhood does not belong in the Beaverton High School district.

Currently it takes less than 12 minutes for my high school daughter's school bus to get to Sunset High School in the morning. I am confused and shocked to think that the school district would take all buses from the Cedar Mill/Torreyview area north of hwy 26 and transport these students down hwy 217. This highway is a cluster of high volume traffic with no short term plan for a solution. The two worst off ramps are Hwy 8 and Hwy 10. Not only will this cause a tremendous amount of back up on hwy 217 for the school commute, but the large amount of after school activities will also jam the roads and cause great frustration for families. There are no other ways to get to Beaverton High School. Cedar Hills Blvd is not a solution. I lived in Cedar Hills from 1995-2005 and the amount of traffic that continues to build will not be slowing. Nike has expected 2,000 new employees. These workers will use Cedar Hills, Walker and Jenkins.

I am asking that you not include the neighborhoods (Cedar Mill, Torreyview, Windemere, etc....) north of hwy 26 in the boundary changes. Please keep this area in the Sunset High School district. Many of these families in these neighborhoods have already sent kids to Sunset and have siblings hoping to follow behind. These families have lived in their homes 15 or more years raising kids. Families stay and raise kids knowing the school options available to them. Sunset High School matters to these families. This boundary change came as a shock and blindsided many families in this area.

Thank you for reading my letter

Shiloh Metcalf, mother of 3 children and Volunteer College and Career Mentor at Sunset High School

Subject: Student transfers within high school years & Summa

Date: Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 4:59:40 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Lynn Santelmann

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Dear Boundary Adjustment Committee,

This is my second e-mail to you today about concerns about the process. My first had to do with equity, as the proposed map creates a serious imbalance in economic diversity in the schools.

My second concern is more personal. Our family currently has a freshman at Sunset and a 6th grader in the Summa program at Cedar Park. We live squarely within the new Beaverton boundary, which makes geographic sense. However, the proposal to require students to transfer to a new high school in their junior year would be highly disruptive to their education. In addition, my son is already enrolled in for some honors options. Sunset provides for an honors diploma, while Beaverton does not. I can see very little to be gained forcing students to change schools mid-career and a lot of disruption that would be caused, both academically and socially. I would urge you to allow students who are already in a school to remain their for their education.

My second concern has to do with my high achieving younger child, whose needs could be easily met by the IB program at Sunset, and not so easily met at Beaverton, which offers neither IB nor an honors option. She is currently enrolled in Algebra as a 6th grader, and will complete both Geometry and Advanced Algebra in middle school. Sunset High School offers more math and science choices for her, as well as the chance for an IB diploma. The IB diploma would give her a considerable leg up for college and career and offer her the intellectual challenge she needs. If the district is going to offer a Summa middle school program that accelerates students' academic progress, then they should make accommodations for those students all the way through high school. I would encourage you to allow Summa students from Cedar Park, Meadow Park and Stoller all the option to attend an IB school.

I appreciate that the committee is doing its best to balance the needs of many competing stakeholders. However, it should not make choices that will reduce students' connection to a high school, nor should it make choices that will limit possibilities for students to fill their full potential.

Sincerely,

Lynn Santelmann

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Subject: BSD Boundary Change

Date: Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 5:25:54 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Metcalf, Edward

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Hello,

I am a parent of three children, one who graduated from Sunset last year, one as a freshman there now and one a 7th grader who is looking forward to follow in her sisters footsteps. I don't understand why the boundary changes are so dramatic.

We live on the very edge of this boundary (in the Windemere neighborhood, Barnes & Miller). Currently it takes less than 12 minutes for my high school daughter's school bus to get to Sunset High School in the morning. I am confused and shocked to think that the school district would take all buses from the Cedar Mill/Torreyview area north of hwy 26 and transport these students down hwy 217. This highway is a cluster of high volume traffic with no short term plan for a solution. The two worst off ramps are Hwy 8 and Hwy 10. Not only will this cause a tremendous amount of back up on hwy 217 for the school commute, but the large amount of after school activities will also jam the roads and cause great frustration for families. There are no other ways to get to Beaverton High School. Cedar Hills Blvd is not a solution. I lived in Cedar Hills from 1995-2005 and the amount of traffic that continues to build will not be slowing. Nike has expected 2,000 new employees. These workers will use Cedar Hills, Walker and Jenkins.

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Ed Metcalf
Father of 3 in BSD

Subject: Re: Boundary changes for Sunset High School

Date: Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 6:00:22 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Kirsten Carlson

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

My son is a freshman this year at Sunset. We have lived for the past twenty years in Cedar Mill behind St. Vincent's hospital. I am not in favor of the current proposed boundary changes-I believe any child living north of Barnes Rd should continue to attend Sunset High School. If the proposed changes are taken I believe the senior class should be exempt.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Carlson

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Proposed Boundries...Sunset HS

Date: Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 6:47:22 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Tdanldan@comcast.net

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

As a parent of a freshman (who has considered herself an Apollo since Grade school). I am adamantly OPPOSED to bussing our children in the West Haven/Torreyview area into Beaverton. The proposed boundary for Beaverton High School is far too reaching and expansive. Most of the residents here chose this area for the schools. We chose to live in unincorporated Washington County in 1994 and to have our children attend Sunset High School.

Please consider leaving the area North of the Sunset Highway in the Sunset School District. It seems ridiculous that kids living right by Beaverton HS will be bussed to another school and kids living Just south and east of Sunset Highway will also be bussed into Central Beaverton. Having boundaries that do not circumference the schools they go to not only causes more traffic for everyone but it disturbs the balance and feeling of community that living near one's High School creates!

Tom and Lisa Daniels

Subject: Concerns about the proposed boundary change

Date: Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 7:03:18 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Michelle Wingo

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Hello,

My name is Michelle Wingo and I currently reside in the Sunset High School boundary. I live off of NW 110th and NW Cornell Road - only 1 mile from Sunset. It doesn't make sense to send my daughter to Beaverton High School 3.5 miles from the house. In addition, she is doing the IB Honors Diploma and Beaverton isn't an IB school. She does several after-school activities making walking home afterward a much bigger ordeal. What is most upsetting is that she'll be at Sunset her first two years and then required to finish her education at a different high school. Wouldn't it make more sense to allow students to remain until they graduate? High school is a huge adjustment and to uproot her to attend Beaverton High School for her junior and senior years (at an AP school) seems completely ludicrous!

Michelle Wingo
(971) 322-3647 cell

Subject: New boundaries

Date: Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 8:19:51 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Maria Navarre

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Dear Boundary Adjustment Committee,

I am Maria Navarre, and I am currently a sixth grader at Cedar Park Middle School, one of the many schools your proposed plan would affect. I am writing to ask you to reconsider your boundaries, which decide which school everyone attends.

As a member of your Summa program, switching the school I would go to is one of my many concerns. I am one of five sixth graders taking Algebra I at Cedar Park. Right now, I am supposed to go to Sunset High School, a school that has the IB program. If I continue on the same math track, I am hoping to be able to take IB Higher Level maths when I am in my junior and senior year.

When you released the boundary information on Thursday, you informed the people who live in my area that we would be attending Beaverton High School. Beaverton is a great school, but for myself, not having the IB program would be completely devastating for my math career.

I am very passionate about wanting to take IB courses in high school. By graduating high school with IB diploma, I would increase my chances of getting into a good college, and ultimately have a better chance of getting hired. When you don't have the IB program at all of your schools, it is making kids like me get frustrated because we wouldn't have the resources to live up to our full potential. The IB program is rigorous, and you don't find very many sixth graders wanting to be a part of this internationally recognized program.

I also have an older brother, Thomas Navarre, who is a freshman at Sunset High School. When you would put in place the new boundaries, my brother would be a junior. This means that he would be forced to switch to Beaverton High School. This is not fair to tell him that he can spend two years at Sunset, then be forced to go to a different high school because you decide to change boundaries that year.

I am asking you to reconsider your boundaries. The new boundaries would divide up Cedar Park. As a student who went to William Walker Elementary, I have already been through the tough last day of splitting up with my friends who are currently at Meadow Park or option schools. I don't want to have to go through that again. The friends you make in middle school are the people who influence you throughout the course of middle school.

I ask you to consider the emotional effects on the schools that will be affected by the changes. The changes you apply have real consequences on the kids who the changes are being made to.

Please take this into consideration when you consider the boundaries once more.

Sincerely,
Maria Navarre

Subject: West TV to Sunset High School

Date: Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 9:17:57 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Bridget Flynn

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

You buy a home with what school your kids will attend in mind. These changes seem extreme. We are north of HWY 26 and now my kids will face a longer commute on hwy 217 which is known to have the worst traffic. I do my business with the companies around Sunset High School. That is our community, where we have ties. I have gone door to door campaigning for the past bonds and levies in the Sunset community. Please reconsider moving the boundary back to Hwy 26 instead of Cornell Rd. We are serious enough about this issue that we will pursue other alternatives to Beaverton High School whether that be out of the beaverton school district all together.

Bridget Flynn
Former West TV PTC president

Subject: West TV Neighborhood

Date: Monday, November 2, 2015 at 7:05:12 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Jenny

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

To the Boundary Advisory Committee:

I just learned of the proposed boundary changes for 2017 and I am writing to appeal for a revision. I live in the eastern most tip of the Beaverton School District (West TV neighborhood) and am shocked to see that a new school on the far western edge of the district is having such an impact on my assigned high school. My concerns and questions are summarized below:

- SHS is closer than BHS to my neighborhood
- Sunset offers IB, a program my children have been in for years and fully expected to continue into high school
- Sunset offers the IB diploma, Beaverton does not
- Average SAT scores between SHS and BHS college bound students differ by several hundred points
- ACT scores between SHS and BHS college bound students differ by 25%
- How will the demographics of Sunset change with these revisions? Will the reduced/free lunch % drop from 19% to 10%, further widening the disparity between the schools?

I fully anticipate following this process closely and engaging with the Boundary Advisory Committee as this process moves forward. These are not minor issues in my household and may result in property sale and relocation.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jennifer Lawlor

Subject: West TV Boundary Adjustment

Date: Monday, November 2, 2015 at 7:28:31 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Jenny Goodman

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Greetings!

My name is Jennifer Goodman and my husband and I have 3 children ages 17, 14 and 12. My oldest daughter is currently a Senior at Sunset. My middle daughter is a Freshman at Sunset and my youngest is a 7th grader at Cedar Park.

We have lived in the Sunset Apollo community since 2001.

I have concerns about the boundary adjustment. I will list them in order of importance to me:

1. Transportation/Traffic/Safety - There is no "Safe Route" to Beaverton High School for us.

My oldest daughter is blind and has never driven. My middle daughter is scheduled to begin driving her sophomore year at Sunset. She has many after school activities and will potentially have a job. I plan to go back to work and will not be able to transport her. I do not want her on 217 nor Cedar Hills Blvd - 217 S is fast and the traffic burden on 217 S is already at max. Both AM and PM dismissal times means extra cars, extra risk for accidents and delayed comment time anywhere. Cedar Hills Blvd is no different than 217 - crowded and many fast and slow areas that mean accidents and delayed transport in and out of the area

2. Community - Since my oldest was in the 8th grade my entire family has been participating in Sunset activities.

We do not have a church, so the school community is our "church". I volunteer at the College and Career Center and I am on the SAMBA board at Sunset. My oldest has attended Sunset and has been served by the Special Education department. She has been in the marching band all 4 of her years there. My middle daughter has been playing with the volleyball team/coach since she was in the 7th grade. My youngest has been going to the plays with us, band concerts, choir concerts, football games, soccer games, volleyball games, cross country and track meets and the list goes on and on. Sunset has become the hub or our community and I plan to continue volunteering for the West TV/Cedar Park/Sunset community long after my kids graduate.

3. Imprinting - For lack of a better word we have imprinted on our neighborhood schools.

We know the teachers, we know the parents (most not from West TV anymore), we know the support staff, the coaches, the grandparents, and the businesses surrounding the hub of Sunset. My kids have imprinted on Sunset as their graduating school.

The Beaverton School District has to do something, I know that. New School = New Boundaries.

The Sunset community needs some transition time. Those families, like us, that have already built their community at Sunset could continue at Sunset if they desire. Perhaps petitioning if they have had a child already attending Sunset with the understanding that there will be no transportation to Sunset. That would drop Beaverton HS's population giving Beaverton HS time to rebuild and restructure with the new boundaries.

I don't have all the population statistics but scooping up and taking 1 small school that is NORTH of 26 seems like an odd thing to do. What numbers support that bold move? Wouldn't it make sense to go farther south? Or perhaps making the new high school Open Enrollment pulling all from the entire district that have the desire to go?

The West TV community is a small, tight nit, community that has strong ties to Cedar Park and Sunset. We all have

imprinted on our hub, Sunset.

Jennifer Goodman
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Subject: Comments on School District Boundary

Date: Monday, November 2, 2015 at 8:11:28 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Goodman, Mike (Legal)

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

I wanted to write in to comment on the proposed school district boundary adjustment. The proposed adjustment would move neighborhoods that feed into West Tualatin View Elementary from Sunset to Beaverton High School. This has upset a lot of parents in our neighborhood.

I acknowledge that changing district boundaries is a hard and complex process, and that you have to balance student capacity with growth projections, demographics, middle school capacity, etc. But please understand that this is a wrenching change for families. I have a senior about to graduate from Sunset, a freshman, and a middle schooler who would otherwise have gone to Sunset. My wife volunteers at the school. The school is part of the fabric of our family and neighborhood. We chose our neighborhood based in large part on what schools our kids would attend. We are very happy with the quality of education the school is providing. This change will literally tear apart friendships my kids have developed over time.

Also, geographic proximity matters, and the map of the proposed boundaries seems to create an odd shape for the Sunset boundaries in particular. It is very inconvenient for people on the north side of Hwy 26 to have to fight through the traffic to get to Beaverton High School.

So as an initial matter I would urge the committee to keep West TV families feeding into Sunset. Perhaps West TV could feed into the new middle school under construction in the Timberland neighborhood. If that won't be up and running in time, the kids could still go to Cedar Park for a while—it is one district after all.

If the District must go with the current boundaries, I would at least ask that families who have kids in Sunset be allowed to opt to have their kids complete their educations at Sunset, and their siblings as well. Even if my kids no longer have access to buses, our family would make the decision to figure out a way to drive our kids to school (or let the kids drive themselves). This seems to be the least you could do—only a portion of the families would elect to take advantage of the option, and with only 1-3 kids per family in most cases the numbers would even out in a few years. This would go a long way toward easing the transition and reducing the currently snowballing level of unhappiness about this change. Your proposed change will actually relieve overcrowding at Sunset, so it won't be a problem from a capacity perspective. If this leaves Beaverton temporarily light on students that might be a good thing; a better student/teacher ratio might be attractive for parents whose kids will be feeding into Beaverton.

Thanks for considering these comments.

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Subject: Changes to Boundaries

Date: Monday, November 2, 2015 at 8:27:10 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Cheri Arthur

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

As a long time resident of the area, alumni of Aloha High School and current school employee I know that this process will be difficult but want to share my perspective and history on boundary changes. I went to AHS in the 1970's. Back then we only had three high schools and our community was much smaller. Aloha was a community of mostly farming kids and students who lived within the City of Beaverton. As you all know there has been significant growth and changes in our population and that is why we are building new schools. My hope is that when you are making this decision you take this in to mind. Aloha High School was a predominately all white school when I went there. Our culture and city has changed, We need to keep our economic diversity and my concern is how the changes to the boundary will effect Aloha High School. I know there is lots of conversation about Southridge and Westview, busing and a whole lot of other issues.

But really the thing to keep in mind is that the equity is so important in the process. You have families who have lived in the area for years that for tradition they want their children to go to the high school that they went to. We are changing and traditions are changing but I hope you will seriously take in to account how the changes to the boundary could effect Aloha High School. They have amazing teachers and staff and there have been some exceptional students come out of AHS and do amazing things with their lives.

Lets keep equity and tradition in our conversation as we move forth on this change. It is part of life and we all know that change is hard for people. Lets make it equitable for our students.

With kind regards,

Cherise Arthur

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Subject: Reflections on the Boundary Adjustment Considerations

Date: Monday, November 2, 2015 at 9:57:43 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Jen Holloway Smith

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Dear Members of the Boundary Advisory Committee,

First, I would like to say how impressed I was with the tone and process exhibited at your recent meeting on October 29th. I too would like to thank you for putting your time and careful considerations into these recommendations. I came away from the meeting with a high level of confidence in this team.

The comment I would like to make is that I really appreciated that a map had been developed considering the distribution of wealth, as determined by the students who are eligible for free and reduced lunch. I believe that making an effort to more equitably distribute the wealth of students among the schools will benefit all of the schools, including those at the higher end of the socioeconomic spectrum. As far as I can tell, with higher socioeconomic status of families at a school comes higher volunteer participation, higher fundraising potential and often higher family participation in the students school life, which gives those students an advantage in succeeding at school. I believe that successful students inspire the student population as a whole. With lower socioeconomic status of families at a school comes higher diversity, improved cross-cultural and cross-economic awareness, and perhaps improved inclusiveness and consideration of our country and the world. I recently discovered this excellent program on NPR that talks about just this issue (and was extremely helpful to me in embracing what we have at William Walker Elementary): http://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2015/10/19/446085513/the-evidence-that-white-children-benefit-from-integrated-schools?utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=npr&utm_term=nprnews&utm_content=2044

My children go (and will go) to William Walker Elementary. I am pleased with the diversity of the school and the extra teacher and staff support that the school receives as a result of being a Title 1 school. The thing that I am saddened by in our neighborhood (close to Commonwealth Lake Park) is that there is a great deal of scattering of our neighborhood children to other schools. On our street and in our immediate area, children transfer (or open enroll) out of William Walker to go to Ridgewood, Cedar Mill, West TV, Bonny Slope, Catlin Gabel, OES and the French American School. It drastically splits up our neighborhood cohesion. I am concerned that if our neighborhood is re-districted to Beaverton High School but there remains a large discrepancy in the wealth between Beaverton High School and Sunset High School (and the other school), we will again find that parents are trying to flee from one school to go to the other(s). I strongly believe that all of the neighborhoods and schools in our district will benefit if you consider, as much as possible, the distribution of wealth and diversity among our schools.

Thank you again for putting your time and effort into these boundary adjustment recommendations.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Holloway Smith.

Subject: Two-Way Immersion Program Consideration

Date: Monday, November 2, 2015 at 9:59:14 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: tymon emch

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Hello,

I am a TWI coordinator at teacher here in the Beaverton School District. I would like to express my concern with the current boundary proposal. As we are proud to announce that for the first time the TWI program has been continuous from Kindergarten through 12th grade, the current boundary proposal will disrupt this progress.

I like the inclusion of Barnes/Meadow Park into Beaverton HS as this allows us to have all TWI programs feed into one school. Breaking the Vose/Whitford/Beaverton HS track though has the opposite effect. As a TWI teacher, I would love to see Barnes & Vose, Whitford & Meadow Park, all feed into one school (probably being Beaverton HS).

Thank you for considering my input.

Tymon Emch
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Two-Way Immersion Program Coordinator
Beaverton High School
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Subject: Comments and Suggestions to consider for Proposed Boundary Changes for Sunset - Beaverton High School

Date: Monday, November 2, 2015 at 11:06:59 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Matthew sichel

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

To the Beaverton School Board,

I want to thank you for taking the time to hear from many concerned parents, teachers, and community members related to the proposed boundary changes for 2017 school year. We as parents understand the situation and know that not everyone will be happy with the final changes since this is a major change for families and the communities.

In review of the proposed change to the boundary for Sunset High, I as a parent that had kids attend West Tualatin View ES that are currently attending Sunset High School, I strongly encourage you to reconsider adding West Tualatin View ES back into the Sunset High School Boundary and have the dividing line be Hwy 26 south go to BHS.

If you look at the proposed boundary map West TV families will be the out lying area and the farthest away logistically with traffic and access to BHS with having to commute through traffic on Barnes Rd, Hwy 26, Hwy 217 and TV Hwy really makes this a logistical problem to the parents and students on a daily basis and does not create a true neighborhood high school for the families attending West Tualatin View.

We are connected in so many ways to the families of Cedar Hills to the North not to the South, Hwy 26 has always been a barrier and will continue to be one for the families living in the West TV ES area.

FYI, whatever the final plan is you really need to consider letting any upper class students going into their Junior and Senior years have the right to stay at their current high school they are attending, since these are the most critical years of their high school years.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Sunset--Beaverton

Date: Monday, November 2, 2015 at 11:44:56 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Tara Morissette

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Hello,

I think that the North of 26 area that has been designated Beaverton High School is a mistake. North of 26 is much closer to Sunset and children that live in that area should go to Sunset High School. It will save the district money and save the children time if they remain at Sunset rather than busing them to/from Beaverton.

Thank you,
Tara Morissette

Subject: Comment on HS boundaries

Date: Monday, November 2, 2015 at 12:28:42 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Shoul, Shannon

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Shannon Shoul
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Greetings-

Thank you for allowing public comment on the redrawing of high school boundaries in the Beaverton School District. I understand and appreciate the extensive growth and need for rational boundaries that provide a quality education in the district and manageable populations in each.

I have two children in school, attending Cedar Mill Elementary. We live two houses away from the school grounds. We located in the area in part because of the strong community ties between the school and families and nearby active business and civic bodies. We have enjoyed our time engaging with the school, parents and community here.

While I understand that boundary changes will affect all in some way, I am alarmed to see this include the actual division of a neighborhood. The Cedar Mill neighborhood itself is strong and engaged. The district's plans place a boundary at Cornell Road, cutting off half of an existing community. That strength is one of the reasons the community has grown and thrives.

I would like to see the District review the outlines with consideration of community boundaries, rather than roads alone. There are boundaries between neighborhoods that may add a more natural separation based on community identification and affiliation, both existing and the way it's intended to grow. Those boundaries could also preserve or secure continued important engagement with schools.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards
Shannon

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Subject: Boundary Adjustment comment

Date: Monday, November 2, 2015 at 12:59:54 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Roxanne Gillis

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Priority: High

To Whom It May Concern,

We as a family are highly against this proposed boundary adjustment. We currently live within the Sunset High School district. This is the High School I attended which is why we moved into our home 22 years ago. Education is very important to us and keeping things "predictable" for our high school children which we currently have two. They are heavily involved in sports and have bonded closely with their team mates and coaches as well as friends.

Our family is HIGHLY AGAINST this unnecessary boundary change- we have three more years before our kids are out of high school.

Thank you

Roxanne and Joseph Gillis

Subject: Minimize student transitions

Date: Monday, November 2, 2015 at 1:30:11 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Vanessa Warren

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

To the boundary advisory committee,

Thank you for the work you are doing on the high school boundary adjustment process.

If I am understanding the process correctly, seniors in the 2017-2018 school year will be able to stay in their original high school if they live in an area that has changed high schools due to boundary changes. However, students in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades will be made to switch to the "new" high school. I understand that 9th graders should start in the "new" high school that is associated with the new set of boundaries, but why make 10th and 11th graders switch schools partway through their high school careers? I thought that one of the goals of this process was to minimize students transitions. Can the 10th and 11th graders in the 2017-2018 school year also be grandfathered in and be allowed to stay in their original high schools?

My children attend Westview high school. I have a senior and a sophomore at Westview now. Most likely we will have to move to Sunset high school. Westview is an AP system, Sunset is an IB system. In the 2017-2018 school year, I will have a senior and a sophomore. Following the district rules, I will have a senior at Westview and a sophomore at Sunset. The sophomore will have spent his freshman year in the AP system, and yes he will take an AP class his freshman year, just like his brothers did, and then he will have to switch to an IB system. This will not be a minimal transition for him. Most universities, especially those on the East Coast where he wants to go to university, are more familiar with the AP system. Will there be any waivers or other exceptions for siblings to stay together in the same school, so that we don't have two kids going to different schools in the same year? Will there be any waivers for students who do not want to change between AP and IB systems?

I understand why the district would make freshman start at their "new" high schools, but I don't understand why they would make students who have already started at a high school switch high schools. I understand that the district wants South Cooper Mountain High School to start with 9th, 10th and 11th grades, but that will cause tremendous disruption to many students. Maybe you could make it a choice, so families could decide if it is best for their individual student to change high schools or remain at their original high school.

Thank you,

Vanessa Warren

Subject: Strongly Oppose Current Springboard Boundary Proposal

Date: Monday, November 2, 2015 at 3:13:41 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Rob and Helen Richards

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

CC: Rob and Helen Richards

Hello,

My wife and I live in the current Sunset HS boundary, in the Torryview neighborhood between Barnes and Cornell, and we STRONGLY oppose the current boundary proposal, for the following reasons:

- First, a question: where is the growth that's driving the overcrowding and the need for an additional high school occurring? Why not build the new school where the growth is, and send the kids of the incoming new families in the growth area to the new school, and leave the long-standing boundaries untouched so that people who bought in a given school's boundary with the goal of sending their kids to that school are unaffected? It appears as if the primary consideration was the cheap land to the south for the new school, whereas the primary consideration should have been minimal impact to existing boundaries and families.
- With specific reference to the Cedar Hills neighborhoods between Hwy 26 and Cornell, it makes no sense to ship kids from there all the way down into downtown Beaverton when Sunset HS is a 7-minute drive (or half-hour walk, and a safe one at that) from our neighborhood; our kids patronize the stores and restaurants along Cornell near Sunset as part of their "familiar stomping grounds" due to proximity to our home. It makes no sense to send them to school down in the middle of downtown Beaverton. If it must be changed, drawing the northern Beaverton HS boundary at Hwy 26 makes much more sense from that perspective.
- Sunset HS is an International Baccalaureate school with an excellent academic reputation, where high performing students can be challenged and given the academic tools they need to achieve their potential. I see nothing on Beaverton HS's website to indicate that they have anything close to that to offer students.
- Sunset also has a stellar reputation for its student body and character, which I have not heard regarding Beaverton.
- Although this change would be in effect before my younger son begins HS, I must say that it is unconscionable to propose that students be forced to change high schools once they begin their freshman year. These are the most emotionally volatile years in a young person's life, and good friends are what makes a difference in teens' emotional health and lifestyle/risk choices (resisting drugs/drinking/promiscuity, participation in positive school activities like sports and music, etc.). Ripping apart the friendships formed in the first couple years of high school is nothing short of cruel.
- That said, many high school friendships are formed through the elementary and middle school years, especially in light of youth athletic programs that "feed up into" each high school's teams (for example, Sunset Youth Lacrosse feeds into the Sunset High School Lacrosse). These are kids who have played together as a team since 3rd grade, progressing up through the years under coaches that are linked to the high school program, its philosophy and ethics, coaching style, etc. By arbitrarily (especially in the eyes of students) shoving them into a different high school than the one they've been looking forward to for years, you are ripping apart the friendships and bonds that have been formed since early elementary school, making the transition to high school a cause for apprehension, not excitement. Further, with regard to coaching styles, this change can make a difference between a student wanting to participate in high schools sports, and not wanting anything to do with them.

- Lastly, as noted by others in the public comments, redrawing the boundaries such that a neighborhood that currently feeds an academically high performing school with a very good reputation (Sunset) now feeds into a lower performing school with a lesser reputation (Beaverton) will drastically affect home values in the affected neighborhood; we strongly agree with Stonegate parents who are asking, “what plans does the school district have to compensate homeowners for their loss in property value as a result of this boundary change?”

In summary, we strongly oppose the current proposal, and in particular urge the district to seriously reconsider the boundary location between Sunset and Beaverton, specifically how it affects the neighborhoods north of Hwy 26 that currently go to Sunset.

Regards,

-Rob and Helen Richards

Subject: Comments on the Proposed High School Boundary Adjustment

Date: Monday, November 2, 2015 at 3:17:48 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Krause, Frank

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

CC: Eric Simpson, kalayaan mcnamee, john huelskamp

Good Afternoon,

I am writing you to address the adjustment of high school boundaries being considered. The October 30th presentation of the "Springboard Proposal" has a large negative impact on our West TV community as it stands currently with no positive for our kids or community at any level. This proposal seems mostly focused on attempting to balance the free/reduced lunch eligible population, which is not even a listed boundary adjustment criteria, rather than taking into account transportation cost, student safety, long term tradition and neighborhood unity, all very important to those using the schools at all income levels and are listed as boundary adjustment criteria. I would like to say a few words about each of the listed boundary adjustment criteria as they related to the West TV community from my perspective.

Criteria For Boundary Adjustments, as listed at

<https://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/depts/facilities/boundary/Pages/High-School-Adjustment-Process.aspx>

- Availability of Space
 - I know this is the driving factor behind the new school and adjustment of the boundaries and I would think no one would disagree that it is needed. But it must be looked at in a way that would have clear boundaries that would not cause unnecessary stress on our kids or put their safety at risk. I believe the current plan does both of these things for the West TV community and needs to be avoided. Using a large natural barrier such as highway 26 as a boundary to the south for the Sunset area would allow for a clear boundary point and avoid the unsafe and lengthy travel to a distant hard to reach with a regular time line Beaverton High School.
- Proximity to School
 - The West TV area is only 2.5 miles from Sunset High School with clear predictable travel to and from the school, travel time less than 5 minutes in most cases. The proposed Beaverton High is 7 miles from West TV through very busy unpredictable arterials that can take anywhere from 20 minutes to better than an hour to get to and from on any given day.
- Neighborhood Unity
 - I have served on both the West TV Local School Committee and the Elementary Boundary Adjustment Committee convened a few years back and I can tell you the ties more than 50 years old to the West TV area and Sunset run very deep and Beaverton over that time has been seen as nothing but a community rival. It would be devastating for this community to have to endure that change. Not to mention increased distance to travel to Beaverton High School events would be an increased burden for families, and possible a barrier to attendance at all for some, to ever get new traditions started again at another school.
- Staffing Patterns
 - I know little on this but doubt it could cause such a drastic shift as the one proposed.
- Safety
 - Currently the commute from Sunset to the West TV area crosses no major arterials and is able to be biked safely for our students if they would like, many community members run the stretch on a regular basis. Biking is an impossibility from the West TV area to Beaverton High School and bus transportation would take at least 3 times longer and put kids at risk as the only way to make this trip would be to traverse highway 217 or the extremely busy Cedar Hills Blvd. There is no way to say that the safety of our West TV kids would not be negatively

impacted by the proposed plan.

- Transportation
 - The cost of busing has been at the fore front of the budget for years with buses being cut in our area to save cost just to Sunset. The increased cost of busing the West TV kids to Beaverton has to be very significant not to mention the time of morning our kids would need to get up and going to catch a bus to Beaverton High School would have a huge negative impact on our kids. This cannot be allowed to happen.
- Student Body Configuration
 - Sunset has a diverse population now, granted not as much as some, and with adding some of the changes to the west as proposed would be even more so. The West TV area would neither significantly impact the student body configuration of any school in a negative or positive manner.

Communities are rooted in their high schools. We moved our family into the West Tualatin View elementary boundaries 20 years ago specifically so our children could attend West TV and then Sunset High School. To have my 2 sons transition to a new school while one is finishing up his high school and another is just starting seems ludicrous. Tearing them away from friends they have lived around their whole lives, from Sunset sports they have played since 3rd grade and the Sunset academic excellence and IB program would be traumatic for all of us. I hope I have conveyed how the West TV community and Sunset are deeply entwined with the West TV kids having finished their public education at Sunset for better than 50 years. Tearing apart these deep roots would lay waste to our community bonds that are connected through education, sports and the arts. I would start by proposing using HWY 26 as the southern boundary of the Sunset area thus allowing West TV and Cedar Mill Elementary, who is getting torn in half by this, to stay in the Sunset area and keeping our kids safe, saving the district money and allowing our Sunset community to stay intact for our area.


Should it be needed I would welcome the opportunity to serve again on the boundary advisory committee or take part as may be fit in the process in anyway.

Thank You for your time,

Frank Krause

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Subject: Comments/Request for consideration

Date: Monday, November 2, 2015 at 3:30:41 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Comp, Lynn A

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

A couple things come through to me as a Sunset parent

- 1) In reading the comments from Beaverton High School parents, I do think it's valid that they're losing significant history & a 75% change to the community feeding that school is a huge challenge. It could be viewed that the most disadvantaged socioeconomic school took the hit for schools like Westview who are wealthier and only impacted ~35%
- 2) Westview has very little impact where Sunset loses 65% of its area to Beaverton. It would seem like better effort on rebalancing between Westview & Sunset might be in order to keep more middle school communities from being divided upon going to high school. Westview is crowded – so I'm not sure why rebalance so little between Sunset & Westview on the west side (again, this could be received as socioeconomic bias in play to keep Westview largely intact relative to Beaverton...)
- 3) **This will be horribly disruptive to juniors** – while my son will remain in the same school he started in, I can envision this traumatizing other juniors because they have been competing for 2 yrs against the Beaverton schools they will be forcibly moved to. They have already developed strong community loyalty to their home schools. Parents move mountains with their careers to not change high school communities for their kids in junior year – where the kids have so many pivotal things happening in prep for college. PLEASE reconsider the decision to force juniors scheduled to graduate in 2019 to change schools and establish an allowance for juniors to join the seniors in graduating from their home schools if they choose. This is a TERRIBLE time to force them to change school communities given everything that is at stake & how the kids at Westview are AP classes while the kids at Sunset are IB. The incompatibility in the programs forces even more tough decision making in a year that makes or breaks their college opportunities!

-Lynn Comp

Subject: Initial Feedback on proposed high school boundary adjustment

Date: Monday, November 2, 2015 at 4:06:42 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Greg Harr

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Beaverton School District,

I just received the information for the proposed adjustment to high school boundaries in the district, and the criteria used to determine the new boundaries.

I understand that this process is challenging - and contentious - as this process impacts everyone's children; school funding; teacher positions; and the community as a whole. However, as a home owner in Cedar Mill, I must protest that this initial "Springboard Proposal Map" violates 3/7 of your criteria for the children in my neighborhood: Proximity to school, Transportation and Neighborhood Unity.

The proposal shifts the high school for Cedar Mill neighborhood from Sunset (1.8mi away) to Beaverton (3.1mi away) - doubling the travel distance and functionally eliminating a 'walk to/from school' option for our neighborhood kids. It is difficult to tell from the initial map - and since Cornell is the new boundary between Sunset/Beaverton - this could also mean having to take our elementary kids to West Tualitin View Elementary (2.3mi) v. Cedar Mill Elementary (<1mi).

Based on the Gerrymandering (my perception) of including the Baseline area (Elmonica Elementary), and exclusion of the "North of HWY 26" (West Tualitin View), I would assume that your other factors presented (%eligible for free/reduced lunch; and race/ethnicity) drove these changes to the detriment of the 3 criteria I listed above.

Although I agree that diversity adds value to education at all levels; it should not out weigh proximity in determining which children should attend which school. My counter proposal would be to redraw the Sunset HS south boundary at HWY 26 including Cedar Mill, and as far to the East as there remains space rather than carving out the Elmonica elementary area which is almost equidistant from either high school.

Thanks for including the citizens in this process. I look forward to upcoming open forums for continued discussion and information sharing.

Regards,

Greg Harr
Cedar Mill neighbor
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Subject: New Boundaries

Date: Monday, November 2, 2015 at 4:12:56 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Payton Major

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Good evening,

My name is Payton Major and I am a freshman attending Beaverton High School. I live near the Sexton Mountain area and am now in the boundaries for the new high school. When the school is planned to be done, I will be a junior. I am aware that the senior class will be staying at Beaverton. My leadership teacher said that 75% of the population at BHS will be attending elsewhere. As a leadership class, we have established many traditions and created a new sense of community within the school. To see 75% of our hard work go, would be heart breaking.

I understand that I live far away from Beaverton and I will either be in the boundaries of Southridge or the new high school. Since we might be moving halfway through the 4 years, our class of 2019 would be separated. As a leader, I have many long term plans for the school that will never occur under these circumstances. Our learning experience may be altered by attending two different schools. If we could change the boundaries so BHS wouldn't be losing so many students, that would be amazing.

The main thing I want to make sure is that my class, 2019, stays together at Beaverton. I hope that you can give Juniors a choice to stay at their home school rather than forcing them to a completely different environment. I hope to be ASB president senior year and I won't get that opportunity by attending a new school. I have already made a difference at Beaverton and I don't want to stop.

I hope these factors are considered in the decision making process.

Thank you for your time,
Payton Major

Subject: Sunset to beaverton

Date: Monday, November 2, 2015 at 5:40:20 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Evie Goodman

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

To whom it may concern,

The recent changes for the students of sunset high school concerning their transfer to Beaverton has become something I feel strongly about. I understand that moving the boundaries for Sunset and Beaverton has its benefits but I am concerned with the transportation to and from Beaverton, the community, and the changes the students have to go through.

Beaverton is farther away from my house then sunset and highway 217 is a very busy road that often holds traffic that would increase the time getting to and from Beaverton. If people drive to school as a usual mode of transportation then they could risk being late to school and other extracurricular activities.

I also have been a part of the Apollo community since I was very young. I have been to countless football games, volleyball games, camps, Apollos unplugged, musicals, plays, basketball games, etc. throughout elementary and middle school. My older sister is currently a senior at sunset and I a freshman. My mum volunteers for sunset at the CCC on Mondays, I have become very connected with sunset and I fear that I won't have that type of community in Beaverton because I haven't been familiar with that school for nearly as long as sunset.

Also I am very interested in the IB diploma and IB classes in general, I have been very excited to take more challenging classes coming into this school. If the transfer will occur in 2017, I will be going into my junior year. The junior year for the most part is a very key role in every student's college application. My goal for a few years now has been to take the most challenging classes for myself to learn as much as possible, since Beaverton does not offer IB classes, I fear I will not be able to archive that goal.

By junior year I will have built an even stronger community bond within sunset and the emotional trauma from moving to another school may affect my school year.

I hope you take my email into consideration.

With respect,

Evelyn Goodman

Subject: (none)

Date: Monday, November 2, 2015 at 5:17:46 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Grace Kang

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Hello,

So I had a couple questions for this entire high school boundary procedure. My child has been dreaming of going to Westview high school from an early age. From supporting Westview fundraisers to attending and cheering for their team at their games, my child was so excited to attend. With the sudden boundary change, although preliminary, we have been pushed into the Sunset high school boundary, our neighborhood only being a mere street away from Westview boundaries. The news of this change has not only caused distress and disappointment to our entire family and especially my child, it has also caused disruption among the students that were so ready to be a part of the community of Westview. I believe that although the new boundary lines were all planned with a good purpose, the distress that this news has left many of us is quite large. Right before heading off to high school, a big step forward in their lives, to be forced to attend a different school spilt apart from their friends and future plans is what I believe a little uncalled for.

Now transitioning to another topic, I had a few questions for the preliminary changes.

1. If we live in the current Westview boundaries, would my child be able to attend Westview her freshman year next school year?
2. If our neighborhood actually in the end isn't able to squeeze into the Westview boundaries, how could my child still attend if transportation could most likely be provided?
3. Is it possible for the district to extend the boundaries a little bit more to the east by covering half of the area west of Bethany Blvd but above Sunset Hwy and below West Union (I could send a map to clarify the exact location or area)

I hope that the board is able to understand our distress and thanks so much for the cooperation.

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Sunset HS to Beaverton HS Transfer Students

Date: Monday, November 2, 2015 at 6:39:51 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Sadie Schmunk

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Dear Boundary Adjustment Committee Members,

My name is Sadie Schmunk and I have lived in the West TV, Cedar Park, and Sunset neighborhood since I was three years old. My oldest brother, Tristan graduated from Sunset in 2013 and my other brother, Ethan is currently a senior at Sunset. I'm currently a freshman at Sunset. According to the most recent boundary change, I'm scheduled to transfer to Beaverton, fall of 2017, my junior year. I've been going to Sunset football games, lacrosse games, plays, musicals, camps, graduations, volleyball games, choir concerts, band performances, variety shows, apollo unplugged and many other Sunset activities and events since 4th grade. I'm very attached and close to the Sunset community. We are a tight-knit community and it would be very hard for me to leave it.

Right now I enjoy the very short commute to Sunset (walkable distance). Bus rides and car rides are extremely quick with very little traffic, which means I can get to school faster and get home faster. The commute to Beaverton High School would take lots of time which means having to wake up earlier and arrive home later.

Moving to Beaverton High School during the most important year of high school (junior year) would be physically and emotionally exhausting for most students who would transfer. Not only would we have to keep up with all the work and maintain good grades but we would also have to adjust to a new environment, teachers, campus, and other students. This can be stressful and emotionally draining.

I hope you take into consideration my email and why the majority of Sunset students would find it very difficult and stressful to transfer to Beaverton High School in the middle of their four years of high school. I would be extremely grateful for a response.

Thank you for your time,
Sadie Schmunk
Class of 2019

Subject: Request for Boundary Changes

Date: Monday, November 2, 2015 at 8:07:35 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Michelle Hutton

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Hello!

I would like to request that the Sunset High School Boundary line be extended to NW Kaiser Rd instead of the power lines between Oakridge Estates and Kaiser Ridge Estates. We live in Kaiser Ridge/Estates and we are one of the few neighborhoods that is Findley, Stoller, Westview. Kaiser Ridge, Sethrich and Bethany Ridge go to Findley, Stoller and Westview. There are so many relationships made over the years in elementary school that it would be nice for the kids to continue with those friendships into High School. There is a large majority of kids at Stoller that go to Westview, it would be nice if you can keep more of the Findley, Stoller, Sunset kids together. Our oldest daughter and our neighbors currently go to Sunset to take advantage of the IB program. It has not been a problem but every year we have to re-apply. We have 2 more kids currently at Stoller that have seen what a great experience their sister is having at Sunset HS. They would like to attend Sunset HS too.

My proposal would be that Kaiser Rd. be the boundary line. It could stop at Laidlaw because once you cross Laidlaw, it becomes Jacob Wismer, Stoller, Westview.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michellé Hutton

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Subject: Sunset boundary

Date: Monday, November 2, 2015 at 9:09:01 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Gmail

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

We live right off of Butner and Murray. Our sons will be able to walk to school which is just 1 mile door to door. The proposed changes will put us at Beaverton which is 3 miles away. You should look at homes within the radius of the school. This would not support the sense of community when we shop at Cornell and support Sunset as our high school through youth sports and HS sports. This would make their school day longer with a much longer commute through horrible traffic trying to get to school, and much less time for academics and homework.

Take care,
Jamie Rodrick
Child Development Specialist
www.nurturechildren.net

Subject: Boundary comment

Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 8:17:01 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Craig Williams

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Hello and thank you for taking comments.

I am a parent of a current Sunset High student and future (proposed) Sunset High student. I have heard from multiple parents that the re-districted kids would potentially not be allowed to finish their High School careers at the schools that they started at. Regardless of where kids get allocated with the new boundaries, it seems very disruptive to break up current peer groups and send kids off to new schools in the middle of their High School years. Many parents forego career moves and adjustments during our kids High School years to avoid just that sort of disruptive move.

Can you address where that discussion is currently at within the proposals of the new school opening?
Thank you.

Craig

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Subject: Boundary adjustment concerns
Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 8:22:40 AM Pacific Standard Time
From: patricia larson
To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Hello and thank you for taking comments.

I am a parent of a current Sunset High student and future (proposed) Sunset High student. I have heard from multiple parents that the re-districted kids would potentially not be allowed to finish their High School careers at the schools that they started at. Regardless of where kids get allocated with the new boundaries, it seems very disruptive to break up current peer groups and send kids off to new schools in the middle of their High School years. Many parents forego career moves and adjustments during our kids High School years to avoid just that sort of disruptive move.

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November 3, 2015

John Huelskamp
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RE: School Boundary adjustment considerations

Dear Mr. Huelskamp;

Thank you so much for being a part of the boundary adjustment committee. I do not envy your work on this and appreciate you taking on the challenge. My girls currently attend Sunset and we, as a family, have been very pleased and grateful for the quality education that they are receiving. Our neighborhood is the area north of Highway 26 that feeds in to West TV Elementary.

Under the first draft of the Boundary adjustment map, our neighborhood would feed to Beaverton High School. I have many personal and emotional reactions to this possibility which include many things including that I am a Sunset alumni. Although I also understand that there will need to be changes and there is no way to please everyone. When I remove my personal concerns I still feel like the neighborhoods north of highway 26 should be considered a feeder to Sunset. Here are a few of my most pressing reasons:

- Our neighborhood is considered Cedar Mill. We are very involved in communications with Cedar Mill news and outreach. We support many community events and assistance that are often tied to Sunsets outreach. The most recent example being all of the support for Natalie Traller. From the little things like Sunset sports car washes, supporting our neighborhood library, attending Sunset plays and musicals etc. We consider our neighborhood to be the Sunset/Cedar Mill neighborhood. Moving our kids to Beaverton really removes us away from our natural community.
- Another major concern is the traffic and congestion issues that will be very difficult as busses and new student drivers try to navigate an already overstressed road system such as highway 217 and Cedar Hills Boulevard. There are not any viable side road options, outside of these two major road arterials, available to get our kids to school and would also be a real inconvenience for those of us that try to volunteer at the school.
- Many of us have moved or stayed in the neighborhood so that our high school age kids can participate in the IB program at Sunset. Although I'm sure Beaverton's education program is just fine, it is the reason we live where we live.

I appreciate your time in considering some of these issues as you work on recommendations going forward. My hope is that you would recommend that the neighborhoods North of Highway 26 be drawn into the Sunset High School boundary area.

Regards,
Debbie Williams
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Subject: Murrayhill neighborhood

Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 12:30:04 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Kellie Raz

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Hello,

As conversations continue regarding boundaries, I ask that the Murrayhill HOA remain in the same school boundary vs. splitting it up as it is now with most attending Highland Park Middle School and a small portion (where I reside with 6th grade twins) attend Conestoga. For the sake of neighborhood unity, sense of community, carpooling, etc. I hope Heron Circle and Heron Court can be included in the same school boundaries as the rest of Murrayhill.

Thank you,
Kellie

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Subject: Comment on Springboard Proposal Map

Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 1:30:14 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Kristi Nelson

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

My family resides within the Cedar Mill ES boundary, and I was extremely disappointed to see the springboard map show our attendance area feeding to Beaverton High School.

Based on Board Policy JC, School Attendance Areas, the primary criteria for boundary adjustments is stated to be availability of space, proximity to school, safety and neighborhood unity.

Beaverton HS is significantly farther away from our home than Sunset HS (proximity), it limits alternative modes of transportation such as walking or biking (safety) and divides up the attendance area for Cedar Mill ES (lack of neighborhood unity).

From a proximity/safety/transportation standpoint, it does not make sense to send students from north of Hwy 26 south to Beaverton HS, while sending students south of Hwy 26 north to Sunset HS. At a minimum, the entire area north of Hwy 26 should feed to Sunset HS instead Beaverton HS, while the section south of Hwy 26 shown as attending Sunset HS should instead attend Beaverton HS.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,
Kristi Nelson

Subject: Public Records Request

Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 2:37:52 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Jean Singer

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Good Afternoon,

This email serves as my public record request for the following information:

1. Traffic data and estimated trips used in the creation of the "springboard" new Beaverton High School boundary map.
2. Analysis of the capacity of surrounding intersections near each high school to handle the changes in traffic volumes/direction.
3. Assumptions for the maximum allowable bus ride length.
4. Basis for school population projections.

If some of these were not considered, I request this analysis be included before a preferred alternative is determined.

I know this level of analysis was required of South Cooper Mountain High School as part of the development approval.

Redistricting this significant in nature should require the same analysis.

Thank you,

Jean Singer

503-724-8997

Subject: Comments Regarding High School Boundary Adjustments

Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 2:48:48 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Manor_Family

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Committee Members

I realize that we are still very early in the boundary adjustment process, but one thing that really jumps out at me looking at the Springboard Proposal is the huge increase in free or reduced lunch attendance for Southridge High School, as compared to more modest changes for all of the other affected high schools. One of the criteria for boundary adjustments is "Student body configuration" this needs to be handled in an equitable manner. To swing the school demographics so drastically seems to risk a large disruption to the culture of Southridge and surrounding neighborhoods. I urge you to be sensitive to equity as you go through this process.

Thank you for your consideration,
Cathy Manor

Subject: Beaverton school boundary changes

Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 4:24:01 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Victoria M

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Hello,

I am a parent who lives off of Walker Rd and 150th Ave in the current sunset high school boundary area. With the proposed boundary changes our children will now be in the Beaverton High School area. This makes absolutely no sense. We can hear Sunset High School's football games and bands, we are walking/bicycling distance from Sunset High School. I am very frustrated and disappointed with the proposed boundary changes. I would like to suggest a boundary that would work now and for years to come. SHS boundary to be west of Murray Blvd and north of Walker Rd.

Please let me know how else I can be involved in this process.

Thank You.

Victoria Marchese

503-780-1937

Subject: Initial Beaverton School Boundary Proposal

Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 6:22:31 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Stan Bunch

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

CC: brian.kennedy@gmail.com

To the committee:

We recently received information on the proposed realignment of school districts that will impacted children and families with school age children in our Cedar Mill neighborhood. Understanding that you can never please everyone with these changes, the proposed move of much of the Cedar Mill area into the Beaverton HS zone just doesn't seem to make sense form a practical perspective.

First, Sunset Highway is a natural barrier and there is very limited access from the northern side to the southern. Only Cedar Hills Blvd, which has terrible traffic congestion throughout the entire intersection with HWY 26, provides access. And, there is no safe bicycle or walking access from north to south along this corridor.

While access to Sunset High School could certainly be improved (Cornell is still essentially a two lane road), Cornell at least provides safe sidewalks and bicycle lanes much of the distance from Cedar Mill to Sunset High School, not to mention the excellent pedestrian bridge overpasses of Cedar Hills Blvd and 118th Ave. All of the local shopping we do is along the Cornell corridor – this has nothing to do with school boundaries, but it does validate the natural transit patterns of the neighborhood. We rarely go “south of Hwy 26”, not because there is anything wrong with the neighborhoods, it's just not convenient or easily accessible.

Secondly, and I state this based on judgment, the drive times from our neighborhood to Beaverton HS have to be considerably longer than the drive to time to Sunset HS. It's farther and the traffic congestion in Beaverton can be daunting.

Lastly, and this falls more into the emotional category, these neighborhoods have a long historical tie to Sunset High School. Many of Cedar Mill businesses have long been supporters of Sunset High sports and other student enrichment programs. And, even though our children are grown, both of the neighborhoods we have lived in over the last 18 years have strong ties to Sunset High and consider themselves “Apollos”.

We urge you to seriously consideration these very important factors. The proposed change of much of the Cedar Mill neighborhood to Beaverton High School seems to provide few benefits for our neighborhood and the downside is significant for the families that will be affected.

As an aside, we voted for the bond funding for Beaverton School District despite the fact that all our children are grown adults. It was the right thing to do.

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Subject: Springboard Proposal a Bad Call for Student Drivers in Cedar Hills

Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 8:27:21 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Rob Richards

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

CC: robhelen_1@msn.com

Hello,

Just want to add a further thought about how the current proposal would affect student driver safety for high school students in the Cedar Hills area. We just finished training our 16 yr old for his drivers' license this summer. The majority of his 50 hrs of behind the wheel training came in the form of driving from our neighborhood between Cornell and Barnes to Sunset HS, so that his most practiced and familiar route would be the route to/from school, which he would drive daily once he got his license. The route is on small, single-lane surface streets with light traffic even at 7:15am, perfect for a beginning driver.

I would NOT have wanted to take a new, beginning driver down Hwy 217 to Beaverton HS during the morning commute crunch, nor down Cedar Hills Blvd, the only reasonable routes from Cedar Hills down into downtown Beaverton. Our 16 yr old will be graduated by the time this goes into effect, but we have a 7th grader who will be affected, and I have grave reservations about training a brand new driver for a daily school commute down either 217 or Cedar Hills Blvd through downtown Beaverton. Downtown Beaverton is a traffic nightmare even for experienced adults.

This proposal has a significant impact on new driver safety for learning and newly licensed drivers, putting them on some of the busiest, most traveled routes in the area right when commuters are hitting the roads and highway. It makes no sense to send kids from north of 26 all the way down to downtown Beaverton as their daily drive to school.

This impacts bus time as well. If buses have to travel that far (Cedar Hills down to Beaverton HS), that will make for unreasonably long bus times, resulting in unreasonably early pickups and late drop-offs that will impact after school work schedules and non-school sports schedules.

We strongly oppose the current "springboard" boundary proposal.

-Rob and Helen Richards

Subject: School Boundary Adjustment

Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 8:59:35 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Mitzi Bodine

To: john huelskamp

CC: Boundary Adjustment Comments, Eric Simpson, maureen wheeler, Stuart Hall, Steve Bodine

Dear Mr. Huelskamp

First off, I want to thank you and the rest of the committee members for the time and effort that I know will be put forth serving on the School Boundary Adjustment committee. I have no doubt that it will be a process full of emotionally charged interactions. I thought it would be best to get mine in early...just kidding!

My daughter is currently a sophomore at Sunset High School and it is my understanding that the boundary change won't affect her graduating as a Fighting Apollo, just like her dad did before her. I would strongly hope that when the final maps are drawn, **the neighborhoods on the North side of Hwy 26 are kept as Sunset feeder schools** so the younger kids in our community will also have the opportunity to attend Sunset.

Following are a few of my concerns/questions that I would appreciate the committee to take under consideration when finalizing the boundaries:

- **Community:** We live in the West TV Elementary School area and feel very closely tied to Sunset HS through youth sports, the local library, THPRD facilities like the Sunset pool, etc. It would be very difficult to build this same sense of community and involvement with Beaverton HS merely because of proximity.
- **Transportation:** Dovetailing on the proximity argument, I currently don't use Hwy 217 unless it is absolutely necessary. The traffic is overwhelming and not likely to improve in the future. The surface streets which would be alternatives to get the kids across Hwy 26 to Beaverton HS would largely be Cedar Hills Blvd and Murray Blvd, which are really not any better during prime commute hours. As an aside, if Murray were used, one would literally be driving past Sunset to get to BHS. Based on traffic alone, I would be very reluctant to volunteer my time to BHS, as the driving would be prohibitive.
- **Equity:** This probably isn't an argument in favor of keeping the West TV neighborhood in the Sunset feeder district but as I was viewing the maps from the presentation, I found it odd that there was talk about equity and using the free/reduced lunch data but the springboard map presented actually widened the gap between BHS and SHS. The numbers for BHS go from 49% to 53% free/reduced lunch and SHS goes from 28% to 19%. I am hopeful that this will be looked at closely so there isn't such a gap.
- **Property Value:** Having recently had our house appraised, we found that our price/sq.ft was positively affected by being in a neighborhood that fed into Sunset HS. As the state report cards for SHS are consistently higher than those of BHS, it would be a concern that our property value may decline due to the boundary change. This would especially be concerning if the equity issue stated above wasn't addressed. I would be interested to see data and information come out of the committee's findings that would allay this concern.

Thanks again for your service as a member of this committee. My hope is that my above concerns can be heard and taken under consideration, with the ultimate result of keeping the areas north of Hwy 26 contained within the SHS boundary.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any follow up questions and/or information regarding this process.

Sincerely,

Mitzi Bodine
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Subject: here's an idea

Date: Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 10:22:33 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: kevinne moran

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

I work with about 60 volunteers in my program and I've heard an earful from most of them. So, I thought I'd send in one suggestion.

When I've lived in other locations and a brand new high school opened up, the district chose to make it a "magnet school" for a variety of programs that were residing across the district in different high schools. Health careers, auto tech, high tech, whatever. If students were in those programs, or chose to attend those programs, they were assigned to the new school. That way, people want to go to it, don't mind leaving their home high schools, and you don't disrupt everyone who wants to stay in their current locations? Worth a consideration? Worth running the numbers?

Thanks

Kevinne Moran

College and Career Center

Beaverton HS

Subject: Comment

Date: Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 12:29:11 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Becky Royse

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

After looking at the proposal of new boundaries... I was surprised at the jump in free and reduced lunch that will impact Southridge High... .. Also putting extra miles on young drivers to and from School. If trying to equalize each school in free and reduced lunch is the goal...with Southridge at 28% jumping to 47% will most definitely impact the school and our community! I hope you will consider that..

Thank you Becky Royse

Sent from my iPad

Subject: consider grandfathering kids in their original school

Date: Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 8:55:44 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: dixon.jennifer@comcast.net

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

CC: dixon.jennifer@comcast.net

I am writing to voice my opinion/concern about the proposed school boundary changes, specifically the one effecting us at Sunset and Beaverton High School. While there are many reason that the proposed changes greatly effect myself and my neighbors with the biggest being expected decrease in home value, along with other issues, what I am most concerned about at this point is how it effects us on a person level with my daughter who will be starting at one high school and then moving in the middle of her high school career to another school.

I am hoping that you will consider the idea to grandfather any students that start at a school. There are so many reason this is important. My daughter has formed meaningful friendships and relationships, some starting all the way back in kindergarden, and the thought of her being uprooted after starting at the school she has planned to attend for so many years is heartbreaking for her and our family. She has played on youth sports teams with the Sunset name and has built team pride and community spirit. She will play on teams her freshman year, probably purchasing uniforms and gear that will go to waste the next year. How are they supposed to build that team spirit knowing they are going to move the following year?? She has never even considered looking at other schools, looking forward to the time she will be an Apollo.

My husband recently passed on a job promotion due to the fact that we didn't want to uproot our daughter from the environment and bonds she has created with her friends and their families. Now we may not get to continue being a part of that, in the end, due to the boundary change. Studies show that uprooting children and moving schools is disruptive for them.

Sometimes a change of a whole grade level can be the result. I can't believe that a school district would not take this into consideration. These kids are dealing with so many things at this age and this just adds to the anxiety. It is really so disruptive.

While I understand some boundaries need to change with the addition of this new school, I feel like there are ways to lessen the negative effects it will have families and most importantly our children. I think grandfathering kids into their primary school is the first and most obvious step. I hope this will be a consideration.

Thank you for your time -
Jennifer Dixon
503-539-8916

Subject: Concerning Boundary Adjustments

Date: Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 10:00:30 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Willow Rakoncay

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

November 2, 2015

Dear Superintendent Rose and Beaverton
School District Board,

It has recently come to my attention, and those of my peers, that the boundary lines for feeder schools inside of Beaverton School District are changing. My name is Willow Rakoncay, and I am a proud student of Beaverton High School. I attended Whitford Middle and McKay Elementary, and a large percentage of my friends here at Beaverton High School attended Highland, Whitford, and Raleigh Hills. These peers range from freshmen to seniors, and our traditions carry down from those seniors to freshmen, including the community built by long lines of family and student attendance.

Here at Beaverton, traditions and culture are a pivotal aspect of our student life, our peer interactions, and our everyday lifestyles. Alumni have traveled through Beaverton High for generations, and even now, alumni from 45 years ago are returning to help with plays, organize improvements to our campus, and just to visit and check in with the kids they know will be here from their respective lines. Our student leadership works relentlessly to help build our community inside of Beaverton High School; event weeks dedicated to Respect and different Perspectives focusing on self, community, others, and social media; campaigns to anonymously show student stories; and everyday things such as rallying to clean bleachers at another school.

These acts of community do not occur overnight.

Community such as ours are built over generations and connections, relationships and trust gained over years and years. Our drama program, an already underrepresented pocket in our community, is over 80% Whitford and Highland students. Three years ago, without our ties to Whitford, our program would have crumbled. Our adviser works full time at Whitford middle and part time here at Beaverton for the sole purpose of watching us grow and supporting us in our activities. With him, he brings new underclassmen to enter into our community. His older students, I one of them, as are many of my friends, use our preexisting relationships to assimilate into the community and grow our program through peers we may know through middle school. In our LINK program, an organization dedicated to helping freshmen by growing relationships between them and upperclassmen, we rely on that connection between middle schools and their students to help them feel welcome, help them feel safe, and help them join their community.

Changing these boundary lines changes our entire community. These changes are not simply moving kids to a different school, but changing the very atmosphere they enter into. When at least 75% of our lines are changing and most every student I know is either a Whitford or a Highland kid, I can't even begin to imagine what Beaverton would be without their influence on the place we come to nine months out of the year, eight hours of the day. That's not even taking into consideration after school activities; some of us are here for twelve hours, or ten, or even fifteen. When our leadership program stays until midnight to set up an assembly or our band program is out rehearsing until eight on the field, that says something. Kids who train for sports at Beaverton High from first grade speak for us. Tutoring programs between Beaverton, Highland, and Whitford are nothing less than future friends, peers, and classmates in the making. Our community isn't simply a high school, but surrounding schools and families, and that represents something. That represents a community who knows who it is and kids who know where they belong--they belong at Beaverton High School.

I'm sure you understand that changing boundary lines means a change to the structure inside of the schools it affects, but I don't know if the direness of the situation is as urgent at the district level as it is at the schoolwide level. Our student leadership was horrified to hear that their sixth graders, their middle schoolers, and the kids that passed through the same communities that they did would no longer be joining them to complete their schooling. They would no longer develop and grow with them, and they would no longer return as alumni to the same community they left. This change could cause damage irreparable for years to come, and the community we have worked for into the dust, when the values and traditions we maintain have been there for generations. Communities do not simply happen, and while overcrowding and boundary lines are shifted due to demand, there are some lines that simply should and cannot be shifted. Garden Home neighborhoods, for example, have been there since day 1—there is no greater loss than families hearing that their school will no longer be their school, and their kids won't know where they began, or to break apart siblings already attending from graduating from where they belong. My own sister is a freshmen this year, and will be one of the first to move, and that absolutely breaks my heart.

I urge you not to break apart those ties that hold together our culture and community. Our work, time, energy, and love have all acted upon on the strong brother and sisterhood that we've created at Beaverton High School, and the changing of these boundary lines would not only disrupt that connection, but alter our entire way of life at Beaverton High and, I'm sure, any other high schools affected. Please refrain from pulling Highland and Whitford from our lines, and help in allowing our community to grow and blossom. On behalf of my own story, Beaverton alumni, my own peers, and my family, I strongly

urge you to redraw the boundary lines elsewhere and refrain from the change waiting to ensue.
Thank you.
Sincerely,
Willow Rakoncay

Subject: Comments on boundary changes

Date: Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 7:44:21 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Mike Crabill

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Hi there – I am a Ridgewood parent with a 3rd grader there and a 6th Grader at Cedar Park. I understand the immense challenges faced with this redistricting. I have 2 main comments:

1. We MUST make BHS an IB program for this to make sense. By the time my kids get there they would have done PYP at Ridgewood and MYP and Cedar Park. It makes no sense for there to be no continuity going into BHS. We had this track ready to go at Sunset. If we are now going to re-direct to BHS, we need BHS to be brought to same level.
2. The income disparity issue between BHS and Sunset is very concerning. We need to continue to look for ways to bring that more into balance.

Thanks for taking the input,
Mike Crabill

Subject: Comment on proposed HS boundary change

Date: Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 8:51:02 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Dave Mlodinoff

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

I write to set forth my disapproval of, and disappointment with, the proposed Beaverton School District boundary change. When my wife became pregnant with our child in 2003, we bought our house in the Cedar Hills (north of 26) neighborhood in large part because of the great reputation of Sunset High School. Our daughter is now in 6th grade at Cedar Park Middle School; as recently as last spring, the Cedar Park administration was touting the cohesion of the Cedar Park curriculum with the Sunset curriculum. We were told that the two schools coordinate their classes with each other so that the education of the Cedar Park students flows seamlessly into the Sunset program.

Now, just a few months later, the district and its outside consultants apparently are proposing to redistrict us into the Beaverton High School district. This proposal disregards years of our careful planning; conflicts with the representations made by the Cedar Park administration earlier this year; threatens to separate our daughter from some of the friends she has made at Cedar Park; and jeopardizes our property value.

I urge the committee to carefully consider the impact on long-time Sunset district residents before adopting a plan devised with the help of consultants who have not invested time and money into the community.

Please feel free to contact me at this email address if you have any questions....David Mlodinoff

Subject: Concerned parent from the current Sunset High school district
Date: Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 9:37:04 AM Pacific Standard Time
From: Frank Chiu
To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Dear Committee,

Our family is extremely concerned and disappointed to learn the news of change of boundary to the current Beaverton school district.

We are very disappointed to have to learn the changes through my neighbors, instead of being notified through mail on this important topic.

One of the major factor in choosing our permanent home is the proximity to schools and safety of commute for my children.

While I have no issue in the quality of Beaverton High School, seeing all the great public comments on the work being done at BHS, I am extremely concerned about the infrastructure of the city to support the change of traffic.

Currently from our community at Peterkort Village, just north of US26 on SW Cedar Hill Blvd, is a 6-7 minute drive to Sunset High School during traffic hours.

The change of school to BHS means my children will have the option of taking a 45 minutes bus ride each way, or at least 20-25 minute drive based on the current congested 217 or SW Cedar Hill Blvd. I can only imagine how bad and dangerous the increase of traffic will become due to the school rezoning.

I strongly discourage your plan to move our community at Peterkort Village away from Sunset High School, this is the community that we belong to and live in.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments, I hope addition factors, mostly importantly SAFETY of the community, will be considered in the change of school zoning.

I hope to meeting you all in person in the upcoming public hearing, and once again address my concerns on this traffic.

Sincerely,

Frank

November 5, 2015

Dear Boundary Adjustment Advisory Committee:

First of all, thank you for volunteering to serve on this committee. It is a significant time commitment and you will be making important decisions in the lives of our children. I appreciate your willingness to serve.

I have read with interest the meeting materials from the first two meetings as well as the meeting summary of October 15 and have concerns about the springboard proposal and how it addresses the school board objectives and primary and secondary decision making criteria listed in the school board policy:

1. The objectives adopted by the School Board in June include “minimizing transitions for students”. **The springboard proposal map does not do this. Rather, it creates significant transitions for students with Beaverton, Sunset and Southridge losing over half of their current attendance areas.** It will create significant disruptions for the majority of students at those schools as they must transition to new teachers, friends, teams and clubs, and educational offerings. The stress of the transition for students starts now with the uncertainty and will continue through many years. As my child is currently in 8th grade, it raises many questions as to how the transition will occur – for example, before we do forecasting for 9th grade, will we know what the class offerings will be at both schools so we don’t start down at path at Sunset and then need to change mid-course if that class is not offered when we transition to Beaverton?
2. The objectives also address overcrowding: “to relieve current and projected future overcrowding (five years out)”. The vast majority of new development in Washington County will occur in North Bethany and South Cooper Mountain – both on the northwest and southwest end of the District. Presumably, it would be the schools on the west and south side of the district (Westview, Aloha and Southridge) that will gain students. Yet, **the vast impact to attendance boundaries occurs on the east side of the district – where growth is likely to hold constant.** Without seeing the school projections based on the current boundaries, this does not make sense. If the Committee has not seen the projected enrollment by current high school attendance area, I implore you to ask for that information. If you have seen it, please request that the information be shared with the public (I could not find it on the website).
3. The primary criteria, as outlined in school board policy includes “proximity to school”. **The springboard proposal creates a greater distance to high school for our neighborhood.** Our elementary school, West TV Elementary, is the elementary school furthest east in the current high school attendance boundaries. It is approximately 3.4 miles from Sunset High School. It is approximately 4.3 miles from Beaverton High School (4.2 miles if traveling on Hwy 217), the

school we are slated to attend under the springboard proposal. Although this may not seem like much in the scheme of things, it increases transportation costs and decreases student safety – both additional criteria listed in school board policy. Montclair Elementary School is also a greater distance from the proposed high school (Southridge) than Beaverton High School where students currently attend.

4. The primary criteria also includes “neighborhood unity”. **The springboard proposal divides our neighborhood in two.** According to google maps, Cedar Mill includes the area north of the Sunset Highway and includes West Haven-Sylvan, where we live. The springboard proposal moves the part of Cedar Mill south of Cornell Road to Beaverton High School, cutting the neighborhood in half. Our community, including farmers market, church, grocery stores, library and other services, include the area north of Sunset Highway. This area should remain as one to preserve neighborhood unity.
5. “Student body composition” is listed as a secondary criteria in school board policy. The springboard proposal appears to be based on balancing demographics. While this is important, **demographics are not primary criteria and should not be considered ahead of the school board objectives and primary criteria of availability of space, proximity to school, safety and neighborhood unity.**

Again, thank you for serving on the Committee and for your time.

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Subject: Proposed changes

Date: Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 1:00:02 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Charlie Faust

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

I was amazed to learn about the proposed school boundary changes. I can understand some adjustment but it's shocking to see Beaverton lose 75% of its district and Sunset lose 65%. These are longstanding communities being uprooted and kids being sent much further from home. From my neighborhood (north of West TV Elementary) it is a WAY longer trip to Beaverton than Sunset, especially considering traffic. The commute would consume more resources, increase pollution, and (most importantly to families) take more time. The bus to Sunset gets to our stop at 7:10 in the morning, when it still is dark through much of the school year. How much earlier will that be when it goes to Beaverton? Our teenagers will leave home earlier, get home later, and have less time for activities, homework, and sleep. For those that participate in sports and other activities the time for homework already is scarce and those minutes matter.

Many families would be taken from their nearest schools as the proposed boundaries have Beaverton in particular at the extreme southwest corner of its district. People near Beaverton would be switched to Southridge and people near Sunset moved to Beaverton. I can't believe how many people are being disrupted and how severely. If proximity to a school means so little perhaps we should send all kids to the schools furthest from them -- once you remove them from their nearest schools it is only slightly more illogical. There also is the fact that many families (including ours) have had multiple children attend the same schools, and that familiarity has real value to families, and many (including us) purchased homes in specific school districts that we chose. These all are reasons that the district must make a better effort to disrupt as few people to as small a degree as possible.

Thanks for your consideration.

Charlie Faust

Subject: Proposed BSD High School Springboard Map

Date: Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 1:04:39 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Katie Wiley

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

CC: maureen wheeler, john huelskamp, Eric Simpson

To: Boundary-Adjustment Committee, John, Eric, and Maureen (Maureen, please forward to Sunset community representatives Stuart Hall and Kevin O'Donnell),

We are writing to you to document our concerns about the new Beaverton School District High School Springboard Boundary Map. Specifically the North/South Division of Cornell Road between Miller Ave, Barnes Road and Cedar Hills Boulevard.

We live North of Cornell Road and are not directly affected by the proposed changes, however, because it divides our community in half, we have indirect consequences.

Please find our concerns and suggestions below.

Community-

Cedar Mill/Cedar Hills is a tight knit community that has been tied together by schools, businesses, merchants, and sports. We spend the majority of our time and money within the Cedar Mill/Cedar Hills area. Our kids socialize within this community.

To split apart this long established community would require half of the inhabitants to travel to a further, different area of Beaverton that they don't frequent or patron. There are no Beaverton High School ties in our area since Sunset physically resides within Cedar Mill/Cedar Hills.

All fundraising, social and errand specific activities are in support of Sunset High School.

Cedar Mill/Cedar Hills business leaders live within our community and therefore have strong ties to Sunset High School.

Also, in light of the new middle school being built at Timberland, the proposed boundary would divide that new community school significantly as it sits directly in Cedar Mill.

Safety-

It concerns us that safety has been overlooked with this decision. Cedar Hills Blvd has one of the worst known intersections in the area at US 26/Cedar Hills Blvd. This has been publicly documented for years. This intersection is commonly called "the left turn of death". According to an article in the Oregonian June 4, 2015, "Today, more than 22,000 vehicles pass through that interchange. The county, the state and the city of Beaverton all admit this is a treacherous intersection".

http://www.oregonlive.com/commuting/index.ssf/2015/06/beavertons_intersection_from_h.html

If it is expected for children to bike or walk to school (which can be frequent due to illness, appointments, etc), they would have to cross this extremely dangerous section of roadway. Not to mention it would add substantial distance(nearly double) between their home and their home school(BHS). The safety concern goes directly against the criteria Beaverton School District has stated as a huge consideration for this boundary change.

Transportation-

With already restricted resources, to deploy two different high school buses up the already congested Cornell thoroughfare would significantly increase traffic congestion and add additional risk to those commuting to Cedar Mill Elementary School and The French American School as well as all the commuters that travel to downtown Portland via Cornell. Why would the district allocate two buses through the same route going to different high schools? This is wasteful bus resources and creates havoc for commuters.

Suggested Modifications-

We would like to suggest that you consider moving the boundary line for Sunset High School out to either Barnes Road, or anything North of US 26. This would encompass a huge portion of our community back to it's original state, relieve transportation congestion and resources, and minimize unnecessary risks for our children to and from school.

Thank you for your consideration.

Katie and Chris Wiley
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Subject: Boundary Adjustment Letter

Date: Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 2:19:49 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: janadrotzmann@comcast.net

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Dear Boundary Adjustment Advisory Committee:

Thank you for your willingness to serve on this committee. Everyone wants change but deep down no one really wants to be a part of it. I have friends that can probably hear the construction of the new school from their houses, yet were surprised to learn they were moving to it. I have to admit, however, I was shocked to learn my West TV neighborhood was being moved to Beaverton.

I have looked over the maps and the reasoning behind the proposed boundary changes, at times bordering on obsessive. I see a lot of positive reasons for the changes and yes, it makes a lot of sense, but the massive reshuffle on the east side of the district raises many concerns.

My first concern is what it is going to do to the community. Many of these neighborhoods on the east side of the district have been attending their high schools since the district began, some for nearly a *century*. It may be one of the few places in the district where people return to their childhood neighborhoods to raise their families. The sense of pride and tradition is that strong. We have heard from many older neighbors that continue to support Sunset by attending sporting events and donating to the booster club. Now they say their sense of school community is being taken away; they will no longer support Sunset because it is not their neighborhood school, but won't support Beaverton High as there is no history there. This is true not just of the Sunset community but of the Beaverton High School community too.

It will be difficult to rebuild that loss of community because Beaverton High is just too difficult to get to. On a map, it is only a mere mile further from our house than Sunset, but we need to access Highway 217 which everyone knows is congested nearly all day long, or Cedar Hills Blvd, equally as congested with many traffic lights. That one extra mile equals about 20 additional minutes of travel time. This traffic concern is not just an issue for us but nearly all the families on the east side that are being moved to schools much further from their homes. Plus we have all seen what happens when the high school buses are running late, everything is late for the rest of the day. Increased traffic and distance would make this likely every day.

Yet the biggest concern is the continuing of the IB program for our students attending Ridgewood and West TV. While West TV is just now starting the PYP program, Ridgewood has invested a lot of time, money, and resources in their PYP program so their students can continue at Cedar Park in the Middle Years Program and on to Sunset for their IB diploma. If the proposed boundary is indeed approved, I urge you to see that the IB program is reinstated at Beaverton as quickly as possible. Don't let middle school be the dead end for these students.

All and all, we have faith and pride in our school district. Our oldest child will excel in school even if that means attending one high school for one year, and another for three, *and* it takes twice as long to get there. In reality it may even be a better school for him. Just please consider the impact this change will have on the communities within the district.
Thank you for your time,

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Subject: Concern about the High School Boundary Springboard Proposal Map

Date: Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 7:14:46 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Jenny Aponte

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Dear High School Boundary Committee,

I am concerned about the proposal map in regards to the dividing line for Beaverton High School and Sunset High School is Cornell on the very north eastern edge of Washington County. Those on the south side of Cornell go to Beaverton yet those on the north side go to Sunset. This has a **large impact** on the students on the south side as they have grown up and participated in the community of Cedar Mill and then are moved to Beaverton while their neighbors just across the street are able to stay in the Cedar Mill community. I do not believe the school and neighborhoods of Cedar Mill Elementary should be split up and all of these students should be able to go to Sunset.

Also, from a **transportation** point of view and cost to BSD, it is fiscally irresponsible to have two buses going down Cornell to transport these students. Students on the north side of Cornell, will have a buses from Sunset yet those on the south side will have buses from Beaverton High School. The most cost effective option would be to keep all the students at Sunset and then only have 1 set of buses that originate from Sunset High School on Cornell.

I ask you to reconsider this boundary and allow all kids within the Cedar Mill Elementary boundary and community to continue with their fellow students through Cedar Park and Sunset. This will **keep a community together** and have the least impact on the students. Also, this will **save the BSD money on transportation costs** as only 1 set of buses will be needed on Cornell to transport students, not two sets.

Thanks you for your consideration,

Jenny Aponte

Subject: Sunset HS/Beaverton HS

Date: Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 9:13:48 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Jim and MB

To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

Dear High School Boundary Adjustment Committee,

Thank you for taking on this difficult and complex task. My house is in the West Tualatin View Elementary School boundaries and my three children currently attend Cedar Park Middle School (6th and 8th grades) and Sunset High School (9th grade). We are part of the Cedar Mill Community. It is in Cedar Mill that we shop, go to the library, farmer's market, and post office. If something is not available in Cedar Mill, we head west to Bethany for doctors, specialists and dentists as well as to Tanasbourne for the shops there. We support the local economy and are part of the local community.

I am not in favor of having my children attend Beaverton High School for the following reasons:

1. Beaverton High School is not an IB School.
2. It is safer and quicker to travel to/from Sunset HS for my children
 - a. Hwy 217, Cedar Hills Blvd and Murray Blvd are all very congested and, as an experienced driver, I avoid them as much as possible.
 - b. TriMet from Sunset HS to Peterkort Town Square is 12 minutes, no transfers.
 - c. TriMet from Beaverton HS to Peterkort Town Square is at best 32 minutes, 1 transfer.
 - d. The area north of Beaverton HS – as a student would walk to obtain TriMet transportation – is not a safe area to walk due to traffic and crime statistics.
 - e. There is a TriMet bus stop in front of Sunset HS, or my student can cross the street and wait at the Sunset Athletic Club – which we joined, in part, for this purpose.
3. We are not part of the downtown Beaverton community.

The graphs at the bottom of the springboard map are informative and obviously required significant number crunching. The web page lists criteria as: Availability of space, Proximity to school, Neighborhood unity, Staffing patterns, Safety, Transportation, and Student body configuration.

If all criteria are considered to be equally weighted, the springboard map provides an excellent starting point, but not an equitable placement for the West Tualatin Elementary School population.

Please reconsider and place West TV with its cohorts north of Highway 26.

Thank you for your continuing commitment in making the Beaverton School District a place where every student has the opportunity to reach his or her full potential.

Respectfully,

MaryBeth Piccirilli

AVID Tutor, Cedar Park Middle School

November 5, 2015

Dear Boundary Adjustment Advisory Committee:

Thank you for taking the time to volunteer in this time-consuming process of proposing new high school boundaries for the Beaverton School District.

I have reviewed the proposed boundary change descriptions and map and have significant concerns about the proposal and how it addresses the school board objectives and primary and secondary decision making criteria listed in the school board policy and how it has a huge negative impact on the West TV community:

1. The primary criteria, as outlined in school board policy includes "proximity to school". The proposal would create a greater distance and significantly more traffic issues to high school for our neighborhood. Our home in the West TV neighborhood is 3 miles from Sunset High School. It is 5 miles from Beaverton High School, the school we are slated to attend under this springboard proposal. This would increase transportation costs and decreases student safety – both additional criteria listed in school board policy.

The Sunset HS boundary should include the West TV community because it lies north of 26 and is closer and much more accessible to Sunset HS. The transportation and traffic implications of forcing students in our area to travel south to Beaverton HS which is further away and would rely on roads which are already highly congested are so significant that this proposed boundary change would have a very negative impact on our community and students.

The following excerpt summarizes the terrible traffic issues we would encounter with no solution in sight.

*By Joseph Rose | The Oregonian/OregonLive
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on March 21, 2014 at 4:45 PM, updated March 26, 2014 at 2:55 PM*

Lane by lane, 217 through Tigard and Beaverton now carries the most traffic in Oregon, with more than 30,000 vehicles a day on each through lane cutting through the heart of Washington County's growing Silicon Forest.

Oregon 217 is a vital north-south connection for workers and freight movement in fast-growing Washington County, yet it provides the area's only highway access to I-5 and the Sunset Highway.

"Current congestion levels create bottlenecks, and they are projected to worsen," said Andrew Singelakis, Washington County's director of Land Use and Transportation.

Still, an all-out widening project is likely years away from reality and is classified as an “aspirational” project, Singelakis said.

“Not only is the funding not in hand, but it would also require significant efforts to achieve the funding,” he said.

2. The objectives adopted by the School Board in June include “minimizing transitions for students”. The proposal map does not “minimize transitions”. Rather, it creates significant transitions for students with Beaverton, Sunset and Southridge losing over half of their current attendance areas. It would create significant disruptions for the students and families in the West TV community as they would have to transition to new teachers, friends, teams and clubs, and a different educational program. My twin boys are currently in 6th grade, attend Cedar Park and play for Sunset Youth Lacrosse. They have their hearts set on going to Sunset HS and want to continue on the same team as their friends/teammates from Bonny Slope and Terra Linda.

A large portion of families moved into the West TV community because they want their children to attend Sunset HS. This community has always fed into Sunset, long before the thousands of homes were built in the Findley and Bethany areas. Many West TV community students play for Sunset Youth teams and have always looked forward to going to Sunset HS and would be devastated if they couldn't go there. It was unfathomable that the proposed boundary would be drawn excluding our community from Sunset HS which is such an integral part of this West TV neighborhood and so close and easily accessible.

There would likely be a financial impact on families in the West TV community. Many families may have to move in order to be able to send their children to Sunset HS - which carries a huge cost. Property values could also decline given that so many families chose/are choosing this community because it feeds into Sunset HS.

The students in the West TV community are in an IB program through the time they graduate from Cedar Park. Sunset HS provides them continuity in coursework and academic approach since it is an IB school. Beaverton HS does not have an IB program which would be disruptive for the students academically.

3. The objectives also address overcrowding: “to relieve current and projected future overcrowding (five years out)”. The vast majority of new development in Washington County will occur in North Bethany and South Cooper Mountain – both on the northwest and southwest end of the District. Presumably, it would be the schools on the west and south side of the district (Westview, Aloha and Southridge) that will gain students. Yet, the vast impact to attendance boundaries occurs on the east side of the district – where growth is likely to hold constant. This does not make sense. Please request that the projected enrollment by current high school attendance area information be shared with the public in an easily accessible location.

Has the committee taken into consideration perhaps filling the new Cooper Mountain high school to 50% or 60% capacity initially? It will likely reach that 90% capacity level in 7 years. That way excessive boundary changes could be avoided.

Has the committee taken a close look at Westview and growth around that area long-term? Perhaps it would make sense to look at making the elementary school across the street from Westview a freshman campus for the high school and build a large enough school where the new elementary school is being built in Bethany to accommodate all the students in that area.

It is important to look at common sense ways of planning for the expanding Bethany and Cooper Mountain areas rather than radically impacting the east side of the district north of highway 26 which is connected so closely with Sunset HS and has been for 56 years.

4. The primary criteria also includes "neighborhood unity". The springboard proposal divides our neighborhood in two. Cedar Mill includes the area north of the Sunset Highway and includes West Haven-Sylvan, where we live. The springboard proposal moves the part of Cedar Mill south of Cornell Road to Beaverton High School, cutting the neighborhood in half. Our community, including farmers market, church, grocery stores, library, Milltown United Soccer Club, and other services, include the area north of Sunset Highway. This area should remain as one to preserve neighborhood unity.
5. "Student body composition" is listed as a secondary criteria in school board policy. The proposal appears to be heavily based on balancing demographics. Demographics are not primary criteria and should not be considered ahead of the school board objectives and primary criteria of minimizing transitions, availability of space, proximity to school, safety and neighborhood unity.

Again, I appreciate your service on the Committee and hope all of the points I've laid out make it clear that the West TV community should remain within the Sunset HS boundary.

Sincerely,

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November 6, 2015

Dear Members of the Committee:

We reside within the Beaverton School District and are writing to you to express our opinion that students currently residing within the attendance boundaries of West Tualatin View Elementary School and Cedar Mill Elementary School should remain within the Sunset High School attendance boundary. This could be accomplished by making the Sunset High School boundary extend south to Highway 26. If the suggested high school boundary adjustment is adopted, students in our community will be negatively impacted regarding proximity to school, neighborhood unity, safety and transportation.

Our home is just north of Cornell Road, which means our children will attend Sunset High School. Students living just south of Cornell Road would attend Beaverton High School under the suggested boundary adjustment. Beaverton High School is almost twice as far from our neighborhood as Sunset High School.

Our community is the Cedar Mill community and families identify with Sunset High School and the businesses surrounding that school. Students form friendships in their elementary years and those friendships form a foundation for them to rely on through their middle school and high school years. Under the suggested new boundaries, these friendships, as well as the friendships formed during middle school, would be negatively affected since students would go on to different high schools.

Safety is a concern for students traveling to Beaverton High School from the Cedar Mill area. The route has known intersections where accidents occur on a frequent basis. Young drivers will be forced to travel this route during their high school years, putting them at risk.

Transportation costs associated with busing students from along Cornell Road to two different high schools would be high and the transportation time would increase significantly for the Beaverton High School students.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Craig Little and Megan Combs

Subject: FW: Comments and Questions from the District Web Site
Date: Friday, November 6, 2015 at 11:53:37 AM Pacific Standard Time
From: deborah wohlmutter
To: Boundary Adjustment Comments

From: Mariah Scott <mariah.j.scott@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 6, 2015 11:24 AM
To: Community Involvement
Subject: Re: Comments and Questions from the District Web Site

On Tue, Nov 3, 2015 at 1:04 PM, Mariah Scott <mariah.j.scott@gmail.com> wrote:
To the Committee:

Thank you for your service and commitment to an open, transparent process. I appreciate the frequent and clear communication.

I write today in support of the springboard proposal released last week, specifically the inclusion of the Stonegate/Waterhouse neighborhood in the Sunset district. I live in the Waterhouse neighborhood, and have always wondered why the "neighborhood school" is Westview instead of Sunset. Sunset is much closer to our neighborhood. It is easily and safely accessible for students by bicycle or public transit.

The other choices-- Beaverton, Aloha and Westview-- are all considerably further away, not realistic for a bicycle commute, and not straightforward on public transportation. This leaves parents and students dependent on the school buses, and also complicates participation in after-school activities.

I did not see traffic impacts specifically called out as a criteria for consideration, however, I believe traffic must be considered. The Nike expansion is dramatically increasing traffic in our neighborhood. Hwy 217 and Hwy 26 are already difficult. Including the Waterhouse/Stonegate neighborhood in the Sunset district will have the least traffic impact. In particular, Beaverton or Aloha re-districting would increase trips south on streets that are already over-burdened.

Thank you.

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