

BONNYSLOPE / FINDLEY PUBLIC COMMENT 11.21.22-11.27.22

Date	First	Last	Email	School	Comments
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11/23/2022	Yuri	Bae	yuribae0801@gmail.com	Bonny Slope	<p>I fully agree with your further decision to continue providing enrollment and bus transportation to current 3rd and 4th graders. The reasons I fully support your further decision are: 1. Considering the child's tendency to take longer to adjust: My child is currently in third grade. After entering K-grade, the Covid 19 Pandemic broke out, and after last year when they started going back to school in person, they are now adapting to school life with only a few friends who they can familiar with. The prior decision to transfer to a new school was very stressful for our family, as children tend to take a long time to adjust to change. Even though my child could not sleep well due to the prior notice to change the school, but we are able to ease worries with the extension of the legacy program now. 2. Remaining Elementary School Life: For the 3rd and 4th graders who have already spent more than 2/3 of their elementary school years in one place, the prior notice that they might spend the other 1/3 of their elementary school years in the new place was a considerable shock for them. But now, they can enjoy the remaining school life they had so far with a sense of belonging in one school from entering to graduation. Thank you for considering and executing the legacy program for the 3rd and 4th graders given the impact on experience in education during the pandemic season.</p>
11/23/2022	Kristin	Kabele	kristinkabele@gmail.com	Bonny Slope	<p>First I want to thank the district, the superintendent, deputy superintendent and the long range planning executive administrator for taking the time to review and listen to the community on this boundary adjustment. I fully support the superintendent's decision to move forward with Option 2. Coming out of the open public comment window, the district took a look at the actual capacity at Bonny Slope again and recognizes that the school capacity is 625 vs. the 600 previously reported. Therefore, the over crowding that is occurring at Bonny Slope isn't as severe as previously thought and the original proposal of Option 1 over corrects the current over-enrollment problem and will likely lead to future over crowding at Findley. Option 2 better meets the objectives set out by the Board and all of the JC Policy factors and ensures less children and families are impacted.</p>

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11/22/2022	Rianne	Gossen	rienne.gossen@gmail.com	Bonny Slope	I strongly support Option #2 (community-suggested alternative) in that it meets the longer-term objective as laid out by the school board. Option #1 presents a risk of overcrowding at Findley in the near future, and I would hate for our students to be impacted in another future round of rebalancing should that come to pass.
11/22/2022	Rachel	Costanzo	rwads27@gmail.com	Bonny Slope	While not surprised, I am nonetheless incredibly disappointed with this decision. The fact that no other schools in the area are even being considered as options except for the two that are already over capacity makes it clear this is not a long-range planning. The Thompson Woods community was always going to be the band-aid solution to this kick-the-can-down-the-road process, particularly with the backing and legal representation of Noyes in the other largely affected area. Make all of the other boundary processes and COVID excuses you want, but BSD is absolutely negligent for the failure to forecast this issue not even 2 years ago when most of the TW homes were being built. Had you done your due diligence then, you would have saved the heartbreaking transition families now have to make by ripping their young children out of a school they love and the comfort of what they know. With that, as this plan certainly will be approved, I implore BSD to put in the extra effort to help ease this transition for the emotional well-being of the affected students. Opportunities to visit Findley multiple times well before the next school year, make connections with existing Findley families via BSD organized meetups and events, extra consideration for placing students in classes with other Thompson Woods students for at least a some familiarity, counselors readily available to help at all touchpoints in the process, and not placing the affected students in portables without express permission from parents. Make the TW families feel seen and heard, instead of the scapegoat we feel like now.
11/22/2022	Sonni	Nilan	sonni.nilan@gmail.com	Bonny Slope	We are part of the neighborhood that would still go to Findley. We are frustrated will this change and that others will be able to stay at Bonny Slope, yet our daughter, who will be in 2nd grade, next year, is required to move. This change will be a very negative experience for her. She is shy and just recently finally adjusted to Bonny Slope. Now she will have to start all over. Her brother will be in 5th grade next year, so he will get to stay. This will be challenging to have two students at different schools that start and end at the same time. We really want her to stay at Bonny Slope and were hoping the legacy option would be offered to all students who want it. Please reconsider the legacy option for all students who want it.
11/22/2022	Tachung	Hu	tachung_hu@hotmail.com	Bonny Slope	I'm surprised, shocked and disappointed by the decision that BSD made. This decision does not really resolve anything but ends up making two schools crowded instead of one. This shows how irresponsible and lack of planning strategy BSD is, BSD knew this overcrowded situation 5 years ago with grids 130,1151 and 1142 communities still under development as BSD showed a bar chart in the public hearing/meeting on 10/10/2022. BSD ignored the simulation numbers of in region populations/communities growth by not taking proactive actions to adjust school boundaries in advance which resulted in our kids to take the consequence. I strongly ask the superintendent to reconsider the legacy program to open to all students that are currently enrolled with Bonny Slope. And upcoming new/transfer students to enroll in this newly implemented school boundary. This will minimize the impact of our kids. Thank you.
11/22/2022	Amelia	Ryan	amelia.g.ryan@gmail.com	Bonny Slope	With the confirmation of this the boundary line adjustment formally communicated to the community, we look forward to hearing more from Dr. Balderas on the details and action plan to seamlessly integrate the children from Bonny Slope into Findley. The transition into this long term planning decision, should have already taken into account the necessity of ensuring that this movement comes with the least amount of disruption to our children. As an educator with many years of experience, we are confident that Dr. Balderas will come forth, along with the principles of each school, to exhibit unity, inclusion and partnership amongst the Findley and Bonny Slope children, families, and staff. While our children are resilient, here are some ideas from our parent group to help bridge the 2 schools: Resources and counselors to help children deal with the stress and uncertainty, play groups or meet ups at Findley, end of year invitation to tour Findley and meet the staff so they do not feel like strangers. I am happy to be a thought partner in this process and encourage other families to please reach out to me directly to share your ideas on how to make this a successful transition for everyone.
11/22/2022	Yunmei	Wang	aanancy@yahoo.com.tw	Bonny Slope	Since all the comments and data will be recorded, then all the families in this district will get to know this is the way how our district handle the issue. They could assign your house to a school without well planning and then make an announcement to FORCE your children to move to another school. Please don't hurt our children! Please don't push us to private school. Please let current K-3rd students also have RIGHTS to choose. Please have all the current students included in Legacy program.
11/22/2022	Yunmei	Wang	aanancy@yahoo.com.tw	Bonny Slope	About 70 students will be moved to Findley next school year, if we average the numbers to five grades, it's 14 per grade which is far less than any class size in Bonny Slope, then the total numbers of classes in Bonny Slope won't be reduced. They will still be shortage for classrooms next school year! It's NOT a solution at all. Only move one grid code is totally wrong! Please reconsider the proposal.
11/21/2022	Catherine	Kim	cbk49@case.edu	Bonny Slope	Thank you so much for the consideration. Our family is so grateful.
11/21/2022	Thomas	Ma	nsm0yz@gmail.com	Bonny Slope	As a resident of grid 1151, I strongly believe that my kids attend to Findley Elementary will make much more sense geographically. The drive time is more than doubled from my home to Bonny Slope Elementary School comparing with my home to Findley Elementary School (8min compared with 3min per google map). I understand that some families with older kids may want to stay at Bonny Slope elementary. But for families with younger kids or with kids not in school yet, forcing them to go to a school in longer distance is not reasonable. In summary, I beg the board to reconsider the updated proposal that move only one grid into Findley Elementary School.

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11/21/2022	Melissa	Limgenco	melferre@gmail.com	Bonny Slope	Dear Dr. Balderas - Thank you for weighing all community comments submitted and for carefully making your recommendation to the school board that is based on the facts presented. While there are families and children who will have to make an adjustment to a new school next year, your recommendation is the most sound for both Findlay and Bonny Slope communities. Again, we very much appreciate your consideration and being open to hearing alternate recommendations from those of us who are directly impacted.
11/21/2022	Andrea	Clague	4clagues@gmail.com	Bonny Slope	I am beyond disappointed that the legacy program will not include siblings. How awful to make us choose between keeping our children in the same elementary school vs making our (then 5th graders) have to have 3 different schools in 3 different years. I ask that the legacy sibling issue be re-looked at as I'm sure it pertains to such a small group of us that have will have a 4th/5th grader AND a younger sibling. I cannot imagine that those of us in this unique situation would account for an impactful increase in students. I urge you to look at the number of siblings that would actually fall into this and reconsider so our family does not have to choose between doing what is right for one child vs. another. If the buses only extend through 2025, it would be completely reasonable at that point to have us (the families) responsible for transportation for the remainder of the sibling's time at BSE. Thank you for your consideration.
11/21/2022	Kinyip	Phoa	gilbertphoa@gmail.com	Bonny Slope	I want to express my disappointment at the superintendent's decision to only move grid code 130 to Findley, leave grid code 1151, which is farthest away from Bonny Slope ES not moved. I think the superintendent owes the community a sound justification to waste our kids precious hours to be on the school bus instead of playing or studying at school or at home. The current immature decision will only trigger another boundary change in the years to come and another round of family complaining about discontinuity in their children's education experience. Given grid code 1151 does not have a huge community which would create imbalance between Findley ES and Bonny Slope ES, I urge the superintendent to reconsider his decision and move grid code 1151 to Finley ES within the proposal he is presenting to the board.

Re: Bonny Slope ES Attendance Boundary Adjustment

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Hi Mr. Sparks,

While I understand any ruling will have advocacy and opposition, how you presented yourself and supported the community through the entire process has been phenomenal. I truly appreciate the level of professionalism and transparency.

My family and I are personally really excited to see the decision as outlined and are super supportive of it.

My older son at Bonny Slope saw his first grade teacher at Chipotle this weekend, Mrs. Reid. That night, he said I love my school and Mrs. Reid and other teachers are so nice. I hope Zayyan (younger son) can go to Bonny Slope, he's going to love them. With this decision, he will and we are really proud of that.

Thank you all and appreciate everything you all do for our community!
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Thank you, Mr. Sparks.

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Have a good evening,
Carlo

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Fri 11/25/2022 8:40 PM

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