

Elementary Boundary Adjustment Comment Form

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Fri 10/7/2016 5:06 AM

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

Name: Jennifer Arend

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Comment:

I'm very happy that I attend tonight's meeting. The rapid growth of the Springville area has been on my radar for several years now. I understand that there needs to be a certain amount of students to open the new school and since there is no clear neighborhood that could permanently redirect students to the new school maybe an open enrollment should be discussed. Say 150 students from Jacob Wismer and 350 students from Springville all from different grades. Over five years these students would move over to the middle school. As the new neighborhood grows less and less students would be allowed to open enroll. No boundaries would have to move. Just a thought.

Jenn Arend

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Mon 9/26/2016 4:47 PM

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

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Comment:

Hello Elementary Boundary Committee,

Please consider adjusting the boundaries for Findley Elementary as well as the two other northern elementary schools in our district- Jacob Wismer and Springville. Findley is close to Jacob Wismer in the north end of the district and our school has been over-crowded for years, with new homes currently being built adjacent to our school's property on Salzman Rd, which means even higher enrollment numbers in the near future. All of our 5th graders are in portables, and some 4th grade classes as well. We have over 800 students in our school so we have to have 2 PE teachers, 2 music teachers, 2 Spanish teachers, etc to handle all these students. Each grade has 5 or 6 classes and we are simply out of space!

In addition, if the boundaries were redrawn for Findley, potentially ALL students could walk to Findley (no use of buses)- if the boundary was changed. With all the new development going on Thompson (land has been cleared for the development of 200 new homes) plus the new Saltzman homes currently being built the whole school could potentially walk to school -all safely with sidewalks! Thus, reducing the district's expense of busing children to school. In short, please consider Findley Elementary when reducing overcrowding in elementary schools in the north end of the district. It could reduce overcrowding and save the district busing fees in the future.

Thank you,
Dana Rodman
Findley Parent

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Mon 9/26/2016 6:02 PM

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

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Comment:

Hello Boundary Committee,

Findley Elementary, located in the north near Jacob Wismer, should also be considered in the elementary boundary adjustment process. Findley has a capacity for 690 students, yet frequently has over 800 students enrolled each year. One year Findley was so over populated that all of the kindergarten classes had to be bused to another school! It is a very popular elementary school due to having a history of high test scores, which attracts many families to our community. All of the 5th grade and some 4th grade classrooms have to be located outside in portables since there is no room inside the building for these students. All grades at Findley have either 5 or 6 classes! Most schools have 2-4.

There is new construction being built adjacent to Findley's property on Saltzman Road, so the enrollment will only continue to grow and become a greater problem in the future. It seems wise to change Findley's boundary now, while there is still a boundary discussion. In addition, some Findley students are bused to Findley who could easily walk to Jacob Wismer. Also, some future Bonny Slope students (in the HUGE new development on Thompson Rd) could easily walk to Findley (with sidewalks), who would otherwise be bused to Bonny Slope once the homes are built.

The logic behind building the new elementary school is to alleviate over-crowded schools (especially in the north). Findley Elementary should definitely be considered in the list of elementary schools that need to reduce in size. Especially with all the new construction being built- located within walking distance to the school.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ryan Rodman

Findley Parent

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Tue 9/27/2016 7:12 PM

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Comment:

Findley Elementary is highly over capacity in the north end of the school district and needs to be considered in the elementary boundary adjustment. There are 60 plus homes currently being built in the new Findley Heights housing development (right next to Findley on Saltzman Rd). These new students will make Findley even more over capacity after the recent pending sales go through and students move into the school. It will happen soon!

In addition, Bonny Slope West (600 new homes- meant to attend Bonny Slope in the future) is being built within walking distance to Findley and if the boundary was adjusted it would make Findley a potentially completely walkable school, with no need for costly bus transportation that it currently has. If you remove the current bused student areas attending Findley (there are only 3 buses currently) and add the new 2 walkable developments (Findley Heights and Bonny Slope West) Findley could be walkable for all students, with a more manageable enrollment number.

I love the Findley Elementary community as it is, but I just want to make sure it is noted that Findley is currently over capacity and the new housing developments are only going to make the student population swell even more. In addition, if planned wisely during this adjustment process, all Findley students could walk to Findley (within 1 mile) with sidewalks and reduce the over-capacity issue this school has had for years.

Thank you for your consideration,
Dana Rodman

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Fri 10/7/2016 6:26 AM

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Comment:

Our family is a part of Arbor View neighborhood. What I like about this neighborhood is that it has many parks and trails (one that goes to Jacob Wismer school). It is a tight-knit community and you would often see kids playing out and about. The neighborhood started building in 1998 and since 2000 has been feeding into the Jacob Wismer community. We have been a part of this community for last 5 years. In the years I have seen many of my friends kids go to Jacob Wismer. And then their younger sets of siblings would follow them having the same sets of expectations and looking to older kids for guidance. Now if you tell the younger ones that they would have to move to a newer school or they would not be going to the same school that their older friends from nei ghborhood attend. They say no. They do not want that.

I understand overcrowding issues. Nobody wants to send their kids to a school where they cannot be given adequate teaching time. I have seen the newer houses come up across Springville at a rapid pace. Now it baffles me to look at the projected enrolment numbers for 2017 shown by BSD in the map. There are houses, apartments and townhomes that are already developed and people are living there. Yet the BSD enrolment map shows 0 families projected to enroll in the school. How is that possible? The projected enrolment numbers (no timeline given) in the map on bottom left look more realistic. And if we add the numbers from the bottom map, the new school would be adequately filled up. In fact it may reach at par with Jacob Wismer in terms of enrolment in a few years.

We as part of Jacob Wismer community feel that there is no need to change the boundary map for Jacob Wismer. With the same boundary it will settle at a respectable percentage in a few years just like Findlay has. And with the future development happening in North Bethany, there should be room to grow for North Kaiser school. We do not want to come back to the drawing board in a few years when North Kaiser school is at and over capacity.

Instead of disrupting existing communities, the money and resources should go towards creating a new brighter future for North Bethany kids.

Thanks

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Fri 9/30/2016 10:27 PM

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

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Comment:

Dear Mr. Grotting,

There is a new community 'Findley Heights' of 100 or so houses coming up right next to Findley that can add substantially to Findley school population. Findley, Jacob Wismer are right next to each other. Can you please include Findley also in the boundary adjustment process?

Thanks,

Sunset Parent