

# Elementary Boundary Adjustment Comment Form

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Thu 10/20/2016 6:13 AM

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

**Name:** Kelly Berg

**Email:** bergx143@umn.edu

**Comment:**

Dear Advisory Committee,

My name is Kelly Berg. My husband (Douglas Bowles) and I, along with our two sons (Lucas - age 3 and Matias - age 1) moved into the Arbor View neighborhood in July. We are new to Portland and specifically chose to buy a house in the Arbor View community because the community is within the Jacob Wismer school boundary. We are extremely disappointed to learn that the school district is considering adjusting the elementary school boundary for our neighborhood. We were aware that new boundaries were being drawn, but there was no discussion of this particular neighborhood or this particular school when we purchased our home.

We are also flabbergasted that this neighborhood would be under consideration for a boundary adjustment. Jacob Wismer is a beautiful 10-minute walk from our house. With the addition of the new THRPD walking trail, the path from our house to the school will be almost entirely on trails. The proposed K-12 school may still be relatively close to our house, but to walk there would require walking along Bethany Blvd, which is a busy and at times, dangerously narrow road.

Lucas, our 3-yr son can already make the walk to Jacob Wismer and we visited the school and playground there several times a week during the summer. It's a beautiful school and he loved the playground. I love the walk to the school - through Kaiser Woods Park and along the trails. We are so excited about him attending that school and completely devastated that he may not.

Although our children are not in school yet, I worry about the other children in our neighborhood who would suffer from abruptly changing schools. Explaining to elementary students why they have to go to a different school when their family hasn't moved seems fraught with pitfalls. And while grandfathering children and their siblings into Jacob Wismer and sending new students to the new school may be an option, it seems unfair and overly complicated from a logistics perspective.

I have also come to understand that Arbor View was a founding community for the Jacob Wismer school and that apparently our neighborhood contributes both to the economic and ethnic diversity of the school. As such, a boundary adjustment that specifically impacts our neighborhood seems particularly curious.

If additional space is needed, I might suggest raising the capital to make the necessary adjustments to the school rather than simply closing the doors.

Warmly,  
Kelly

Questions or concerns can be directed to bergx143@umn.edu or 612.804.2120

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

**Name:** Marcos E. Carranza

**Email:** marcos.carranza@gmail.com

**Comment:**

To whom it may concern,

I'm the father of one Jacob Wismer student, currently in 3rd grade (also of a daughter that will start elementary in a couple of years). I'm aware of the boundaries review process and I would like to voice my concern of changing the school for my son. Our family moved from another country and I was already concerned about changing schools for him at that time since he had some friends there. This will create some stress, or psychological impact on him that I would like to avoid. We choose our house a couple years ago based on the schools assigner to the neighborhood (Jacob Wismer and Stoller). I'm talking about my case, but this is in general for all the families having small kids... most of the kids switching school will miss a lot considering the quality of Jacob Wismer. For sure the new school could become into a great school, but that is not something that will happen so fast. At Jacob Wismer there is a lot of dedication of contributions from the communi ty that create a great environment for our kids.

I would like you to consider that Jacob Wismer still have capacity remaining to grow, not a lot but right now is not over populated... and by changing our neighborhood to the new school will create a lot of space there (not being used anymore). The issue with overpopulation occurs on Springville School, not with Jacob Wismer.

Please keep Jacob Wismer as the elementary school for Arbor View!

Thanks,

Marcos E. Carranza  
Neighbor of Arbor View

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

**Name:** Maria Carolina Echaniz

**Email:** macaroechaniz@gmail.com

**Comment:**

Hi my name is Maria Carolina Echaniz and I'm the mother of two kids. One of them is attending at Jacob Wismer school on 3rd grade and I hope my little one could do it someday.

We bought our house at Arbor View because of the school. My son loves Jacob Wismer and as a parents seeing our kids happy is our priority.

That school is amazing and as we know it is not and it will not be overcrowded.

Moving this neighborhood to the new school will create a lot of problems in traffic and in safety for our kids since nowadays they can even go walking to the school.

We are a wonderful and diverse community that loves the school and put a lot of effort on supporting Jacob Wismer activities volunteering. Please keep Arbor View on Jacob Wismer is part of our life and future family memories.

Regards,

Maria Carolina Echaniz

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Sun 10/16/2016 9:43 PM

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

**Name:** Akshita Garg

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**Comment:**

I live on Twinflower and this year my son started going to Jacob Wismer (JW). Reasons Arbor View should stay with JW are :  
My son has made few friends and he already feels a connection with the school. When I asked him next year he may have to go to a new school, he said no, he loves his JW and doesn't want to change his school. In future if he has to go to a new school he may face emotional stress since within two years he has to change his school two times.  
JW is closeby compared to the new proposed school site. Kids can easily walk to school by themselves via trails.

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

**Name:** Elizabeth Madigan

**Email:** ermadigan@hotmail.com

**Comment:**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I appreciate the work that you are doing to make important decisions about the elementary school boundaries. We recently moved to Oregon from Virginia and specifically chose our house because of its location in the Jacob Wismer school boundary. We are greatly disheartened to learned that our Arbor View home location is being considered for the new school on Kaiser Road. We have enjoyed the proximity of our home to Jacob Wismer and regularly walk to the school to pick up our children. We enjoy the fact that we are so close (without having to cross any major roads) to Jacob Wismer. In addition, we have found the teachers and administrators to be excellent, warm and welcoming to our children in this transition. We feel strongly that staying at Jacob Wismer will offer continuity to our children's lives. With so much residential building going on in the northern area of the school division, it would seem that the more natural dividing line for a boundary would be Springville Road.

Again, thank you for the work that you do. I believe that the Arbor View neighborhood is best served by staying at Jacob Wismer.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Madigan

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Wed 10/19/2016 10:41 PM

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

**Name:** Sunset Parent

**Email:** sunsetparent12@gmail.com

**Comment:**

Dear BAC committee,

I am a Findley parent and have few questions and concerns that I want to share with the committee.

1) Findley has all its 5th graders (5 or so classes of them), music and accelerated learning program in portables. New houses coming next Findley will send more kids to Findley. Is Findley being considered for redistricting?

2) I have concerns about one of the maps shown (BAC map) saying that Findley can absorb more students. Please don't send more kids to already crowded school.

3) Please don't split apart Arbor View neighborhood. Already Arbor View is the only Jacob Wismer community scheduled to go to Westview. Kids in that neighborhood should preferably stay together for elementary, middle and high school. Also, it is one of the few neighborhood that adds some economic diversity (sub 400k houses) to Jacob Wismer population. Feels drastic to remove a neighborhood that has been part of Jacob Wismer since the start school to some new school.

Thank you for your consideration.

Findley Parent

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Mon 10/17/2016 5:00 AM

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

**Name:** Javed Rahman

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**Comment:**

We live in Arbor view on fawnlily dr, I heard today that our elementary school might be shifted over to the new school. As your team goes through the boundary adjustment process, please bear in mind that Jacob wismer is walking distance away from our homes and kids during spring and summer either bikes or walks to the school. Moving us to the new school will be take that option away from us...

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

**Name:** Sachin Shah

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**Comment:**

Hello Committee members,

I live in Twinflower Dr ( Jacob Wismer school district) and have few concerns about JW elementary boundary changes for FY17.

Information from JW enrollment numbers ( <https://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/depts/facilities/boundary/Elementary%20Boundary%20Process/10.6.16/10.6.16%20Presentation.pdf>) shows that the numbers have not increased and have in fact gone down from high 700s to low 700s in last 3-4 years. This may be due to the fact that many families are moving from apartment to newer homes.

Based on the new housing units ( almost 2500) and new expected students numbers in the pdf above, looks like new K-5 school will be filled by new construction itself in few years ( 3-5) as at least 750 new students will be added to North Bethany area. It will be shortsightedness to move kids from JW neighborhood to new K-5. Do we have good estimates as how many new kids are coming in each year 2017, 2018 etc? The way we have seen construction activity, new homes may be coming in faster than what we are predicting. It would be good to have the detailed info and do further analysis. So for new K-5 school if we are planning to start with 500 in FY17, it may very well reach the limit of 750 within next 2-3 years needing another boundary adjustment. The realistic start number should be close to 350 or even less ( depending on the housing readiness)in the first year.

Please consider all these before readjusting JW school boundary where the school is at good capacity.

Thanks  
Sachin



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**Name:** Bo Wang

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**Comment:**

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am a resident in the Arbor View community south of Springville road. I am writing to recommend keeping the Arbor View community in Jacob Wismer Elementary school.

I am a working mother of a four-year old and a 10-month old. Jacob Wismer Elementary is much closer to our house comparing to the newly build school north of Springville road. More importantly, we can walk to JWE without crossing any major roads. Driving almost everyday along Springville, I noticed at first hand of the increasing traffic and lacking of traffic lights on Springville. Even with new traffic lights installed, the road is simply not safe for kids to cross alone. Unlike Kaiser or Bethany, speed limit on Springville is much higher. Further, since Sprinville is more rural than Kaiser or Bethany, Sprinville is more prone to speeding.

Moreover, having living in the Arbor View community for over 5 years, I believe that kids of the Arbor View community attending JWE is a natural choice. My four-year old has been playing with kids attending JWE for more than two years. She would feel the adjustment from day care to school easier when there're familiar faces on the school bus and inside the classroom.

Thank you for your time.