

Paulding County School District | 2026-2027 Elementary Boundary Realignment Community Feedback

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[No response]	[No response]	This plan looks best for the most families.
Abney ES	[No response]	This plan reduces some of Abney's overcapacity issues initially, but keeps us higher than the other two plans. Over the next eight years, we will be over capacity again. This is not the best long-term plan for Abney.
Abney ES	Brookstone Creek	I strongly oppose this plan. While this plan moves fewer students from Abney to Russom (176 vs 238), it fails to solve the overcrowding at Abney long-term. The projections show Abney returning to 105% capacity within 10 years. Moving families now only to have the school overcrowded again by the time our younger children reach 5th grade is a failed strategy.
Abney ES	Hickory Creek	We are closer to abney so if not blue for Shelton hawthorn dr would be easier to go to abney. We also have extra 3 teacher and a staff member in hickory creek which includes shady hawthorn and lantana that if given the option we would probably school choice those kids to abney anyways.
Abney ES	Ivey Township	To have the children that live 0.8 miles from Abney Elementary be redistricted to Shelton is not ideal! The traffic to get in and out of Shelton (turning left onto Seven Hills) will be a nightmare for pick up and buses every morning, but especially every afternoon. I think/ feel that the line for Abney should be moved to the end of gullledge road because of how close our neighborhood is to Abney Elementary. I have no issues with the idea of redistricting if the schools were equidistant, or if traffic flow still made sense, but has traffic been considered at all for those of us that literally live MILES from Shelton, but less than a mile from abney?! We have jobs and lives, and have to take into consideration the drop off and pick up (and bus schedule) of our children, and it doesn't feel thought out the distance in which those that live less than a mile from one elementary school being districted to a school with horrible traffic flow. Please reconsider the boundary line for this neighborhood-- I beg you!
Abney ES	Madison Park	My family and I moved here 3 years ago. My children already had to move schools. I do not want to put them through this again. My kids go to Abney and that is where they should stay. We are zoned for Russom for all 3 plans and this sucks. I am in tears over this. Please do not do this to us.

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Abney ES	Madison Park	My neighborhood/street is the same in every plan. I am concerned with the fact that right now we attend Abney which is a 7 minute drive and the new boundary will have us driving to Russom which is 15-20 minutes with light traffic. I will have a thirty minute drive there in the morning nearly waiting on traffic and traffic lights the whole way. Not to mention dropping off and returning home. My thirty minute routine in the morning is now stretched to an hour or more. I have other children who attend different schools and I need time to get them ready for school as well as make it to their schools in the morning as well. I think all the neighborhoods that are off of Gullledge need to be reexamined. Oliver drive is one subdivision over and they aren't affected but we are that doesn't seem right. I prefer to keep my child in her school to help my family and our commute. That's what isn't being taken into effect. The giant inconvenience this will be causing

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Abney ES	Victoria Heights	My name is [name], and I write as an attorney, a minister, and—most importantly—a deeply concerned parent. My family and I live in the Victoria Heights subdivision, less than a mile from Abney Elementary School. We have been monitoring the realignment process since its earliest stages, and I want to express both my gratitude for the thoughtful work the Board and its realignment teams have done and my strong support for the Blue Plan as the most reasonable and least disruptive option for our community. I recognize—and deeply appreciate—the significant growth taking place in Paulding County. That growth is a blessing to the community and rightly necessitates the construction of a new elementary school. The effort the Board has undertaken to present three well-developed options reflects a commendable commitment to transparency, problem-solving, and student-centered planning. Your work will shape the educational landscape of our county for years to come, and I am grateful for the careful attention given to these decisions. At the same time, I must express my firm opposition to the alternative plans that would rezone our subdivision. Our children are young, and Abney Elementary has been more than just a school for them—it has been an extraordinary blessing. The teachers, the culture, the relationships, and the stability of that environment have allowed them to thrive socially, academically, and emotionally. Uprooting them from that setting, despite our home being within walking distance of the school, would impose a significant and unnecessary hardship on our family. And we are far from alone. Families across Victoria Heights—and neighboring subdivisions similarly situated—intentionally built their lives around proximity to Abney Elementary. Many chose this community specifically because of the school. Parents with young children rely on the convenience, continuity, and sense of safety that comes from sending their children to a school so close to home. For many families, the proposed realignment would mean longer commutes, increased transportation burdens, childcare complications, and the loss of a neighborhood identity that has formed over years around Abney. It would fracture a community that has grown organically because of its closeness to the school. The Blue Plan, by contrast, acknowledges these realities. It preserves neighborhood integrity, minimizes disruption for a significant number of families, and maintains logical geographic boundaries that reflect how our communities actually live and function. It is a thoughtful, balanced plan that honors both the county’s growth and the well-being of existing communities. I respectfully urge the Board to allow the Blue Plan to prevail. A boundary realignment of this scale will have lasting consequences for children and families; therefore, the adopted plan should be the one that avoids unnecessary displacement and reflects the lived realities of the affected neighborhoods. Thank you again for your time, your transparency, and your willingness to hear from those of us who deeply value the schools that serve our children.
Abney ES	Victoria Heights	This is the plan I agree with. Abney is .98 miles from my home, it's absurd to be transferred to a school 20 mins away.

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Abney ES	Victoria Heights	I strongly prefer this plan. I live less than a mile from Abney Elementary, and keeping my children at their current school is essential. Moving them to a school five times farther away would be unnecessary and disruptive.
Abney ES	Victoria Heights	To Whom It May Concern, My name is [name] and I currently have three children attending Abney Elementary. We live in Victoria Heights, which is only 1.3 miles (about a 2-minute drive) from Abney. The proposed reassignment to Shelton Elementary would place us 5.1 miles away, requiring approximately a 12-minute drive in the opposite direction. While I understand and appreciate the need for restructuring and the relief it will provide teachers, I am extremely frustrated that newly planned homes—homes not yet built—directly behind our neighborhood will remain zoned for Abney, while our established community, with children who have attended Abney for multiple years, would be reassigned to Shelton. I personally drive my children to school each day. Next year, my oldest will attend Moses, and the logistics of dropping him off and then navigating Seven Hills traffic to get the younger children to Shelton is unreasonable and burdensome. I respectfully ask that you please reconsider and keep Victoria Heights zoned for Abney Elementary rather than redistricting our neighborhood. Thank you for your time and consideration.
Abney ES	Victoria Heights	This plan will give our students in the neighborhood the opportunity to stay at Abney Elementary school. The school is in very close proximity to our home. We are new to the district and have just gotten adjusted during our first semester here. Changing schools would be hard for my student to readjust as he is just now adapting to Abney, the students and teachers. The school is also close enough for me to drive my student to school with no hassle.
Abney ES	Victoria Heights	I'm all for the Blue Plan for keeping Victoria Heights at Abney Elementary.
Abney ES	Victoria Heights	The blue plan is the best option for our Victoria Heights community as Abney Elementary is only a 4 minute ride to and from the school. With the other two options it'll be a minimum 15 min drive each way.
Abney ES	Victoria Heights	This is the only plan I'm ok with as we are not affected by it and my 3 min commute to Abney still stays as is.
Abney ES	Victoria Heights	We are in strong favor of this plan so that our family can stay at Abney. The school is almost across the street from our house. Our 1st grader just started at Abney this year when we moved to Paulding County from Cobb. He has ADHD and a 504 plan which makes change incredibly hard for him. At Abney this year he has grown leaps and bounds and loves going to school. Having to change next year would be devastating to our whole family, especially our son, [name].

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Abney ES	Victoria Heights	I had my home built in Victoria Heights in 2018 because WC Abney is close. Why should other housing developments 300 feet down the road be able to go Abney, but now all of a sudden I'm not able to? As a permanently disabled, housebound Veteran, on the days I have to drop off my kids I don't want to have to drive 6 miles all the way through Seven Hills to drop off my kids. Then, when my kids go to middle school, the county is going to bus them south to Moses middle school RIGHT PAST ABNEY. How stupid is that? I didn't use my VA Home Loan to have my kids moved. How the **** is this going to affect my property value when someone has to choose between our community and Thompson Ridge when their kid can go to Abney? This Blue plan better be picked to keep my kids at Abney or I'll make it my life's mission for the every elected official associated with this nightmare of a problem lose your jobs next election. I bet the redistricting affects none of the kids of the superintendent or the school boardmembers who are voting... You haven't even kicked out all of the ***** in the school system here in Paulding and you want to relocate my kids based off of some faceless statistics from a demographer? Complete *****.
Abney ES	Victoria Heights	I personally prefer to choose the blue plan, because Victoria Heights subdivision is right across street from the Abney Elementary School. I know the Community is big, but please don't cut out from Victoria Heights Dr, my kid is in love and used to the Abney, I try to tell him that he may need to change school, he asked me why? I don't know how to explain to him, I just said he is bigger needs to change school, he said I am lie to him, because he see the big kids still stay in Abney, so he can stay too. Also other side community is stay in Abney , he said he want stay with his friends and classmates, so please don't segmentation the community. What we do is want all the kids have better environment and stay growing up happy, right? Plus there may have many families like me have two kids need to take care of, but other families members are living from away from where I am. And my husband is working Atlanta area which is far away from home too, if something happens, emergency I have to running to far away school(Shelton) to pick up the older one , the youngest one I have is 2 years old. Or something happens to the older one in Shelton, it is hard for me, because I have a surgery reactions on my leg, can't drive too far. So please to keep the Victoria heights Dr in Abney Elementary.
Abney ES	Victoria Heights	I like the blue plan it keeps my son at his current school
Abney ES	Victoria Heights	Do this one, please!
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	Prefer this one
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	This is the best plan available due to the fact that it affects the least amount of staff and students in our community. The other plans send students off campus for elementary but then back to SMMS and that is not what is best for them. Thank you 😊
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	We would choose the blue plan
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	This plan would work the best for us.

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Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	I think this plan works best and affects less students and families.
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	This plan effects the least amount of people
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	As a teacher at BHES this plan effects the least amount of my students and our staffing.
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	This plan seems to be the best plan for current BHES staff and students. This school is a wonderful community and the students and families and staff are what make it truly special!
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	This affects the least amount of students and staff at Burnt Hickory. We just added on a new addition this plan affects our school the least and allows money not be wasted on the new addition that was just added.
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	Blue zone affects the least amount of staff and students. Burnt Hickory's new addition has only been open a year and a half. We are not at capacity and do not need to loose students.
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	I believe this plan will have the least impact on the families in our community .
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	We believe the Blue plan would be most effective for the traffic pattern in our area and preserve some of the plans for the Burnt Hickory area
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	Burnt Hickory doesn't need more students. North Paulding needs another High School.
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	This plan impacts BHES the least. BHES lost 5 allotments last year losing student would impact the staff and students.
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	It would be the best plan for burnt hickory staff and students.
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	Blue will affect the least amount of students and staff at my school
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	This plan affects BHES students and staff the least. It also keeps students on the same campus when they attend middle school.
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	The blue plan impacts the least amount of students, therefore it is my preferred choice.
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	Blue Zone affects the least amount of students and staff. Since our numbers have already decreased drastically it would be detrimental to move more students from our school.
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	I feel like the blue plan affects the least amount of students and staff. We just had a new addition to our school and I feel like with the other plans it will leave too many unused classrooms. It will also affect our students that will be pulled from our school, but still have to return to Sammy McClure middle school and North Paulding high school.
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	This plan impacts the least amount of both students and staff.
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	This seems to be the best plan. If you aren't changing their middle school it doesn't make sense to make huge adjustments within a neighborhood community. Bentwater should stat stay at burnt hickory.

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Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	Blue plan is 100% preferred for 2 reasons: 1. This plan affects the least amount of students. The more disruptions to students' education, the more difficulty they may have adapting, making friends, and continuing a fluid learning environment. 2. Burnt Hickory has the space to continue to accommodate all its current students, and the growing surrounding neighborhoods, as well as are not at capacity and have unused classrooms. This doesn't appear to make sense when the room and capability to serve the current and anticipated students is there.
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	I think this should be the one that they use
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	I think this is the better option for our students at BHES and community.
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	I'm a BHES staff member. The Blue Plan would allow the greatest number of current BHES families to remain at our school, so it's the plan I prefer.
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	Least amount of students and staff affected
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	In my opinion, I feel like this is the best solution. This zone affects the least amount of students and staff. The other options negatively affect students being redistricted from this campus for elementary, but then back again for middle and high school. That is not in the best interest for the students affected. We just had an addition built on the school last year to better accommodate our students and last year we lost 5 allotments, we do not need to lose any more teachers.
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	This zone affects the least amount of students and staff.
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	I vote for the blue plan because I think the it would help encourage and maintain BHES as the already wonderful learning environment that it is for our school community.
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	This plan seems to bring the least amount of changes to an already amazing school community!
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	The Blue plan affects the least amount of staff and students
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	Blue Plan
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	I support the Blue Plan
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	I think this is the best option.
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	I would like for this to be the plan chooses
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	Best option
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	This is the perfect plan! Easiest one to facilitate and will Benefit students and families the most.
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	I believe that this plan impacts our families the least!

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Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	Dear Members of the Paulding County School Board, One of the most significant advantages of the Blue Plan is that it impacts the fewest number of students county-wide. Because boundary changes can be academically and emotionally disruptive, reducing the number of children who must change schools should be a top priority. The Blue Plan does this more effectively than the other proposed options. This matters deeply for our family. Under every scenario except the Blue Plan, many of our families would be required to leave Burnt Hickory Elementary—a school we all truly love and a community where our students are thriving. BHES offers not only a strong academic foundation but also a warm, supportive environment where our children feel known, safe, and valued. An especially important factor for us is that my children currently attend school with their cousins. Seeing each other daily—in the hallways, at lunch, or during school events—gives them comfort, confidence, and a sense of belonging that cannot be replicated elsewhere. This family connection has been a positive and stabilizing influence in their school experience. Having to leave this environment would be heartbreaking. Many families at BHES also value being part of a unified elementary, middle, and high school feeder pattern. This continuity gives students long-term belonging, smoother transitions, and stronger relationships—benefits that support them socially, emotionally, and academically. Our children deserve consistency, community, and the opportunity to remain in a school where they are succeeding and supported. The Blue Plan respects these needs while still meeting the district’s long-term goals. For these reasons, I respectfully urge the board to adopt the Blue Plan. It is clearly the most balanced, least disruptive, and most student-centered solution available. Thank you for your time, consideration, and dedication to the families of Paulding County.
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	This plan affects the least amount of students and staff. With the new addition we just opened last year this plan helps keep it fully filled and money will be well used and not wasted to have an empty building.
Burnt Hickory ES	[Seven Hills	This plan impacts the fewer students attending the north campus. Burnt Hickory elementary students would get to stay on campus and continue through to McClure and North. Additionally, Burnt Hickory elementary school just added an entire wing to the school for their growth, and this plan justifies the construction. I really feel like this plan impacts the least number of teachers, students, and families.
Burnt Hickory ES	Allatoona Heights	I choose blue
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentleigh Station	I would prefer this plan over yellow
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater	I would like this Plan to keep my kids in the same school with their friends.

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Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater	I really like the blue plan it keeps Burnt Hickory intact. We moved to specific sections knowing where we would be going to school. I know people's work schedules and drop off will be thrown off. People moved to sections with the knowledge that our students would be going to Burnt Hickory and then moving to McClure, Those who weren't in the school but at Shelton already had the knowledge they would be divided between two campuses. I think this plan would be perfect if we add all of Bentwater up this direction and keep our neighborhood together on the same school events and activities.
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater	This is the only plan that allows our son to stay at BHES (the same school his two older brothers attended). We love this school and he will be going Into fourth grade next year. My husband and I both work and would not be able to stay at BhES without bus service.
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater	It affects the least number of students and staff
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater	I would like to see all of Bentwater sent to burnt hickory— so keep all of Winding creek and add on the Highcrest side.
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater	This plan affects least number of students and teachers
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater	This plan is the best. Go for it.
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater	This is the one.
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater	The community I live in is very tight knit and will tear apart people if we are split up.
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater	This plan seems to impact the kids where I live and teach the least. The community that this area has built is unlike any other. This plan works the best for so many people and staff.
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater at Winding Creek	We have family members who teach in the BHES, MMS, and NPHS systems. This is the only plan that keeps us there.
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater at Winding Creek	We moved to this area for Burnt Hickory. I am the BHES PTA Secretary and do not want to be redistricted. I am heavily involved in all school functions and we are comfortable with the school staff and happy with the school in general. I am worried about the academic success and worried about the academic/athletic opportunities for my child if we are redistrictiled. We want to stay at BHES.
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater at Winding Creek	LOVE the blue plan. All of my kids, 4 of them, have gone to BHES, with my youngest in 3rd grade presently. I would like him to finish off his elementary days in the same school where he is comfortable and has built relationships with staff, primarily the venture teachers. We do not have family around and most of our friends live in th main Bentwaters that are unaffected by the changes. We rely on these friends for rides and support throughout the school year.
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater at Winding Creek	YES!!!! For my Littles this is the plan I want for them and my neighborhood. Their school doesn't need to by changed since they have plenty of space at BHES. The Harmony Grove rd and Cedarcrest intersection have so many accidents from people running lights. I'd rather turn out of my neighborhood towards Burnt Hickory and avoid that intersection to keep my kids safe. That intersection is dangerous. And the new elementary school will make it even more dangerous. Blue Plan only. Leave winding creek alone.

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Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater at Winding Creek	I support this Blue Plan. In my opinion, it seems less disruptive to the surrounding schools and makes more sense than moving students from BHeS to Crossroads and placing other students into BHeS. So we should pull students from schools that are more crowded, like Shelton etc and place them in Crossroads. As for other schools like BHES should be left as is. That makes more sense.
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater at Winding Creek	The Blue Plan is the least disruptive to students, especially for students entering the last year of elementary school when this change comes into effect.
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater at Winding Creek	This makes the most sense - impacts the least number of students and staff. Also, students attending BHES should remain on the same campus as McClure since that's the middle school they attend.
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater at Winding Creek	As far as all plans are concerned, traffic is always a major issue for the area (as we all know). If the boundary line for Crossroads was extended to include Winding Creek, it would avoid major traffic risks by avoiding the left turn onto Harmony Grove. The entrance of Crossroads Elementary is roughly 1-2 miles from all homes in Winding Creek.
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater at Winding Creek	Blue Option is the best for the continuation of the education of my kid
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater at Winding Creek	This is my preferred option
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater at Winding Creek	We prefer blue plan. We bought our house six years ago so that our two children could attend Burnt Hickory and McClure, both of which rate highly for public schools. We would like to remain at Burnt Hickory.
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater at Winding Creek	I support this plan as it looks like we remain unaffected.
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater at Winding Creek	This plan, in my opinion, makes the most sense. This plan has the least amount of disruption to the students who are involved. I think the overall transition will be easier for everyone involved with a plan with the least amount of changes. If the other plans are chosen than that will not only affect more students, but it could also affect staff (who are parents of Elementary students) which could cause big problems for families.
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater at Winding Creek	I support the blue plan. I have kiddos who have been at BHES since the start of school. I feel moving students away from friendships and what they have known is unfair and can cause unnecessary stress.

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Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater at Winding Creek	I believe best for students living in Bentwater and currently attending Burnt Hickory Elementary should be able to continue their learning without splitting additional sections of the neighborhood and changing to a new school. Our children have grown part of the Wolfpup and Wolfpack family, as well as myself through volunteering and becoming more involved with the administration. We purchased our home with all consideration on the school our children would be attending. Throughout our 6+ years living here, there have been communities added providing housing to lower income families and through community conversation and reports, these neighborhood communities are experiencing an increase in both verbal and physical violence. Any proposed deviation from our current blue plan would put our children in a more negative environment and as parents, we would be forced to relocate to a more promising school district. Please consider to keep all current Bentwater residents attending Burnt Hickory on the Blue plan of no change.
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater at Winding Creek	I like the Blue Plan! It keeps Winding Creek attending Burnt Hickory ES, where my children have established excellent friend groups and love their teachers! My oldest student will be going to middle school next year but I will also have a 4th grader next year who would love to graduate from her current school with her closest friends. I am also vice president of the BHES PTA this year and I'd very much like to continue to be an active PTA member there until my youngest gets to middle school
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater at Winding Creek	To Whom it May Concern, I am a resident of the Winding Creek subdivision of Bentwater, and I just want to let it be known that my family votes for the Blue Plan when it comes to boundary realignment for next year. The Blue Plan appears to be the only plan that would keep Winding Creek zoned for Burnt Hickory Elementary/McClure Middle. My children currently attend BHES and we love it there! My oldest will be graduating 5th grade at the end of this school year but my youngest is only in 3rd grade. She desperately wants to continue attending BHES through 5th grade herself. We have developed great relationships with all the teachers and staff at BHES. I am also PTA vice president at BHES this year and have always been active in supporting the school. It would be very meaningful for me to be able to continue doing so at BHES. I know there are a lot of other peoples' opinions to take into consideration, but it is important to me to make my vote known. Thank you for taking the time to hear me out. We appreciate your willingness to open this decision to public discussion.

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Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater at Winding Creek	This is only plan proposed that would not disrupt our neighborhood. We value stability for our child(ren) and with our neighborhood remaining zoned for the North campus for middle school and high school our children will funnel back to the path we are now common with traveling, so it would benefit for us to continue their elementary education at Burnt Hickory. Given this feedback given is more emotional than rooted in fact, one thing that remains true in all of this is that Burnt Hickory will be substantially under capacity in all plans and plan blue impacts the least amount of students, truly addressing the problematic schools that are currently over capacity.
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater at Winding Creek	The Blue Plan is the logical choice! It impacts the least amount of students, which in turn impacts the least amount of faculty and staff. BHES is no where near capacity. BW Winding Creek may be close to the new school... but those of us in this neighborhood want to stay at Burnt Hickory ES. Our neighborhood (BW Winding Creek) was thankfully left untouched by the middle school rezoning. Parents in my neighborhood with kids at McClure would have to get their kids from two separate locations if any other plan was selected. The BLUE Plan is the BEST option for the students and personally the choice I want for my family. We don't care that Crossroads is closer to us. This plan also leaves the most schools untouched by the rezoning. These 3 schools clearly do not need relief from overcrowding. Therefore they should NOT be impacted. Once again this is why the Blue Plan is the BEST choice! #VoteBluePlan

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Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater at Winding Creek	The redistricting of the Paulding County School District Elementary School Attendance Boundaries, is something that has brought great anxiety to my family and my neighborhood. I offer my earnest support for the BLUE plan based solely on facts. Changing schools can be challenging for any student. New teachers, new buildings, new administrators, new everything! The Blue Plan impacts the LEAST amount of students. This is ultimately what you want. Less chaos for the community, the students, and families. In impacting the least amount of students, the Blue Plan would therefore impact the least amount of faculty and staff from all over the county. Burnt Hickory Elementary School does NOT need to be touched by the redistricting. BHES is no where near capacity! At barely 70% capacity, there's NO need to pull students from BHES to move them to Crossroads Elementary. Schools like Shelton need the relief, and it's right in the same neighborhood. Neighborhoods like Bentwater at Winding Creek, remained with Sammy McClure Middle School after the recent Middle School redistricting of the Attendance Boundary lines. Don't take Bentwater Winding Creek out of BHES when you didn't need to for the Middle School. Geographical distance to Crossroads shouldn't be a factor for BW Winding Creek, because it wasn't an issue for Crossroads MS. Other plans involved removing students from Burnt Hickory Elementary School, only to add students from other schools back to BHES! Why disrupt the lives of two students when you can accomplish the goal in ONE move? The Blue Plan offers the best opportunity for student success. Parents and students from schools like Shelton have been eager for the new elementary school to be built to give relief to the overflowing capacity. The Blue Plan is the most streamlined option for Paulding County Schools. Please choose the Blue Plan.
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater at Winding Creek	I'm siding with the blue plan as it has the least impact on students and faculty. BHES is not at capacity and is no where near facing such disruption or adverse consequences of such. Our neighbors and friends want all of our kids to stay at BHES. Myself included. The blue plan is the plan I select for my family and a majority of my neighbors and friends agree. Moving the kids to another school with new teachers and other kids isn't logical at this time. My wife and I really don't care that Crossroads is closer to us. It's about the quality of education that our child is receiving and they are receiving that at BHES. We (Bentwater at Winding Creek) were left untouched by the middle school rezoning and the same should be for the elementary school.
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater at Winding Creek	My family is hoping for Blue plan for several reasons. One being my son is part of the gifted program at Burnt Hickory and we really would like to continue on at Burnt Hickory. Please pick Blue plan!
Burnt Hickory ES	Burnt Hickory	we support the blue plan
Burnt Hickory ES	Burnt Hickory Estates	Keep this plan!
Burnt Hickory ES	Harmony Grove	This plan is good
Burnt Hickory ES	Harmony Grove	Like this plan
Burnt Hickory ES	Harmony Grove	I think Blue plan makes the most sense for the community.

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Burnt Hickory ES	Harmony Grove	This plan has the best outcome for my child. As a rising 5th grader it would give her the most stability. Allowing her to finish her Elementary school years there and move on to Sammy McClure flawlessly. Otherwise.... Where would she be zoned for middle school? Sammy McClure or crossroads? Seems a bit traumatic to change schools two times in two years.
Burnt Hickory ES	I do not	I like this plan! It keeps our kids and their best friends at the same school.
Burnt Hickory ES	I don't live in a neighborhood but I do live on Harmony Grove Church road.	I vote Blue Plan. No changes to Burnt Hickory's current boundaries!! Many have a huge support system in adjacent and close neighborhoods. Both of the other plans would remove those support systems that we rely on heavily on a day to day basis.
Burnt Hickory ES	Ivey Meadow	I prefer this plan
Burnt Hickory ES	N/A	Good afternoon, The Blue Plan represents the most beneficial option for our community. It minimizes disruption for our elementary students, teachers, and staff, particularly at our current elementary schools. Our campus (Burnt Hickory Elementary) is not near capacity, especially with the addition of the newly built third-grade hall. Last year, we lost FIVE teacher allotments, which created significant adjustments across grade levels, including teachers losing positions, relocating classrooms, or transitioning to different grades. Additionally, it is not practical for families to transport children to different campuses—such as having younger students at Burnt Hickory Elementary while older siblings attend Crossroads Middle. This arrangement would also require some families to transition students between campuses. Such changes would likely increase traffic on Harmony Grove and Cedarcrest, as bus routes and parent drop-offs would involve multiple locations, ultimately worsening rather than improving traffic conditions. If a sibling is able to stay enrolled in their current school, there is no guarantee their sibling can attend which puts parents in a challenging position. The lasting impact of this alignment affects more than just elementary aged students and their families. The blue plan is the most efficient option for our community. Thank you for your time.

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Burnt Hickory ES	N/A	Dear Members of the Paulding County School Board, I am writing to express my strong support for the Blue Plan in the proposed elementary school boundary realignment. After reviewing the district's information carefully, it is clear that the Blue Plan not only meets the goals of responsible long-term planning but also best supports student stability, family continuity, and community well-being. One of the most significant factors is that the Blue Plan impacts the fewest number of students county-wide. Because redistricting can be so disruptive academically and emotionally, minimizing the number of children who must switch schools should be a top priority. The Blue Plan accomplishes this more effectively than any alternative scenario. For our family, this matters deeply. Under any plan other than the Blue Plan, my children would be required to leave Burnt Hickory Elementary, a school we truly love and a community where they are thriving. BHES provides not only a strong academic foundation but also a warm, supportive environment in which my children feel safe, known, and valued. Another extremely important piece for our family is that my children currently get to attend school with their cousins. Seeing their cousins every day, whether in the hallways, at lunch, or during school events, gives them comfort, confidence, and a sense of belonging that cannot be replicated. This family connection has been such a positive and stabilizing influence in their school experience. If we are forced to move to a different school, that daily support system disappears for them, which would be a heartbreaking and unnecessary loss. We also deeply appreciate being part of the unified elementary, middle school, and high school campus. This feeder connection gives students a sense of long-term belonging and allows them to grow within a consistent K–12 community. It creates smoother transitions, stronger relationships, and a stability that benefits students socially, emotionally, and academically. Removing our children from this environment would be a significant and unnecessary disruption. Beyond our individual experience, the Blue Plan offers district-wide advantages: • Least disruption: It keeps more children in their current schools than any other option. • Stronger neighborhood continuity: It maintains natural community groupings and feeder pathways. • Fewer transportation changes: It helps preserve safe, predictable bus routes. • Alignment with district goals: It balances school capacity while prioritizing student stability, something families across Paulding County value deeply. Our children deserve consistency, community, and the chance to remain at a school where they are already succeeding and supported. The Blue Plan honors this while still meeting the district's long-term planning needs. For these reasons, I respectfully and strongly urge the board to adopt the Blue Plan. It is the most balanced, least disruptive, and most student-centered solution available. Thank you for your time, consideration, and commitment to the families of Paulding County.

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Dallas ES	Hampton Square	My children have been a part of the Dallas Elementary family for 6 year, since my daughter started kindergarten. We are in Dallas Elementarys back yard! We want to remain going to Dallas and be apart of their family. Please consider moving the boundaries to include the Hampton square subdivision within the Dallas Elementary district.
Other	[No response]	I am a teacher at Burnt Hickory. This is the plan that I would prefer to keep our community together. It would allow our current students and parents to stay in place and not get many new students from other schools.
Other	Bentwater	As an employee at Abney-this plan is my lowest choice. It has the school back over capacity by 2032 while other schools stay below capacity for much longer.
Russom ES	Picketts Mill	Picketts mill children should attend the new elementary school on Seven Hills connector
Shelton ES	Bentwater	I am in support of the Blue Plan along with many other parents that live in my section of Bentwater which is the Highcrest Street Entrance. Please consider Blue or Green Plan for us to have our kids going to school closer to home. We would like our children to be at a closer school than Burnt Hickory. When we purchased this home I was under the assumption that our kids would be at Shelton where the drive is easy for us to get to. I Help out at the schools a lot, am always a room parent and helper whenever any teacher is in need. The drive to Burnt Hickory for us is very long for drop-offs/Pickups. With no traffic it takes me 20 minutes to get to that area for sports in the past, Morning commute would be horrendous for us being so far from the school, and with the planned construction that will be starting going down the roads to the school.

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Shelton ES	Bentwater	Although we are sad to leave Shelton under this plan, we are in favor of the Blue Plan and understand the reasons why we would shift to Crossroads under this plan. We could also convince our rising 5th Grader of how amazing it would be to attend a brand new school and be a part of the school's history. I did attend the meeting last night at Crossroads Middle School and forgot to ask if there will be an Aftercare Program available at Crossroads Elementary?
Shelton ES	Bentwater	If this plan is chosen, I hope you would consider having our area redistricted to Crossroads Middle. We are so grateful for our local community and know how important it is our children make solid friendships, have continuity, and have pride in their school community. If this plan is chosen, in 2026 we would have one child at Crossroads Elementary and one all the way at McClure Middle. Given that both campuses have an elementary and middle school (and you've considered moving us to either crossroads elementary or burnt hickory) I would hope you could put us fully at one campus or the other.
Shelton ES	Bentwater	Ok with Crossroads switch. Can we realign our address with Crossroads Middle School?
Shelton ES	Bentwater	Okay with the blue plan (Crossroads Elementary). Will at some point we will also be switched to Crossroads Middle School? Going all the way to Sammy Maclure seems very chaotic, with only one way in and one way out. Horrible traffic with 3 schools in the same area.
Shelton ES	Bentwater	This plan puts our rising 5th grade daughter at Crossroads Elementary. We are zoned for McClure Middle School, so her transition into middle school the following year will be more difficult than if she went to Burnt Hickory for 5th grade. All of the Burnt Hickory Elementary students end up at MxClure Middle. Crossroads Elementary students will be split/divided between McClure and Clossroads Middle.
Shelton ES	Reserve at Westbrook Creek	Welcome this plan! Makes the most sense!
Shelton ES	The Creek at Arthur Hills	I'd prefer this plan. My daughter will be going into 4th grade for the 2026-2027 school year. I'd like it for a big population of Crossroads to be kids that went to Shelton, so she will have some of her friends she has made during at her time at Shelton (the Bentwater kids) at the new school with her.
Shelton ES	The Estates	Blue plan is fine, but prefer the green.
Shelton ES	The Estates	My daughters have gone to Shelton their entire elementary education and then with the realignment for the new middle school, next year my oldest will be starting a middle school without the bulk of her friends. Most will continue on to Crossroads without her. We moved into our home wanting it to be our forever home where our kids could grow up with their friends. We are not in favor of the BLUE PLAN, because the same thing will happen once middle school comes around for our youngest.
Shelton ES	The Park at Cedarcrest	Each plan completely removes the Park at Cedarcrest from Shelton and adds a whole section below and only keeps Glen Ridge at Shelton. In my opinion The park At Cedarcrest and Seven Hills have long been in the same schools and have been for years even with the change in Crossroads middle school, can we not be affected by this?