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Abney ES	[No response]	Both the green and yellow plans address our overcapacity concerns, even eight years out. Regarding Abney, these plans are identical in terms of numbers. Either of these plans would benefit Abney's capacity.
Abney ES	Brookstone Creek	I strongly oppose this plan. Green and yellow plans move a larger number of students (238) into Russom, which is already difficult to access due to traffic constraints. Furthermore, even with this aggressive move, Abney is projected to be back at 95% capacity by 2034, and Dallas Elementary effectively hits 100% capacity. This indicates that the new school (Crossroads) is not being utilized effectively to relieve the pressure on the southern schools.
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 gulledge 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.
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 Gulledge 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
Abney ES	Victoria Heights	I disagree with this. This school is not close and would be a logistical nightmare foe those who live right by abney.

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Abney ES	Victoria Heights	This plan is unacceptable to me. I live less than a mile from Abney Elementary, and forcing my children to transfer to Shelton—which is five times farther away—would create major inconvenience and disrupt their routine.
Abney ES	Victoria Heights	In the Yellow plan, we would be moved to Shelton. My child would be heavily impacted if our school changed and I wouldn't be able to give her school of choice since she won't be a rising 5th grader. Our community is right down the street from Abney Elementary school. Now there will be so much for traffic going through Seven Hills in the morning and in the afternoon. Victoria Heights should stay at Abney Elementary.
Abney ES	Victoria Heights	Absolutely not!
Abney ES	Victoria Heights	I do not like this as it affects us directly. We just bought a brand new house intentionally 3 mins from Abney because we wanted to be at Abney but now I would have to travel much further. I would rather home school my child. He has many medical emergencies with 10+ food allergies. I'm not comfortable moving him further from the hospital and further from me. He is ASD and I love the set up of Abney. If school of choice doesn't work, I will pull my child out of school.
Abney ES	Victoria Heights	We do not want to be redistricted!
Abney ES	Victoria Heights	This plan is *****. I bought my ***** house with the VA home loan because of Abney and I want my kids at Abney! I bet the redistricting affects none of the kids of the superintendent or the school boardmembers who are voting.
Abney ES	Victoria Heights	Doesn't make scenes. I would have to pass his current school to get there
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	Please don't do this plan.
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	I don't not want Harmony Grove subdivision to leave BHES.
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 would make the most sense long term with the same neighborhoods attending McClure instead Crossroads middle.
Burnt Hickory ES	[No response]	Not preferred: The more disruptions to students' education, the more difficulty they may have adapting, making friends, and continuing a fluid learning environment. This plan affects an unnecessary amount of children.
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentleigh Station	I would prefer not to choose the yellow plan. This plan would prevent all our my kids from being on the same campus as we will have kids in all 3 schools at the north Paulding campus in the next few years. Transportation would be much more difficult and disrupt schedules
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater	
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater	my vote
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater	This one is interesting. You take part of bentwater and put it in and take another part out. I would love to see part of Yellow and Blue combined. I would love to see all of Bentwater brought up to Burnt hickory.
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater	I think this could work, but include winding creek from Bentwater and all of the harmony grove homes

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Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater at Winding Creek	We will consider private school if we are redistricted.
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater at Winding Creek	NO! NO! NO!
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Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater at Winding Creek	My child would be in his last year, missing a majority of his classmates and his teachers. This would have traumatic affects on my child. Please leave the children where they are if it is their last year in the school. I do not support your plan. I would rather relocate, as the reason I live where I do is because of BHES.
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater at Winding Creek	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. The Yellow plan, a 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	This plan is a no... it impacts too many students, families, faculty and staff. It doesn't make sense to move 176 out of BHES and into Crossroads all so you can move 132 students from Shelton to BHES. Why not just leave the 176 where they at Burnt Elementary School, and just move those 132 Shelton students to the new school with the other Shelton students? Why uproot 308 students, when you could accomplish the goal with only 132 students?
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater at Winding Creek	Definitely a no for this plan as well. Too many children are impacted and doesn't make sense to move kids from an under capacity school to an over capacity school. I agree with others that you should just leave the students of BHES alone and just move the Shelton students to the new school. Why uproot 308 students like that when you can accomplish the goal with 132 students.
Burnt Hickory ES	Bentwater at Winding Creek	Open to the recommendation to realign school zones. Especially if the end goal is to provide a more balanced classroom size
Burnt Hickory ES	Cedarcrest Plantation	Preferred plan
Burnt Hickory ES	Harmony Grove	This plan is not suitable, at least for me, since I have one middle schooler that attends Sammy McClure and an elementary kid that goes to burnt hickory. They are both car riders. So then every morning i would have to drive back and forth from SMMS to Crossroads.
Burnt Hickory ES	Harmony Grove	Against this plan - would like to keep my child in BHES

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Dallas ES	Hampton Square	Hampton square according to the yellow plan is being "cut" in half. Meaning half of the neighborhood will be Dallas district and the other half Northside Elementary. I feel this over complicates the situation and removes my son from his school friends who are also his neighborhood friends. Please consider keeping the WHOLE neighborhood districted for Dallas Elementary! We have been a part of the Dallas family 6 years when my daughter started kindergarten there. Dallas is a family and we want to be a part of it.
Other	Bentwater	It appears that the green and yellow plans are similar as far as overcrowding at Abney. Either would be fine.
Russom ES	Picketts Lake	☒
Russom ES	Picketts Lake	I like this plan the best
Russom ES	Picketts Mill	Picketts mill children should attend the new elementary school on Seven Hills connector
Russom ES	Picketts Mill	I choose this plan
Shelton ES	[No response]	This is the best option for the students who currently attend Shelton and will attend McClure for middle school. As a 5th grade teacher at Shelton, it was very hard for the small number of students attending McClure last year when everyone else was heading to Crossroads. Since we are not changing middle school lines, it would make sense to send this small number of students to BH so they can enjoy elementary school with the same kids they will be attending middle school with down the road. It would be silly for them to attend CR to just be sent to the North Campus to attend middle school.

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Shelton ES	Bentwater	I do not support the Yellow plan, and beg on my knees that this proposal is not chosen! One big concern I have about this plan when looking at the demographic maps, and charts is that in the Burnt hickory area there is so much purchasable land for developers to put more homes in. People in that area are starting to sell land, and even in the tables your information shows how many more homes are being added to that area right now versus the area around crossroads and Shelton. We all know how quickly developers can build homes these days, and I think in a few years time that area will change drastically! In the areas of crossroads and Shelton there is not too much more large purchasable properties to build large neighborhoods, so I feel the amount of children needing a space at Crossroads are mostly already living here. There would be space for kids at crossroads for the homes that are already planned and listed in your research, but as stated I do not think many more homes will be able to be built up in this area of town anymore. My fear is that my children will be moved to Burnt hickory, and in time developers will build so many homes on all that available land near the school that we will then have to be shifted back over to the crossroads district in the years to come. The other part of this plan I do not like is how far my street of Highcrest Drive is from Burnt hickory. Times I have needed to drive to that school area it took me 20 minutes to drive there without traffic. Now with the proposed construction for lane widening going towards that school it will make getting kids to school a nightmare due to how far we live from the school. Please take all this into consideration when looking at this proposal. Parent do need time in the morning to be able to drop off other children at other schools, while still making it to work on time. Logistically this would be very hard for many of the parents that live in my area of Bent water.

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Shelton ES	Bentwater	This is our least favorite plan. I understand that one of the thoughts behind this plan is to shift more households from Bentwater to Burnt Hickory with the goal of shifting other neighborhoods in the opposite direction of Harmony Grove towards Shelton or Crossroads to alleviate the traffic flow on Harmony Church Road; this plan does not alleviate the concern of the overall traffic flow driving towards the North Campus. We have a HS Freshman at North who rides the bus to school a few times a week. When she rides the bus, she is late arriving to school because of the overall volume of vehicles driving to the North campus. We choose to drive our Elementary students to school (currently Shelton) because the bus arrives @6:40 AM to our bus stop. Because we both work, we do not want our kids to remain in school until close to 5 PM since they attend Aftercare due to our work schedules. I am truly concerned at how early the school bus would arrive for transportation to Burnt Hickory- which we may have to consider putting them on the bus due to the traffic flow on the North Campus. In addition, one of our students is a rising 5th grader, he would not want to shift to another school in general, but definitely not to an existing school. Why does this matter? We would now have to transport one child to Burnt Hickory (our rising 2nd Grader) and another one to Shelton (our rising 5th Grader). We could convince him to attend a new school because he would be the first 5th Grade class to attend the school and he would be a part of the school's history.
Shelton ES	Bentwater	Yellow plan is our preferred plan. We are in Bentwater and would move from Shelton to Burnt Hickory. I like that my elementary and middle schooler will be on the same campus, this would be helpful for carpooling, drop-off after appts, etc. It would let us stay within the same community from elementary thru middle school. We love Shelton and are so sad to leave, but we were already being separated from many of our friends after elementary since we are districted to McClure. I notice that this plan also keeps school capacities more stable than the other plans. We have many Bentwater friends who are currently at Burnt Hickory and it would be wonderful to be joined as a neighborhood. I do wish this plan would keep Bentwater at Winding Creek so that all the Bentwaters could be joined.
Shelton ES	Bentwater	DO NOT Agree with this plan. Going all the way over to BHES with 2 schools close By doesn't make a lot sense. Traffic is very bad in the morning with only 1 route to take.
Shelton ES	Bentwater	DO NOT agree with the yellow plan(BHES). Going all the way to BHES 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 is our preferred choice. It would place our daughter at Burnt Hickory next year (5th grade). She will go into middle school with the same students (versus being divided), as all of Burnt Hickory Elementary students are zoned for McClure.
Shelton ES	Reserve at Westbrook Creek	Least favorite as the realignments are not that impactful to overload all of the affected elementary schools.
Shelton ES	The Creek at Arthur Hills	This plan would be my second choice.

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Shelton ES	The Estates	The yellow plan is unacceptable
Shelton ES	The Estates	Yellow plan is the only option we like. This gives our children an opportunity to meet kids and continue on to middle school with their friends.
Shelton ES	The Park at Cedarcrest	Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed elementary boundary realignment plans. I appreciate the district's commitment to making thoughtful, student-centered decisions, and I want to contribute constructively to that process. After reviewing the proposed plans in detail and examining the demographic and neighborhood-level data behind each scenario, I believe the Yellow Plan represents the most balanced, equitable, and sustainable option for Crossroads Elementary and the surrounding schools. Why the Yellow Plan offers the strongest balance. 1. It supports a more economically diverse student population. The neighborhoods assigned to Crossroads under the Yellow Plan reflect a wider range of household types and home values. This plan avoids concentrating the largest clusters of high-income, golf-course communities into a single attendance zone. Instead, it distributes them more evenly, supporting a healthier mix of socioeconomic backgrounds. Research consistently shows that schools with balanced socioeconomic diversity benefit all students—academically, socially, and developmentally. The Yellow Plan moves Crossroads toward that strength instead of increasing economic separation between schools. 2. It promotes greater racial and ethnic diversity. The Yellow Plan incorporates a broader combination of neighborhoods from both the Acworth and Dallas sides of the community. Because these areas differ meaningfully in their racial and ethnic composition, the Yellow Plan naturally results in a more representative Crossroads population. By contrast, plans that cluster the highest-income Acworth golf communities into Crossroads create a much more homogenous school population, limiting the social and cultural richness that comes with a more diverse learning environment. The Yellow Plan supports diversity in a way that aligns with the district's values and long-term goals for equitable access and inclusion. 3. It reduces concentrated enrollment from ultra-high-value neighborhoods. Both the Blue and Green plans pull several of the most affluent communities into Crossroads simultaneously. The Yellow Plan takes a more thoughtful and balanced approach—ensuring Crossroads serves families from a variety of neighborhoods without disproportionately absorbing top-tier subdivisions. This not only improves demographic balance but also helps the school maintain stable enrollments and a more even distribution of program needs. 4. It strengthens community cohesion. Families benefit most when attendance zones reflect the diversity of the larger community. The Yellow Plan mirrors our local demographics more closely than the other options and helps preserve the broad, inclusive identity that makes our schools strong. Final Recommendation: For these reasons, I respectfully recommend that the district give serious consideration to adopting the Yellow Plan. It provides a healthier balance of socioeconomic and racial/ethnic diversity while also supporting stable enrollment and maintaining community continuity. Thank you again for inviting families to participate in this important decision. I appreciate the transparency and the chance to share my perspective, and I look forward to continuing to partner with the district to make decisions that help all of our students thrive.