

## BCPS High School Capacity Study Email Log: 08/03/18 through 08/20/18

**August 05, 2018, 1319 hours**

**L. Adams**

I am for scenario 1 or 2 HS redistricting. However, I am concern it will be done in a racially and/ or economically divisive manner. That will defeat the purpose of equal access to education public education module. I am also for scenario 6 the magnet redistribution as well however I am concern about transportation being provided and adequate experience teacher to teach students.

**August 07, 2018, 0728 hours**

**N. Turner**

Before you start moving students around, the school district needs to ask parents WHY they don't want to send their children to certain schools and I guarantee you, you will see issues that relate to race and a history of implied sub-par educational quality. School boundaries have changed in the past to prevent some students from attending better schools, like when New Town and Woodholme ES were first built that have caused parents to be more strategic with where they are moving to ensure their child is going to one of the better schools. My daughter is in the 8th grade and this type of decision making has me contemplating if I need to move after this year as I am not very confident I want her to attend her zone school of Milford Mill HS, which has in the past been one of the schools with a lot of disciplinary issues, but also magnet programs that don't match the competitiveness of other schools. If some of the issues like ratio of new to seasoned teachers can be fixed and the inclusion of stronger magnet programs (a proposed solution), then more parents would be okay with the move around required to fix the capacity issue.

**August 08, 2018, 1259 hours**

**H. Schwartz**

I have a child entering sixth grade and a child entering 10th grade. I received a post card that was addressed to "The Parents of my middle schooler" which invited me to the High School Capacity meeting held at Dundalk High School on July 17th. I believed Baltimore County Public Schools was going to once again band aid the overcrowding in this area by redistricting. I tried to attend the meeting with an open mind, but I found some of the scenarios completely ridiculous and some of them were the typical redistricting (as expected.) We were asked to pick the "least offensive" scenario by Mr. Basu of Sage Policy Group. This is absolutely insulting because asking me to make a choice of the least offensive way to fix the problem for my child is awful. I'm shocked that this was even suggested. Also, I am completely disheartened that I only received an invitation on behalf of my middle school child. So, I guess Baltimore County is completely giving up any chance of improving overcrowding for my older high school aged child. How upsetting!

I did some research regarding my children's schools and the schools in my area. I am writing to you to ask for help addressing the overcrowding in Sparrows Point Middle (99% capacity currently) and Sparrows Point High Schools (109% capacity currently). We are the only school in Baltimore County that shares one building for both middle and high school. The building was adequate for the entire community when it was built in 1956. However, with the explosion of our community it is no longer feasible to house all students in one building. Unfortunately, redistricting in our area will not help. The closest schools are Dundalk High School (already at 110% capacity) and Patapsco High School (already at 111% capacity).

We need a new building. Our future is moving in the direction of growth. New homes are being built on the Bauer's Farm property even as we speak. Fort Howard Veterans Hospital is in the process of being sold and developed. And Tradepoint Atlantic is developing and attracting even more people to our small peninsula. When we hear all about the importance of education, it is difficult to understand why this entire overcrowded area is being ignored. I think it is important to mention that the safety of our students is being threatened as well. Because of our extreme overcrowding we are having Learning Cottages (trailers) added onto our fields. This greatly compromises the safety of our children by exposing them to unlocked and open areas of the property.

As a Taxpayer I want my tax money to go to the education of children in our community that are our future. Due to the fact that the casino money was not spent on education appropriately, we are now in the position to have to fight for our children. I believed by voting in favor of the casinos money would be available to address overcrowding and poor school conditions. As a Parent, I desperately ask for your HELP in obtaining funding for a new school or whatever help is available that is in YOUR power.

Sincerely, Holly Schultz (very concerned Parent)

**August 12, 2018, 1735 hours**

**J. Murveit**

Hello. Regarding all the different scenarios. Please add detailed map of new boundaries per scenario. Thank you.