MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education
From: Joshua P. Starr, Superintendent of Schools
Subject: Clarksburg Cluster Elementary School Boundaries Recommendation

At the November 19, 2012, Boundary and Facilities Decisions meeting, the Board authorized a boundary study to develop boundaries for the new Clarksburg Cluster Elementary School and associated changes to the boundaries of Cedar Grove and Little Bennett elementary schools. New residential development and rapid enrollment increases require the opening of the new school. Clarksburg Cluster Elementary School, which will open in August 2014, is located at 12420 Blue Sky Drive in Clarksburg.

WHEREAS, In March 2013, the superintendent of schools convened a Boundary Advisory Committee composed of representatives of Cedar Grove and Little Bennett elementary schools and two Clarksburg Cluster coordinators; and

WHEREAS, The Boundary Advisory Committee met from March through May 2013 and submitted a report to the superintendent of schools on June 14, 2013, with committee member option evaluations and a Parent and Teacher Association position paper on 10 boundary options; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent of schools reviewed and carefully considered the report of the Boundary Advisory Committee, the Parent and Teacher Association position paper, and feedback from the community at-large, and on October 15, 2013, submitted a recommendation for the elementary school boundaries of Clarksburg Cluster Elementary School and associated changes to the boundaries of Cedar Grove and Little Bennett elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, On November 7, 2013, the Board of Education conducted a work session to consider the superintendent of schools’ recommendation; and
WHEREAS, On November 7, 2013, the Board of Education adopted an alternative to the superintendent of schools’ recommendation regarding the boundaries for the new Clarksburg Cluster Elementary School and associated boundary changes for Cedar Grove and Little Bennett elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted public hearings on November 11 and 14, 2013, in accordance with Board of Education Policy FAA, *Long-range Educational Facilities Planning*, and Montgomery County Public Schools Regulation FAA-RA, *Long-range Educational Facilities Planning*, on the superintendent of schools’ recommendation and the Board of Education adopted alternative; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the following reassignments be made:

- Reassign Zones LB-7, LB-8, LB-9, LB-10a and LB-10b from Little Bennett Elementary School to Clarksburg Cluster Elementary School.

- Reassign Zones CG-3, CG-4a, CG-8b, CG-9, and CG-10 from Cedar Grove Elementary School to Clarksburg Cluster Elementary School.

and be it further

Resolved, That the boundary changes be phased, beginning with Grades K–4 from the reassigned areas to Clarksburg Cluster Elementary School in August 2014 and Grades K–5 in August 2015 and thereafter.

Attachment

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Clarksburg Cluster ES
Board of Education Adopted Boundaries

Montgomery County Public Schools
Division of Long-range Planning
November 19, 2013