


Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

November 27, 2018

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools 

Subject: Forest Knolls, Montgomery Knolls, and Pine Crest Elementary Schools Boundary Study

As a result of a comprehensive capacity study conducted during the 2014–2015 school year to address overutilization in the lower section of the Downcounty Consortium, a plan was developed to address space deficits at Forest Knolls Elementary School. Classroom addition projects were approved at Montgomery Knolls Elementary School, which serves Grades pre–K–2 students; and Pine Crest Elementary School, which serves Grades 3–5 students: these are paired schools. These projects are scheduled for completion in September 2020. Forest Knolls Elementary School articulates to Silver Spring International Middle School, while Montgomery Knolls and Pine Crest elementary schools articulate to Eastern Middle School.

WHEREAS, On November 1 and 16, 2018, the Board of Education conducted work sessions for all capital and noncapital items for the *Superintendent’s Recommended FY 2020 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2019–2024 Capital Improvements Program*; and

WHEREAS, On November 8 and 12, 2018, the Board of Education conducted public hearings in accordance with Board of Education Policy FAA, *Educational Facilities Planning*, and Montgomery County Public Schools Regulation FAA-RA, *Long-range Educational Facilities Planning*, on the superintendent’s recommendation; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent of schools recommended a boundary study for Forest Knolls, Montgomery Knolls, and Pine Crest elementary schools to relieve the overutilization at Forest Knolls Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent of schools also recommended that the boundary study include the middle school articulation of the three elementary schools to Eastern and Silver Spring International middle schools; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the boundary study be conducted to include Forest Knolls, Montgomery Knolls, and Pine Crest elementary schools to relieve the overutilization at Forest Knolls Elementary School; and be it further

Resolved, That the scope of the boundary study include the middle school articulation of Forest Knolls, Montgomery Knolls, and Pine Crest elementary schools to Eastern and Silver Spring International middle schools; and be it further

Resolved, That the boundary study be conducted in spring 2019, and the superintendent of schools forward a report to the members of the Board of Education by the end of the 2018–2019 school year.

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