


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

November 26, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools 

Subject: Supplement B—Superintendent's Recommendation for the Forest Knolls, Montgomery Knolls, and Pine Crest Elementary Schools Boundary Study

On November 27, 2018, the Board of Education authorized a boundary study to include Forest Knolls, Montgomery Knolls, and Pine Crest elementary schools to relieve the overutilization at Forest Knolls Elementary School. The boundary study came 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 with classroom addition projects at Montgomery Knolls Elementary School, which serves prekindergarten–Grade 2 students and Pine Crest Elementary School, which serves Grades 3–5 students. These projects are scheduled for completion in September 2020. Because Forest Knolls Elementary School articulates to Silver Spring International Middle School, while Montgomery Knolls and Pine Crest elementary schools articulate to Eastern Middle School, the middle schools were included in the scope of the boundary study.

WHEREAS, In March 2019, the superintendent of schools charged Montgomery County Public Schools staff to conduct a boundary study process to explore student reassignments from Forest Knolls Elementary School to Montgomery Knolls and Pine Crest elementary schools to relieve the overutilization at Forest Knolls Elementary School in accordance with Board of Education Policy FAA, *Educational Facilities Planning*, and Montgomery County Public Schools Regulation FAA-RA, *Educational Facilities Planning*; and

WHEREAS, The boundary study process occurred from March 2019 through June 2019, to review three boundary options for the Forest Knolls, Montgomery Knolls, and Pine Crest elementary schools boundaries; and

WHEREAS, In September 2019, a report was submitted to the superintendent of schools and the Board of Education that summarized the process and three options for the Forest Knolls, Montgomery Knolls, and Pine Crest elementary schools boundaries; and

WHEREAS, On November 4 and 19, 2019, the Board of Education conducted work sessions on the superintendent of schools' recommendation for the Forest Knolls, Montgomery Knolls, and Pine Crest elementary schools boundaries; and

WHEREAS, On November 7, 2019, the Board of Education conducted a public hearing in accordance with Board of Education Policy FAA, *Educational Facilities Planning*, and Montgomery County Public Schools Regulation FAA-RA, *Educational Facilities Planning*, on the superintendent's recommendation; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the following reassignments be made as indicated on the attached map:

- Zones F3 and F4 from Forest Knolls Elementary School to Montgomery Knolls and Pine Crest elementary schools

and be it further

Resolved, That in the 2020–2021 school year, Grade 5 students remain at Forest Knolls Elementary School with Grades 3 and 4 students reassigned to Pine Crest Elementary School, followed by full implementation of Grades 3 through 5 students in the 2021–2022 school year at Pine Crest Elementary School; and be it further

Resolved, That in the 2020–2021 school year, Grade 2 students remain at Forest Knolls Elementary School with kindergarten and Grade 1 students reassigned to Montgomery Knolls Elementary School, followed by full implementation of kindergarten through Grade 2 students in the 2021–2022 school year at Montgomery Knolls Elementary School; and be it further

Resolved, That the Grade 2 students that remained at Forest Knolls Elementary School in the 2020–2021 school year articulate to Pine Crest Elementary School for Grades 3 through 5 beginning in the 2021–2022 school year; and be it further

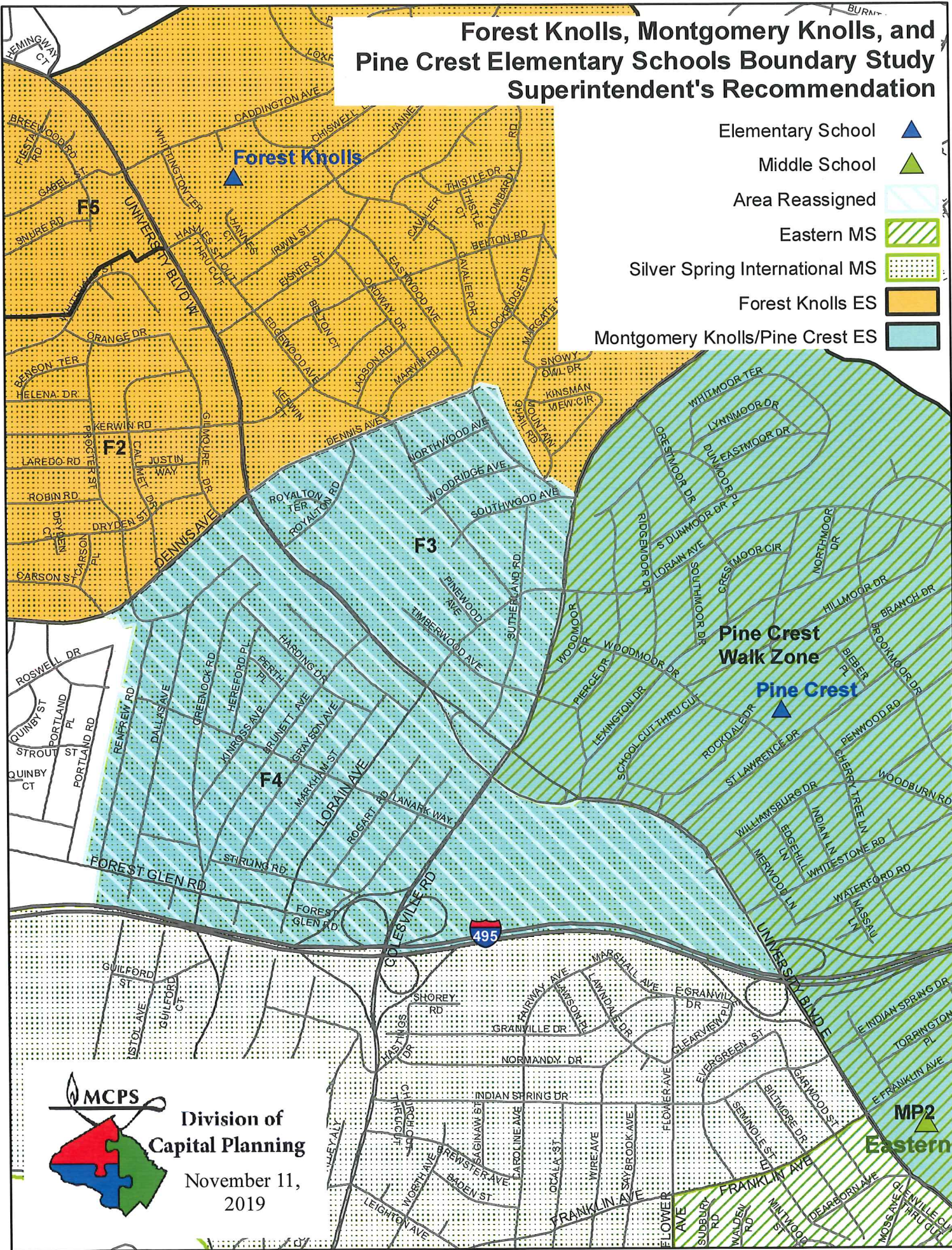
Resolved, That the current middle school assignments be maintained for Forest Knolls and Pine Crest elementary schools.

Attachment

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# Forest Knolls, Montgomery Knolls, and Pine Crest Elementary Schools Boundary Study Superintendent's Recommendation



- Elementary School ▲
- Middle School ▲
- Area Reassigned
- Eastern MS
- Silver Spring International MS
- Forest Knolls ES
- Montgomery Knolls/Pine Crest ES



**Division of Capital Planning**  
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