


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

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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools 

Subject: Shady Grove Sector Plan Boundary Study

Student enrollment at the elementary school level in the Gaithersburg Cluster has resulted in several schools exceeding their program capacities. In the 2014–2015 school year, a Gaithersburg Cluster Elementary School Capacity Study was conducted to determine whether additions to cluster schools could address projected space deficits. The results of this study were compared to the cost to build a new elementary school.

The projected enrollment growth in the Gaithersburg Cluster, specifically at Washington Grove Elementary School, is a result of the development included in the Shady Grove Sector Plan. After a review of adjacent clusters, it was determined that the Col. Zadok Magruder Cluster should be considered as a viable option to reassign students from the Gaithersburg Cluster.

WHEREAS, Projected enrollment at the elementary school level in the Gaithersburg Cluster will exceed program capacity in the six-year Capital Improvements Program; and

WHEREAS, A Gaithersburg Cluster Elementary School Capacity Study was conducted during the 2014–2015 school year that evaluated the feasibility to add capacity to the existing elementary schools in the cluster and compared that to the option of opening a new elementary school; and

WHEREAS, The Col. Zadok Magruder Cluster is adjacent to the Gaithersburg Cluster and has available capacity or capacity can be added to existing schools; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools solicit community input in a boundary study process consistent with Montgomery County Public Schools Regulation FAA-RA, *Long-range Educational Facilities Planning*, to obtain viewpoints of affected stakeholders regarding the possibility to reassign the portions of the Shady Grove Sector Plan located east of Interstate 370 in the Washington Grove Elementary School, Forest Oak Middle School, and Gaithersburg High School attendance areas to the Col. Zadok Magruder Cluster schools; and be it further

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools provide a report on the results of the community involvement process to members of the Board of Education by February 2017.

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