

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

November 21, 2016

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education  
From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools  
Subject: Unity Area Boundary Study

Members of the Laytonsville Elementary School community who live in the Unity area, located in the northeast portion of the Laytonsville Elementary School service area in the Gaithersburg Cluster, requested that the Board of Education consider a cluster reassignment from the Gaithersburg Cluster to the Sherwood Cluster.

WHEREAS, On November 16, 2015, the Board of Education authorized a boundary study to review the school assignments for the Unity area from the Gaithersburg Cluster to the Sherwood Cluster to be conducted in the 2016–2017 school year; 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 possible reassignment of the Unity area from the Gaithersburg Cluster schools to the Sherwood Cluster schools; and be it further

Resolved, That the specific school service area evaluated includes areas east of, but not including, Howard Chapel Road from the county border in the north to Hawlings River Regional Park (also known as Rachel Carson Conservation Park) in the south, and east to the boundary line between the Gaithersburg and Sherwood clusters; and be it further

Resolved, That the scope of this boundary study be limited to evaluation of the reassignment of Unity area students from Laytonsville Elementary School, Gaithersburg Middle School, and Gaithersburg High School, to Greenwood Elementary School, Rosa M. Parks Middle School, and Sherwood High School; 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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