

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: Supplement A—Bethesda-Chevy Chase Middle School #2 and Westland Middle School Boundaries

On November 16, 2015, the Board of Education authorized a boundary study to establish the service area for the new Bethesda-Chevy Chase Middle School #2 and associated changes to the service area of Westland Middle School. The new school is located at 3701 Saul Road in Kensington, Maryland, and is scheduled to open in August 2017. Projected increases in enrollment at Westland Middle School, as well as the planned reassignment of Grade 6 students at Chevy Chase and North Chevy Chase elementary schools to the middle school level, resulted in the need to open a second middle school in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster.

WHEREAS, In February 2016, the interim superintendent of schools convened a Boundary Advisory Committee composed of representatives from the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster elementary schools, Westland Middle School, the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster coordinators, as well as representatives from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Parent Council and Latino Student Achievement Action Group; and

WHEREAS, The Boundary Advisory Committee met from February through May 2016 and submitted a report to the interim superintendent of schools on June 15, 2016, with committee member option evaluations and 10 position papers on 10 boundary options; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent of schools reviewed and carefully considered the report of the Boundary Advisory Committee, the position papers, and feedback from the community at-large, and on October 13, 2016, submitted a recommendation for the middle school boundaries for Bethesda-Chevy Chase Middle School #2 and associated changes to the boundaries of Westland Middle School; and

WHEREAS, On November 3, 2016, the Board of Education conducted a work session to consider the superintendent's recommendation for the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Middle School #2 boundaries; and

WHEREAS, On November 3, 2016, the Board of Education identified three alternatives to the superintendent of school's recommendation regarding the boundaries for the new Bethesda-Chevy Chase Middle School #2 and associated boundary changes for Westland Middle School:

- Option 1—Reassign Chevy Chase, North Chevy Chase and Rosemary Hills elementary schools to Bethesda–Chevy Chase Middle School #2 and retain Bethesda, Rock Creek Forest, Somerset, and Westbrook elementary schools at Westland Middle School.
- Option 6—Reassign Chevy Chase, North Chevy Chase, and Rosemary Hills elementary schools, as well as all of the students at Rock Creek Forest Elementary School to Bethesda–Chevy Chase Middle School #2 and retain Bethesda, Somerset, and Westbrook elementary schools at Westland Middle School.
- Option 11—Reassign Bethesda, Chevy Chase, North Chevy Chase, and Rosemary Hills elementary schools to Bethesda–Chevy Chase Middle School #2 and retain Rock Creek Forest, Somerset, and Westbrook elementary schools at Westland Middle School;

and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted public hearings on November 10 and 14, 2016, 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's recommendation; now therefore be it

Resolved, That Option 7—the service areas for the paired schools of Chevy Chase, North Chevy Chase, and Rosemary Hills elementary schools and Rock Creek Forest Elementary School (excluding the students who attend the Spanish Immersion program) be reassigned from Westland Middle School to Bethesda-Chevy Chase Middle School #2; and be it further

Resolved, That the students who attend Rock Creek Forest Elementary School for the Spanish Immersion program and currently articulate to Westland Middle School for the Spanish Immersion program continue to articulate to Westland Middle School; and be it further

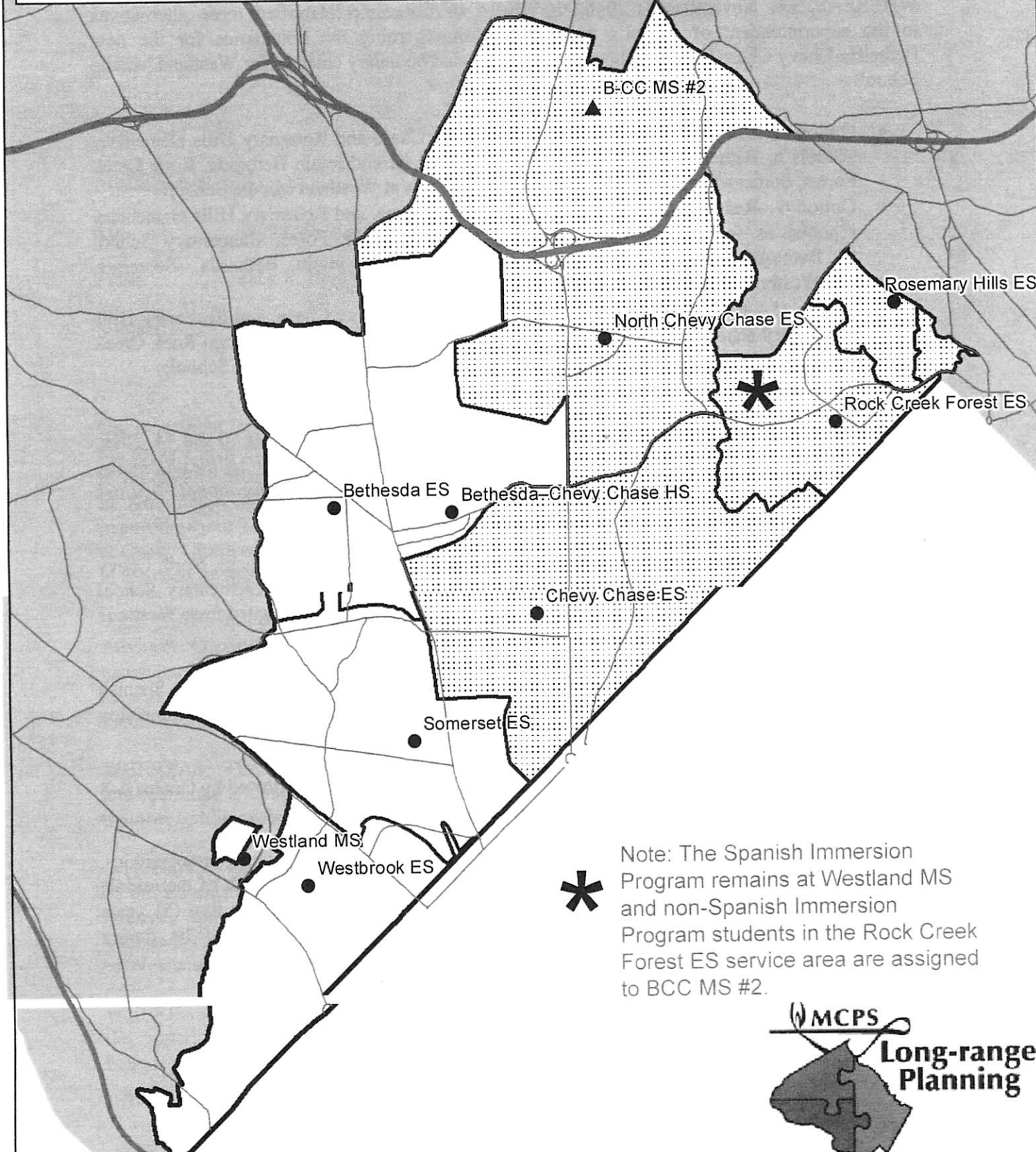
Resolved, That the reassignments begin with Grades 6–7 in August 2017 followed by Grades 6–8 in August 2018 and thereafter; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Education evaluate the utilization, demographics, Free and Reduced-Price Meals System rates, and academic achievement of each of the middle schools in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase cluster and that this review take place five (5) years after the opening of Bethesda-Chevy Chase Middle School #2, which will be during the 2021–2022 school year.

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B-CC Cluster Middle Schools Board of Education Adopted Boundaries

-  B-CC MS #2
-  Westland MS



* Note: The Spanish Immersion Program remains at Westland MS and non-Spanish Immersion Program students in the Rock Creek Forest ES service area are assigned to BCC MS #2.

