


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

November 16, 2015

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Larry A. Bowers, Interim Superintendent of Schools 

Subject: Clarksburg/Damascus Middle School Boundaries

On November 17, 2014, the Board of Education authorized a boundary study to develop boundaries for the new Clarksburg/Damascus Middle School. Due to the rapidly growing enrollment in the Clarksburg Cluster, the new school is needed to address the overutilization of Rocky Hill Middle School. Clarksburg/Damascus Middle School is scheduled to open in August 2016 and is located at 11701 Little Seneca Parkway in Clarksburg.

WHEREAS, In March 2015, the interim superintendent of schools convened a Boundary Advisory Committee composed of representatives from Montgomery Village, Neelsville, and Rocky Hill middle schools, a representative from each elementary school that articulates to these middle schools, and the cluster coordinators for the Clarksburg and Watkins Mills clusters; and

WHEREAS, The Boundary Advisory Committee met from March through May 2015 and submitted a report to the interim superintendent of schools on June 5, 2015, with committee member option evaluations and two Parent Teacher Association position papers on seven boundary options; and

WHEREAS, The interim superintendent of schools reviewed and carefully considered the report of the Boundary Advisory Committee, the Parent Teacher Association position papers, and feedback from the community at-large, and on October 15, 2015, submitted a recommendation for the middle school boundaries of Clarksburg/Damascus Middle School and associated changes to the boundaries of Rocky Hill Middle School; and

WHEREAS, On November 5, 2015, the Board of Education conducted a work session to consider the interim superintendent's recommendation for the Clarksburg/Damascus Middle School boundaries; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted public hearings on November 9 and 12, 2015, 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 interim superintendent's recommendation; now therefore be it


Resolved, That the Cedar Grove and Wilson Wims elementary schools service areas be reassigned from Rocky Hill Middle School to Clarksburg/Damascus Middle School; and be it further

Resolved, That the reassignments begin with Grades 6–7 in August 2016 followed by Grades 6–8 in August 2017 and thereafter.

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Attachment

Clarksburg/Damascus Middle School Boundary

Neelsville 

Rocky Hill 

Montgomery Village 

Clarksburg/Damascus 