MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Boundary Study to Explore the Reassignment of Students at Rachel Carson and DuFief Elementary Schools

Projections indicate that enrollment will exceed capacity at Rachel Carson Elementary School throughout the six-year planning period. To relieve the overutilization, the Board of Education approved an expansion of DuFief Elementary School with a completion date of September 2022.

WHEREAS, The superintendent of schools recommended a boundary study for Rachel Carson and DuFief elementary schools to relieve the overutilization and reduce the enrollment at Rachel Carson Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, On November 4 and 19, 2019, the Board of Education conducted work sessions on all capital and non-capital items in the Superintendent’s Recommended FY 2021 Capital Budget and the FY 2021–2026 Capital Improvements Program; and

WHEREAS, On November 5 and 7, 2019, the Board of Education conducted public hearings 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 recommendations; now therefore be it

Resolved, That a boundary study be conducted for Rachel Carson and DuFief elementary schools to relieve the overutilization at Rachel Carson 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 be it further

Resolved, That Lakelands Park and Robert Frost middle schools and Quince Orchard and Thomas S. Wootton high schools be included in the boundary study to review the secondary school articulation patterns for Rachel Carson and DuFief elementary schools; and be it further

Resolved, That the boundary study be conducted in spring 2020, a report be issued in fall 2020, and that the Board of Education take action on the superintendent’s recommendation in March 2021.

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