

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

November 18, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Monifa B. McKnight, Interim Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Boundary Study to Determine the Service Area for Clarksburg Elementary School #9

The Clarksburg Master Plan allows for the development of up to 15,000 residential units. The plan includes five future elementary school sites and one future middle school site. Little Bennett Elementary School opened in August 2006, William B. Gibbs, Jr. Elementary School opened in August 2009, Wilson Wims Elementary School opened in August 2014, and Snowden Farm Elementary School opened in August 2019.

Enrollment projections at Clarksburg Elementary School are expected to exceed capacity by more than 600 students by the end of the six-year planning period. A boundary study previously was approved to begin in fall 2020, to explore the assignment of students for the opening of Clarksburg Elementary School #9, with Board of Education action scheduled for November 2021. However, the Montgomery County Council delayed the opening of the new school from August 2022, to August 2023; therefore, the boundary study was delayed.

WHEREAS, In the *Superintendent's Recommended FY 2023 Capital Budget and FY 2023–2028 Capital Improvements Program*, the interim superintendent of schools has recommended a boundary study to determine the service area for Clarksburg Elementary School #9; and

WHEREAS, On October 25, 26, 28, and November 9, 2021, the Board of Education conducted work sessions on all capital and non-capital items included in the *Superintendent's Recommended FY 2023 Capital Budget and the FY 2023–2028 Capital Improvements Program*; and

WHEREAS, On November 2, 4, and 8, 2021, 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 interim superintendent of schools' recommendation; now therefore be it

Resolved, That a boundary study be conducted to determine the service area for Clarksburg Elementary School #9 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 Clarksburg, William B. Gibbs, Jr., Little Bennett, and Wilson Wims elementary schools be included in the boundary study, and be it further

Resolved, That no middle schools or high schools be included in the boundary study; and be it further

Resolved, That, on the recommendation of the interim superintendent of schools, the Board of Education approve the boundary study for Clarksburg Elementary School #9 be conducted in the spring of 2022.

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