


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

November 17, 2022

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Monifa B. McKnight, Superintendent of Schools 

Subject: Superintendent's Recommendation for Clarksburg Elementary School #9 Boundaries

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 2019, and Snowden Farms Elementary School opened in August 2019.

Enrollment projections at Clarksburg Elementary School is expected to exceed capacity by approximately 650 students by the end of the six-year planning period. A boundary study was previously approved to begin in the fall of 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.

WHEREAS, On November 18, 2021, the Board of Education, authorized a boundary study to create the service area for Clarksburg Elementary School #9 (Resolution No. 545-21); and

WHEREAS, Clarksburg, William B. Gibbs, Jr., Little Bennett, and Wilson Wims elementary schools were included in the scope of the boundary study; and

WHEREAS, No middle or high schools were included in the scope of the boundary study; and

WHEREAS, The boundary study process occurred from March to May 2022, to review six staff-developed reassignment options for the Clarksburg Elementary School #9 boundary study; and

WHEREAS, In June 2022, a report was submitted to the Board of Education that summarized the boundary study process and the six staff-developed reassignment options for the Clarksburg Elementary School #9 boundary study; and

WHEREAS, As part of the superintendent's review of the six staff-developed options for the Clarksburg Elementary School #9 boundary study, the superintendent of schools requested that staff develop a slightly modified version of Option 1; and

WHEREAS, On October 31, 2022, there was a presentation to the Board of Education on the *Superintendent's Recommended Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Budget and Amendments to the Fiscal Years 2023–2028 Capital Improvements Program* including the Clarksburg Elementary School #9 boundary study; and

WHEREAS, On November 1 and 10, 2022, the Board of Education held work sessions on the *Superintendent's Recommended Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Budget and Amendments to the Fiscal Years 2023–2028 Capital Improvements Program* including the Clarksburg Elementary School #9 boundary study; and

WHEREAS, On November 3, 9, and 14, 2022, 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 Recommended Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Budget and Amendments to the Fiscal Years 2023–2028 Capital Improvements Program* and related boundary study; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the following reassignments be made as indicated on the attached map:

- Zones C7, C8, and C9 from Clarksburg Elementary School to Clarksburg Elementary School #9
- Zone C10 from Clarksburg Elementary School to William B. Gibbs, Jr., Elementary School

and be it further

Resolved, That the boundary reassignment be phased beginning with Kindergarten–Grade 4 students in the 2023–2024 school year, and Kindergarten–Grade 5 students in the 2024–2025 school year.

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Attachment

