

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: Richard Montgomery Elementary School #5 (Hungerford Park Site)
Boundary Study

The enrollment growth at the elementary school level in the Richard Montgomery Cluster requires the opening of a new elementary school. The new school, Richard Montgomery Elementary School #5, is scheduled to open in August 2018, at the site of the former Hungerford Park Elementary School, located at 332 West Edmonston Avenue in Rockville, Maryland.

At this time, it is necessary to initiate the process to determine the service area for the new school. The boundary study will explore options to reassign students from Beall, College Gardens, and Ritchie Park elementary schools to the new Richard Montgomery Elementary School #5. Pursuant to the Board of Education action on November 18, 2010, the boundary study also will explore options to reassign the Chinese Immersion Program currently located at College Gardens Elementary School to another school in the Richard Montgomery Cluster. The boundary study will occur in spring 2017, with Board of Education action in November 2017.

WHEREAS, Enrollment increases at elementary schools in the Richard Montgomery cluster have resulted in the need to construct a new elementary school for the cluster; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a work session on November 3, 2016, on the superintendent's recommendations for all capital and noncapital items for the *FY 2018 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2017–2022 Capital Improvements Program*; and

WHEREAS, On November 3, 2016, the Board of Education identified an alternative to the superintendent of schools' recommendation to include Twinbrook Elementary School as part of the boundary study process

WHEREAS, The new elementary school, located at 332 West Edmonston Avenue in Rockville, Maryland, is scheduled to open in August 2018; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools solicit community input in a boundary study process consistent with Montgomery County Public Schools Regulation FAA-RA, *Long-range Educational Facilities Planning*, to obtain viewpoints of affected stakeholders regarding options for the new school's service area; and be it further

Resolved, That Twinbrook Elementary School be added to the scope of the boundary study being conducted for Richard Montgomery Elementary School #5 (Hungerford Park site); and be it further

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools provide a report on the results of the community involvement process to members of the Board of Education by June 2017.

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