

Somerset and Westbrook Elementary Schools Boundary Study

Presentation of First Round of Options
January 30, 2020

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/SomersetWestbrookBoundaryStudy.aspx>



Agenda

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Board of Education Resolution

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

November 26, 2019

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 Somerset and Westbrook Elementary Schools

Elementary enrollment has continued to grow at Somerset Elementary School. Due to the small site size and site limitations, it is difficult to expand the existing facility. The Westbrook Elementary School service area is located adjacent to the Somerset Elementary School service area. As part of the recent classroom addition constructed at Westbrook Elementary School, a classroom shell was master-planned. As part of the *Superintendent's Recommended FY 2021 Capital Budget and the FY 2021–2026 Capital Improvements Program*, the classroom shell will be built out with an anticipated completion date of September 2021, to relieve the overutilization at Somerset Elementary School.

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 recommendation; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent of schools recommended a boundary study for Somerset and Westbrook Elementary School to relieve the overutilization at Somerset Elementary School; now therefore be it

Resolved, That a boundary study be conducted for Somerset and Westbrook elementary schools to relieve the overutilization at Somerset 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

- Adopted November 26, 2019
- Somerset ES overcrowded and enrollment projected to increase
- Capital project at Westbrook ES to increase capacity
 - build out of existing class shell
 - anticipated completion September 2021
- To be conducted in spring 2020
- Board of Education action scheduled for November 2020

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Policy FAA Factors



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- Demographic Characteristics of Student Population
 - Analyses of options take into account the overall populations of affected schools
 - Options should especially strive to create a diverse student body
- Geography
 - Options should take into account the geographic proximity of communities to schools, as well as articulation, traffic, and transportation patterns, and topography

Policy Factors

- Stability of School Assignment Over Time
 - Options should result in stable assignments for as long a period as possible and should consider recent assignments
- Facility Utilization
 - Plans should result in facility utilization in 80-100% range over the long term, whenever possible.
 - Shared use of a facility by more than one cluster may be the most feasible plan in some cases
 - Plans should be fiscally responsible

Parameters for Option Development



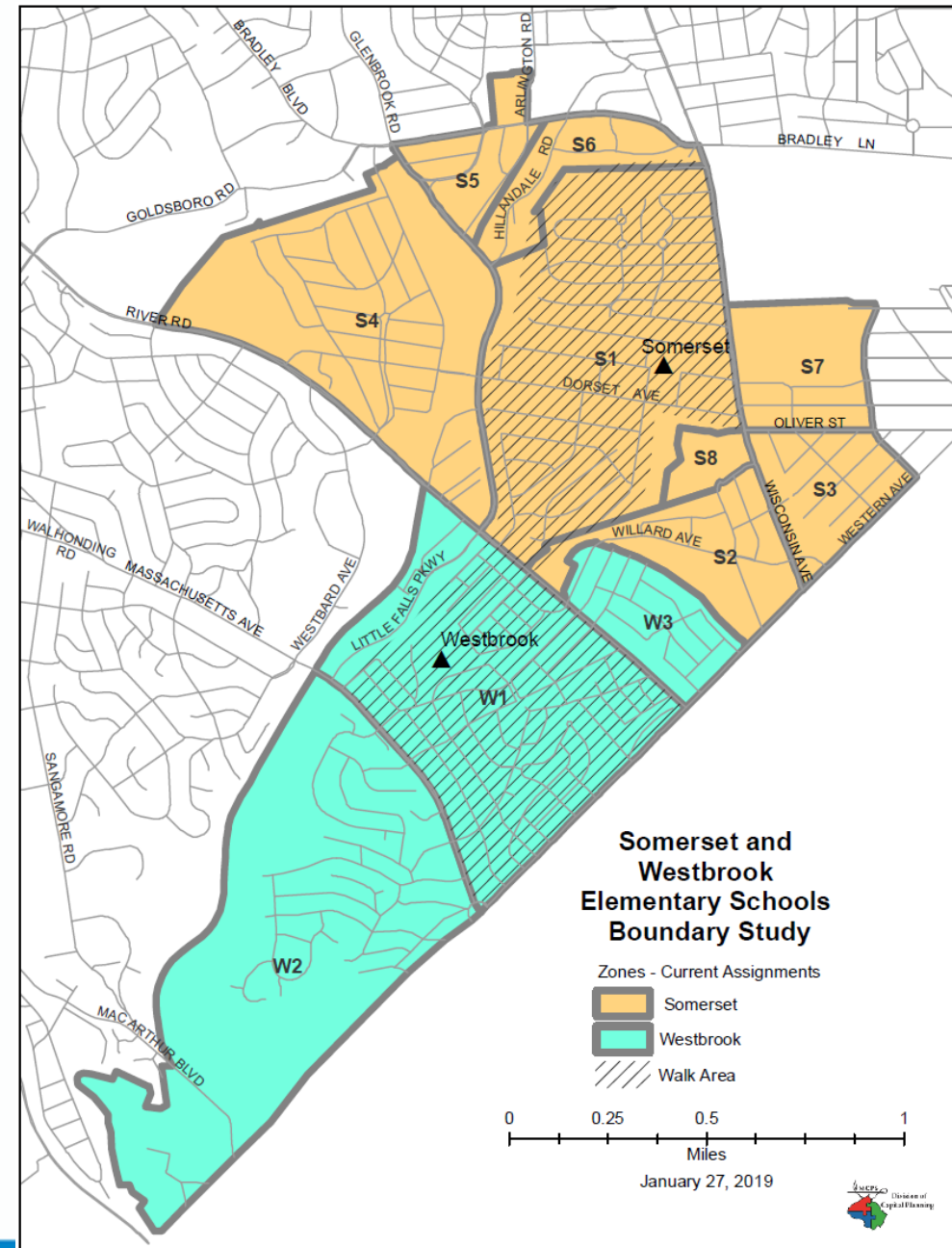
Guiding Parameters for Option Development

- Three policy factors used to develop options
 - Demographic Characteristics of Student Population
 - Geography
 - Facility Utilization
- Stability factor does not need to be considered in this boundary study
- Maintain walkers
- Grandfather Grade 5 students at Somerset ES

Current Information

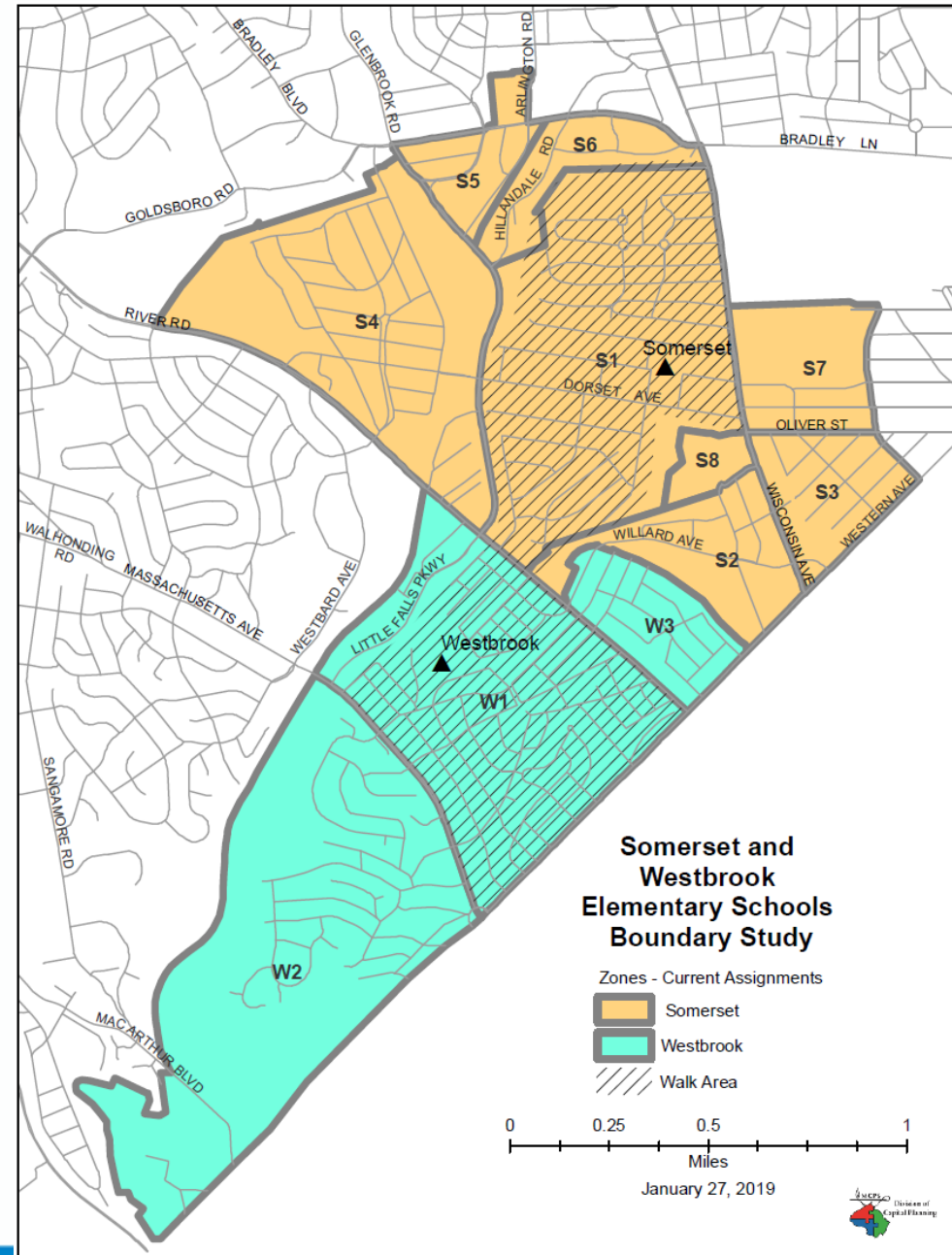
Somerset ES Zones

- S1: Somerset Walk Zone
- S2: Friendship Village, GEICO property, Willard Avenue Park,
- S3: Area bound by Wisconsin Avenue to the west, Oliver Street to the North, Cedar Parkway to the northeast, and Western Avenue to the southeast (portion of Chevy Chase Section 1A).
- S4: River Road at Odgen Dr across Kenwood Golf and Country Club, to rear property lines of Chamblin Avenue to Glenbrook Road to the north, Glenbrook Road to Little Falls Parkway to the east, River Road to the southwest (Kenwood neighborhood, Kenwood Apts, and Kenwood Condominium).



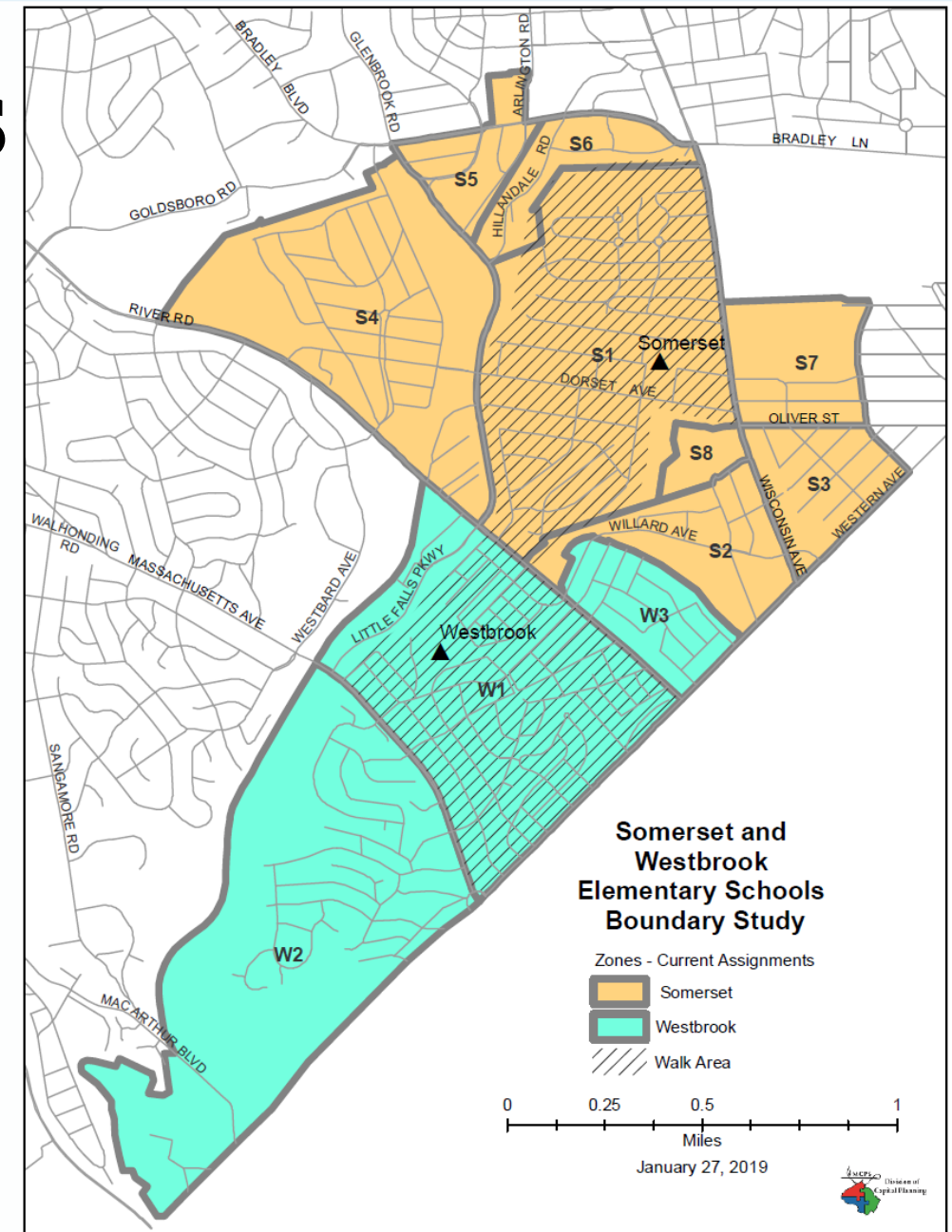
Somerset ES Zones

- S5: Little Falls Parkway to Glenbrook Road to the east, Bradley Boulevard to the north, The Fields of Bethesda north of Bradley Blvd over to Arlington Road, and back to Bradley Blvd, and the Capital Crescent Trail to the east.
- S6: Capital Crescent Trail to the west, Bradley Blvd to the north, Wisconsin Ave to the east, Norwood Park to the south, across to Little Falls Parkway at Hillandale Road.
- S7: Wisconsin Avenue to the west, across golf club to Cedar Parkway, Cedar Parkway to the east, and Oliver Street to the south (portions of Chevy Chase Sections 1A and 2).
- S8: Little Falls Branch to the west and north, Wisconsin Avenue to the east, Somerset Terrace across to Little Falls Branch to the south (Somerset House Condominiums).



Westbrook ES Zones

- W1: Westbrook Walk Zone, River Road to the north, Massachusetts Avenue to the south (Sumner Park and Westmoreland Hills).
- W2: Westbrook ES boundary southwest of Massachusetts Avenue.
- W3: Westbrook boundary northeast of River Road.



Projections and Available Seats

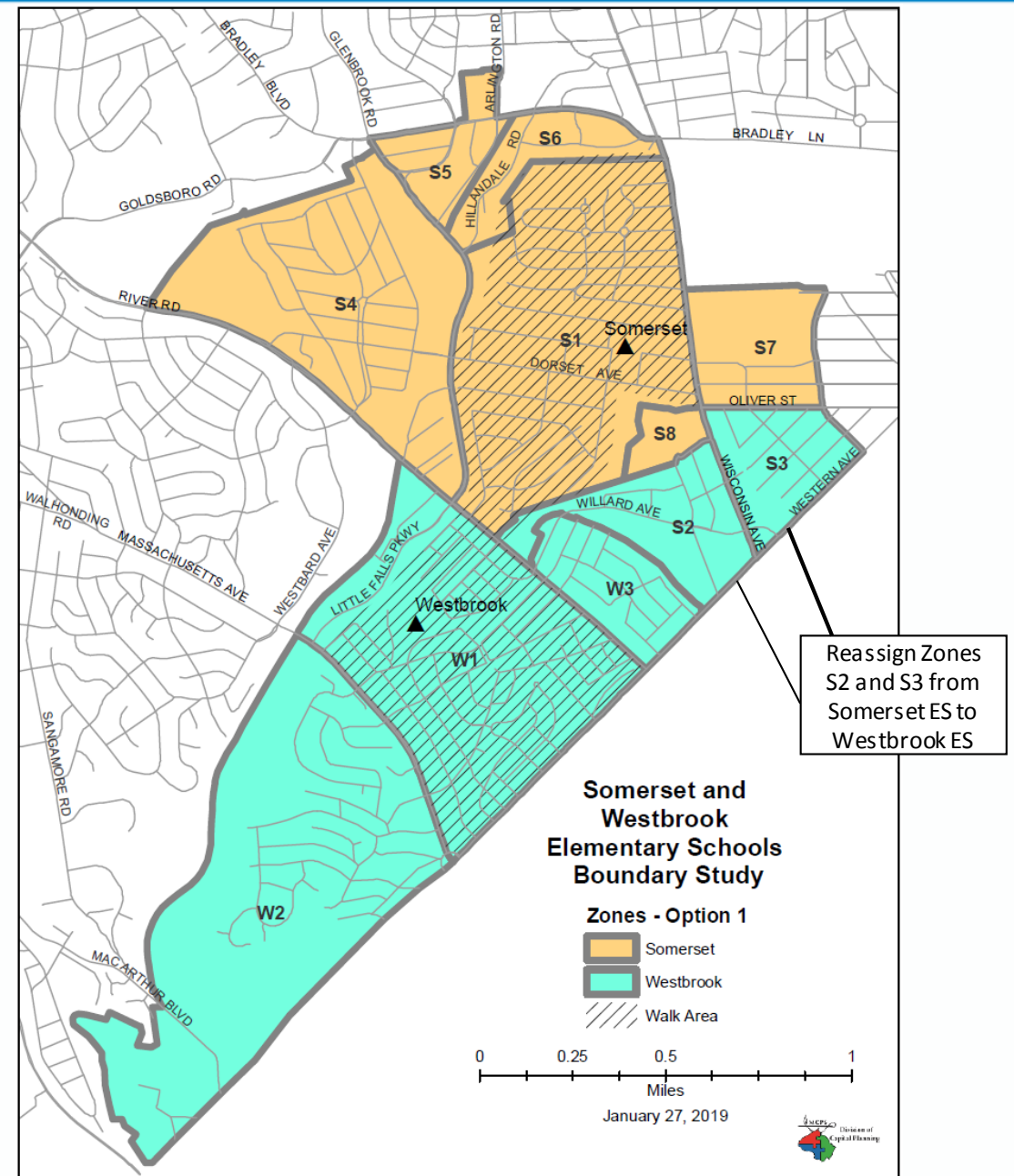
Schools		Official* 19-20	Projections					
			20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
Somerset ES	Program Capacity	515	515	515	515	515	515	515
	Enrollment	582	577	573	573	577	587	593
	Available Space	-67	-62	-58	-58	-62	-72	-78
Westbrook ES	Program Capacity	547	547	615	615	615	615	615
	Enrollment	341	342	340	337	338	322	325
	Available Space	206	205	275	278	277	293	290

Source: Office of Shared Accountability, as of September 30th, 2019

Options



Option 1 Map



Proposed Elementary School Boundary Reassignments

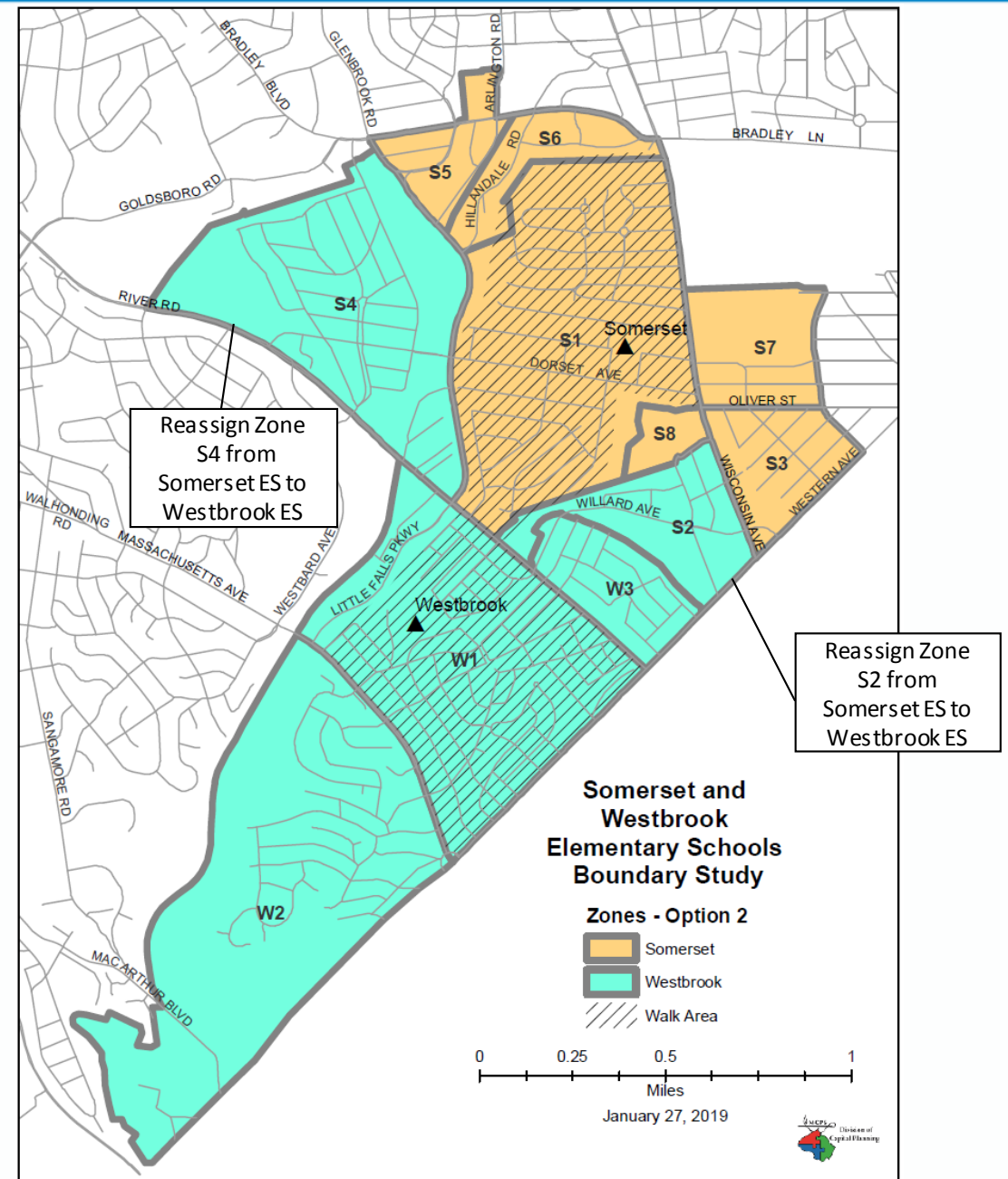
School						2019–2020						
						Race/Ethnic Composition						
	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25	2025–26	% Afr. Amer.	% Asian	% Hispanic	% White	% 2 or More	% FARMS	% ESOL
Somerset ES												
Maximum Number of Seats= 515												
<u>No Change:</u>												
Number of Students	573	573	577	587	593	7.0%	9.5%	13.4%	61.5%	8.4%	7.7%	20.1%
Percent of Building Occupied	111%	111%	112%	114%	115%							
Available Seats	-58	-58	-62	-72	-78							
<u>With Change:</u>												
Number of Students	453	430	437	451	455	7.4%	6.9%	14.7%	63.5%	7.6%	9.8%	17.2%
Percent of Building Occupied	88%	83%	85%	88%	88%							
Available Seats	62	85	78	64	60							
Westbrook ES												
Maximum Number of Seats= 615												
<u>No Change:</u>												
Number of Students	340	337	338	322	325	2.1%	5.3%	15.0%	69.8%	7.0%	1.2%	3.5%
Percent of Building Occupied	55%	55%	55%	52%	53%							
Available Seats	275	278	277	293	290							
<u>With Change:</u>												
Number of Students	460	480	478	458	463	3.5%	8.8%	13.5%	65.9%	8.2%	1.8%	11.5%
Percent of Building Occupied	75%	78%	78%	74%	75%							
Available Seats	155	135	137	157	152							

Notes: In the 2021–2022 school year, the enrollment projections display reassignments for students in Grades K–4 from Somerset ES to Westbrook ES. Grade 5 students would be grandfathered at Somerset ES. For the 2022–2023 school year, the data displays Grades K–5 at Westbrook ES.



Option 1 Reassign Zones S2 and S3

Option 2 Map



Option 2 Reassign Zones S2 and S4

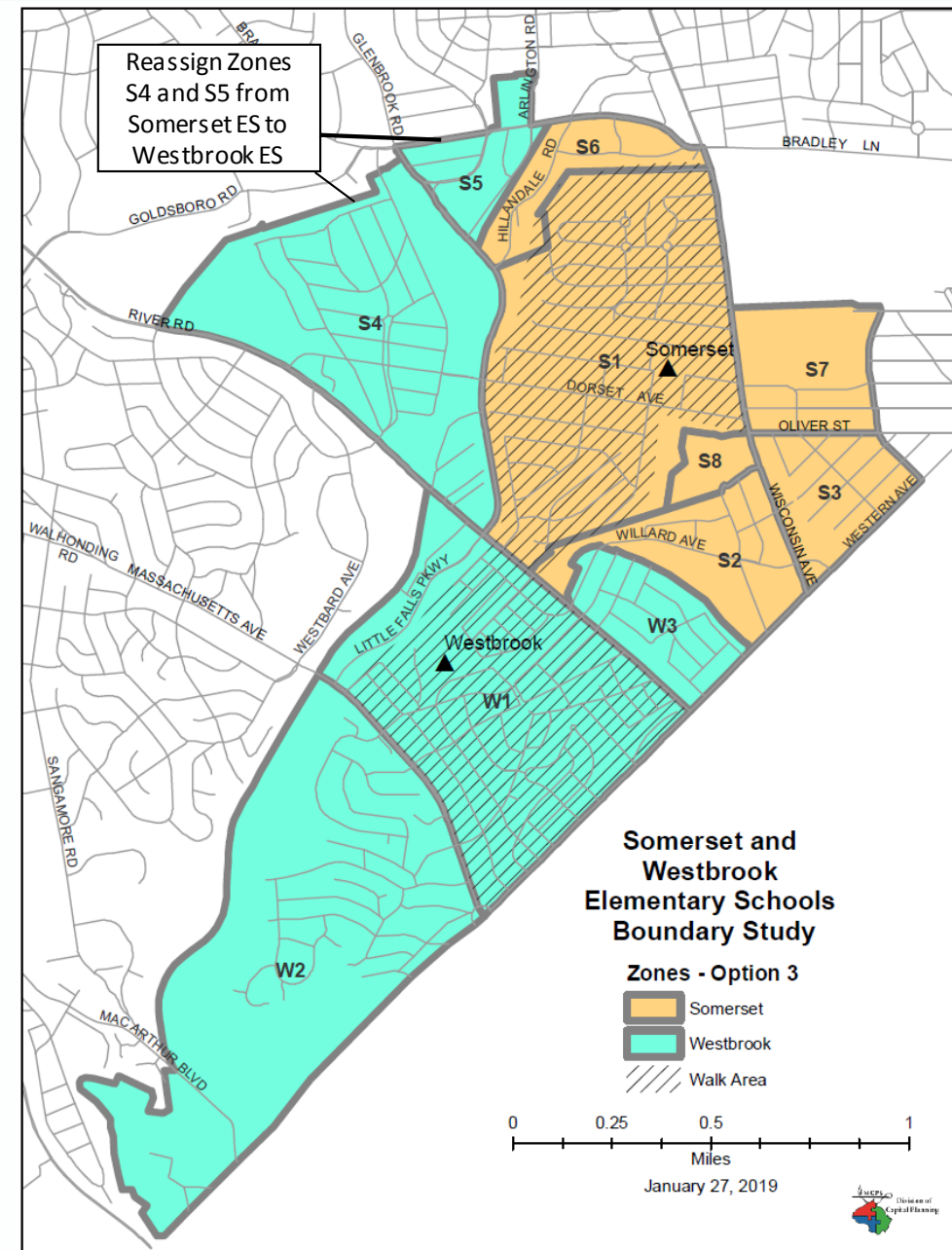
Proposed Elementary School Boundary Reassignments

School						2019–2020						
						Race/Ethnic Composition						
	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25	2025–26	% Afr. Amer.	% Asian	% Hispanic	% White	% 2 or More	% FARMS	% ESOL
Somerset ES												
Maximum Number of Seats= 515												
<u>No Change:</u>												
Number of Students	573	573	577	587	593	7.0%	9.5%	13.4%	61.5%	8.4%	7.7%	20.1%
Percent of Building Occupied	111%	111%	112%	114%	115%							
Available Seats	-58	-58	-62	-72	-78							
<u>With Change:</u>												
Number of Students	450	426	430	442	447	6.4%	6.6%	13.5%	64.7%	8.8%	9.3%	15.2%
Percent of Building Occupied	87%	83%	83%	86%	87%							
Available Seats	65	89	85	73	68							
Westbrook ES												
Maximum Number of Seats= 615												
<u>No Change:</u>												
Number of Students	340	337	338	322	325	2.1%	5.3%	15.0%	69.8%	7.0%	1.2%	3.5%
Percent of Building Occupied	55%	55%	55%	52%	53%							
Available Seats	275	278	277	293	290							
<u>With Change:</u>												
Number of Students	463	484	485	467	471	4.3%	9.0%	14.5%	65.0%	7.2%	2.2%	13.1%
Percent of Building Occupied	75%	79%	79%	76%	77%							
Available Seats	152	131	130	148	144							

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Option 3 Map



Option 3 Reassign Zones S4 and S5

Proposed Elementary School Boundary Reassignments

School						2019–2020						
						Race/Ethnic Composition						
	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25	2025–26	% Afr. Amer.	% Asian	% Hispanic	% White	% 2 or More	% FARMS	% ESOL
Somerset ES												
Maximum Number of Seats= 515												
<u>No Change:</u>												
Number of Students	573	573	577	587	593	7.0%	9.5%	13.4%	61.5%	8.4%	7.7%	20.1%
Percent of Building Occupied	111%	111%	112%	114%	115%							
Available Seats	-58	-58	-62	-72	-78							
<u>With Change:</u>												
Number of Students	482	461	463	467	473	4.5%	8.8%	9.9%	67.5%	9.2%	4.5%	17.6%
Percent of Building Occupied	94%	90%	90%	91%	92%							
Available Seats	33	54	52	48	42							
Westbrook ES												
Maximum Number of Seats= 615												
<u>No Change:</u>												
Number of Students	340	337	338	322	325	2.1%	5.3%	15.0%	69.8%	7.0%	1.2%	3.5%
Percent of Building Occupied	55%	55%	55%	52%	53%							
Available Seats	275	278	277	293	290							
<u>With Change:</u>												
Number of Students	431	449	452	442	445	5.9%	7.0%	18.3%	62.1%	6.6%	6.2%	10.4%
Percent of Building Occupied	70%	73%	73%	72%	72%							
Available Seats	184	166	163	173	170							

Notes: In the 2021–2022 school year, the enrollment projections display reassignments for students in Grades K–4 from Somerset ES to Westbrook ES. Grade 5 students would be grandfathered at Somerset ES. For the 2022–2023 school year, the data displays Grades K–5 at Westbrook ES.

Online Survey

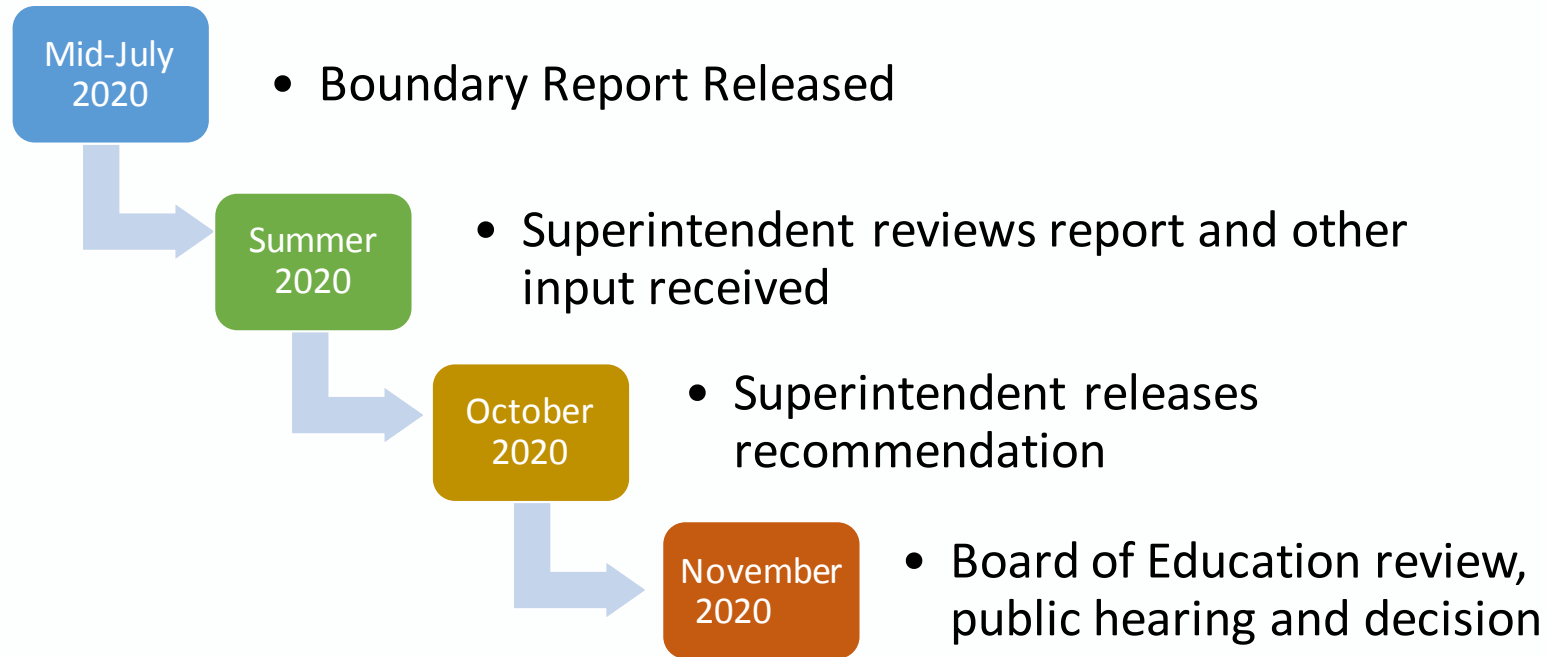
- Link will be available on Division of Capital Planning Website:
<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/>
- One survey per IP address

Schedule of Meetings

Date	Action
✓ January 6th	Public Information Meeting #1
January 8 th (snow date)	
✓ January 30 th	Presentation of 1 st Round of Options
February 5 th	
February 6 th (snow date)	
February 18 th (if needed)	Presentation of 2 nd Round of Options
February 19 th (if needed)	
February 20 th (snow date)	
February 26th	Public Information Meeting #2
February 27 th (snow date)	

All meetings are 7:00–8:30 pm at Westland MS Cafeteria

Next Steps



Questions



Websites

- <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/>
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