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
Resolved. That the boundary study be conducted in winter 2020, and that the Board of Education take action on the superintendent’s recommendation in November 2020.

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