

Background and Key Objectives

Sugarloaf Elementary, a new elementary school built in the Urbana North mixed-use development west of MD 355 and next to the older Urbana Community Park, has been constructed. This school is currently housing the Urbana Elementary staff and students while the new Urbana Elementary is being constructed. It will open as Sugarloaf Elementary in the fall of 2020. There is also a new east frederick county area elementary school, located in the Hamptons East neighborhood of the Lake Linganore community, scheduled to open in 2021.

The redistricting study is tasked with meeting the following key objectives:

- Create attendance boundaries for the two new elementary schools
- Balance the utilization of other elementary schools in the study area
- Evaluate middle and high schools for utilization concerns and align feeder patterns.

Guidance throughout the project will be provided by the Board of Education of Frederick County (BOE) Policy 200 *School Attendance Areas and Redistricting*, and FCPS Regulation 100-2 *Redistricting*. Goals, as outlined in the BOE Strategic Plan, will also serve as direction to the staff with regards to community engagement and the preparation of recommendations to the BOE.

FCPS Redistricting Study Factors

The Board of Education Policy 200.2 establishes conditions under which school attendance boundary adjustments will be made. Within Policy 200.2 is a list of factors to be examined when making boundary adjustments

FCPS Factors

Per Policy 200.2, factors to consider that may guide the Study may include but may not be limited to:

1. Educational welfare of students.
2. Frequency of redistricting, with every attempt being made to limit individual student redistricting to not more than once every five years.
3. Proximity to schools, in order to maximize walkers and minimize distance or time of bus runs.
4. Student demographics.
5. Student academic performance.
6. Operating and capital costs.
7. Established feeder patterns.
8. Impact on neighborhoods and communities.
9. Impact on specialized school programs or a change to school capacity.
10. Instructional and operational capacity of involved schools.
11. Any other factor that is unique or pertinent to the proposed redistricting.

Public Engagement Session Survey

From March 19th, 2019 through midnight April 5th, 2019 an online survey will be available to provide insight on the public's thoughts about the Initial Concepts. This survey is not intended to gauge which option gets the most votes from the public. The best feedback is constructive comments regarding changes that better adhere to the project objectives and rezoning criteria. The online survey can be found on <https://www.fcps.org/facilities/linganore-oakdale-urbana-area-redistricting-study>, or by scanning the QR Code below.

