

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

November 20, 2008

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Jerry D. Weast, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Boundary Recommendations for Bells Mill, Potomac, and Seven Locks Elementary Schools, and Cabin John and Herbert Hoover Middle Schools

In November 2007, the Board of Education authorized a boundary study to review boundaries for Bells Mill, Potomac, and Seven Locks elementary schools, and their attendant middle schools—Cabin John and Herbert Hoover. Current enrollment at Potomac Elementary School exceeds capacity and the school is projected to remain over capacity for the next six years. Bells Mill Elementary School is undergoing modernization and will be expanded to help address the space deficits at Potomac Elementary School when Bells Mill Elementary School reopens in August 2009. In addition, Seven Locks Elementary School is scheduled for expansion when this school's modernization is completed in January 2012. The modernization of Seven Locks Elementary School will provide additional capacity to address the space deficits at Potomac Elementary School.

WHEREAS, In March 2008, the superintendent of schools convened a Boundary Advisory Committee, comprised of representatives from Bells Mill, Potomac, and Seven Locks elementary schools, and Cabin John and Herbert Hoover middle schools; and

WHEREAS, The Boundary Advisory Committee met from March through May 2008, and submitted a report to the superintendent on June 6, 2008, with committee member option evaluations and Parent Teacher Association position papers on five boundary options; and

WHEREAS, Seven Locks Elementary School will be relocated to the Radnor Center holding facility from August 2010 through December 2011 while the facility undergoes a modernization; and

WHEREAS, Potomac Elementary School houses a Chinese Immersion Program; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent reviewed and carefully considered the Boundary Advisory Committee's report, Parent Teacher Association position papers, and feedback from the community at-large, and on October 15, 2008, presented a recommendation for elementary and middle school boundary changes for consideration by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, On November 6, 2008, the Board of Education conducted a work session to consider the superintendent’s recommendation for boundary changes and adopted no alternatives; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted public hearings on November 12 and 13, 2008, in accordance with Board of Education Policy FAA, *Long-range Educational Facilities Planning*, and Montgomery County Public Schools Regulation FAA-RA, *Long-range Educational Facilities Planning*, on the superintendent’s recommendation; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the boundaries for Bells Mill, Potomac, and Seven Locks elementary schools, and Cabin John and Herbert Hoover middle schools, reflect the following reassignments and implementation schedules (also see attached map for zone references):

Reassign from Seven Locks Elementary School to Bells Mill Elementary School the following neighborhoods, beginning with Grades K–4 in the 2009–2010 school year:

- Zones S9 and S10—The areas south of Marseille Drive and north of Democracy Boulevard that are currently in the northernmost portion of the Seven Locks Elementary School service area, and are bounded on the east by the boundary line for Bells Mill Elementary School, and bounded on the west by the boundary line for Wayside Elementary School and Potomac Elementary School.

Reassign from Potomac Elementary School to Seven Locks Elementary School the following neighborhoods beginning with Grades K–4 in the 2010–2011 school year:

- Zone P4—The communities south of Democracy Boulevard and north of River Road that include homes on Bent Cross Drive, Iron Gate Road, Iron Gate Court, Halter Court, Spicewood Lane, and a portion of Newbridge Drive (south of the Seven Locks Elementary School boundary), and the eastern portion of Sorrell Avenue (the Falconhurst and Camotop communities).
- Zones P7 and P8—The area that encompasses the Avenel community.

Reassign from Herbert Hoover Middle School to Cabin John Middle School the following neighborhoods beginning with Grade 6 students in the 2012–2013 school year:

- Zones P4, P7, and P8 as described above.

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Resolved, That Chinese Immersion Program students from Potomac Elementary School zones P4, P7, and P8, who have entered the Chinese Immersion program at Potomac Elementary School through the 2009–2010 school year, be allowed to complete the program at that school with transportation provided.

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Attachment

Adopted Boundaries

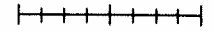
● Study School

 Bells Mill

 Potomac

 Seven Locks

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