

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

March 9, 2010

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Jerry D. Weast, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Boundary Recommendations for Middle School Assignment for Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School

On November 19, 2009, the Board of Education authorized a boundary study to review the middle school assignment for Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School. Students attending Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School currently articulate to Rocky Hill Middle School and to Damascus High School. John T. Baker Middle School, which is closer to the Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School service area than Rocky Hill Middle School, has declining enrollment and space available to serve students who reside in the Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School service area. At the same time, enrollment at Rocky Hill Middle School is increasing and the school is overutilized. The purpose of the boundary study was to evaluate two options: retain Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School at Rocky Hill Middle School and reassign Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School to John T. Baker Middle School.

WHEREAS, In December 2009, the superintendent of schools convened a boundary advisory committee comprised of representatives from Lois P. Rockwell Elementary Schools, and John T. Baker and Rocky Hill middle schools; and

WHEREAS, The Boundary Advisory Committee met from December 2009 through January 2010, and submitted a report to the superintendent on January 22, 2010, with committee member option evaluations and Parent Teacher Association (PTA) position papers on retaining the Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School service area in Rocky Hill Middle School, and on reassigning the service area to John T. Baker Middle School; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent reviewed and carefully considered the Boundary Advisory Committee's report, PTA position papers, and feedback from the community at-large and on February 18, 2010, released a recommendation for reassignment of Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School from Rocky Hill Middle School to John T. Baker Middle School; and

WHEREAS, On February 22, 2010, the Board of Education conducted a work session to consider the superintendent's recommendation for boundary changes and requested no alternative to the superintendent's recommendation; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on March 3, 2010, 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 Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School service area be reassigned from Rocky Hill Middle School to John T. Baker Middle School; and be it further

Resolved, That the boundary change be implemented in August 2010 with Grades 6 and 7 reassigned and Grade 8 grandfathered at Rocky Hill Middle School; and be it further

Resolved, That students from the Lois P. Rockwell Elementary School service area wishing to attend John. T. Baker Middle School for Grade 8 in August 2010—instead of being grandfathered at Rocky Hill Middle School—be granted transfers through the Change of School Assignment process.

JDW:LAB:JLJ:jlc

Attachment

# Superintendent's Recommendation: Reassign Rockwell ES to Baker MS

-  School
-  Rockwell ES
-  Baker MS
-  Rocky Hill MS



