

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 Recommendation for the Western Portion of the Bethesda Elementary School Service Area

On November 19, 2009, the Board of Education authorized a boundary study to review the elementary school assignment for the western portion of the Bethesda Elementary School service area. The area reviewed was the portion of the Bethesda Elementary School service area that is west of Glenbrook Road, Maple Ridge Road, and Old Georgetown Road. Students in this area attend Bethesda Elementary School and then articulate to Thomas W. Pyle Middle School and Walt Whitman High School. This area is adjacent to the Bradley Hills Elementary School service area in the Walt Whitman cluster. Bradley Hills Elementary School is scheduled for a classroom addition (opening in August 2013) that could accommodate the elementary students from the area being reviewed. Bethesda Elementary School is overutilized and has a site that has limited room for an addition. The Board of Education authorized the boundary study to consider two options: retain the western portion of the Bethesda Elementary School service area in Bethesda Elementary School and, reassign the study area to Bradley Hills Elementary School.

WHEREAS, In December 2009, the superintendent of schools convened a boundary advisory committee comprised of representatives from Bethesda and Bradley Hills elementary 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 western portion of the Bethesda Elementary School service area in Bethesda Elementary School, and on reassigning the study area to Bradley Hills Elementary 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 the western portion of the Bethesda Elementary School service area to Bradley Hills Elementary 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 western portion of the Bethesda Elementary School service area be reassigned from Bethesda Elementary School to Bradley Hills Elementary School; and be it further

Resolved, That the boundary change be implemented in August 2013, when the classroom addition to Bradley Hills Elementary School is completed; and be it further





Resolved, That the boundary change be implemented in August 2013 with Grades K–4 reassigned to Bradley Hills Elementary School and Grade 5 grandfathered at Bethesda Elementary School; and be it further

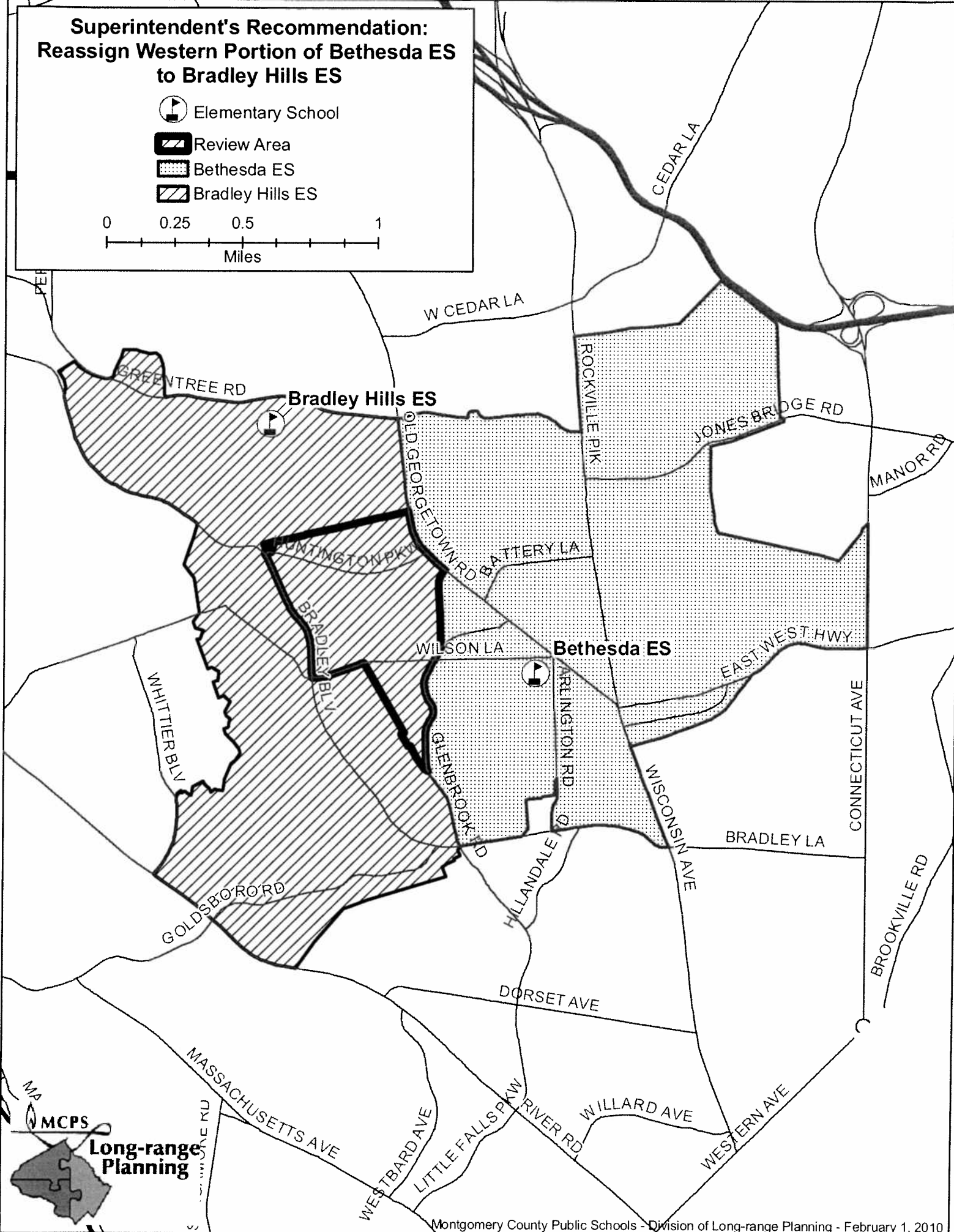
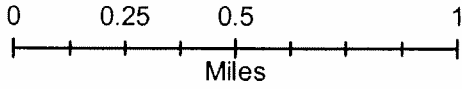
Resolved, That students in Grade 5, from the area reassigned, wishing to attend Bradley Hills Elementary School in August 2013—instead of being grandfathered at Bethesda Elementary School—be granted transfers through the Change of School Assignment process.

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Attachment

**Superintendent's Recommendation:
Reassign Western Portion of Bethesda ES
to Bradley Hills ES**

-  Elementary School
-  Review Area
-  Bethesda ES
-  Bradley Hills ES



**Western Portion of Bethesda ES
(Area that is subject of boundary review)**

Review Area

