Boundary process for northeast area elementary schools set to begin Sept. 22

Public may attend the committee meetings virtually

TOWSON, MD. – The first meetings of the Northeast Area Elementary Boundary Study Committee, which has been charged with creating new attendance boundaries for the new northeast elementary school and a new, larger Red House Run Elementary School, has been rescheduled to Wednesday, Sept. 22.

The public is invited to attend the 6-8 p.m. meeting online by visiting the boundary study website. The meeting had been scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 16, but was rescheduled to accommodate the Yom Kippur holiday.

“Ensuring that the public understands how attendance zones are drawn has always been an important part of opening a new or expanded school,” said Baltimore County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Darryl L. Williams. “This year, also in response to the ongoing pandemic and the need to maintain the health, safety, and well-being of our students, staff, and families, we are using the virtual platform for those interested in this boundary line process.”

This month’s meeting will be the first of six for the committee, which was formed last spring to make room for the new 700-seat school currently under construction along Rossville Boulevard near Gum Spring and Ridge roads. The school is scheduled to open to students in August 2022.

In addition, Red House Run Elementary School is also being expanded, which will impact attendance lines in many of the same northeastern communities affected by the new
elementary school. With the new Red House Run Elementary scheduled to open for students in August 2023, both schools will relieve overcrowding at other schools in the northeast.

For that reason, eight elementary schools have been identified as being part of the committee’s study: Elmwood, Fullerton, Joppa View, McCormick, Perry Hall, Red House Run, Shady Spring, and Vincent Farm elementary schools.

In addition to the six committee meetings, where members will consider boundary options to accommodate the new school construction as well as all other participating schools, the public also is invited to a virtual public information session scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 3, from 7-8 p.m. Members of the public may learn about the boundary process and participate through an online survey conducted to gather feedback from the community on draft boundary line options.

Following the meetings and public information session, a recommendation will be presented to the Board of Education for a decision in March 2022.

More information, including the dates and times of all committee meetings and information about how to join the meetings virtually, may be found at the boundary study website.

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