Support for Dr. Smith’s Recommendation & Reassignment of All Germantown ES
Four Factors
1. Demographics
2. Facility Utilization
3. Geography
4. Stability

Dr. Smith’s recommendation/11a is the only true compromise of 4 factors
• MCPS cares about achievement of **ALL** students
• MCPS wants to provide **equity** across schools
• Requires equal learning environments
  • Classroom
  • Student populations
  • Parental support that enriches the school experience
The Unintended Evolution of MCPS

Low vs. high poverty schools
SVHS: 2003: 14% FARMs
      2018: 39% FARMs

Diverse vs. de facto segregated
SVHS: Population was similar to diverse Germantown
      Today: De facto segregated

The BOE can reverse this evolution in the Upcounty by voting for the
SVHS & CHS
Elementary School Feeders
Poverty Rates 2019-2020

MCPS FARMs
Average 33%

Seneca Valley High School
Clarksburg High School

Elementary School Feeders
Reassigning a High FARMs ES Feeder from CHS to SVHS:

1. Concentrates area’s poverty in SVHS
   • Lowers CHS poverty
   • Increase equity disparity of SVHS with CHS/NW

2. SVHS & CHS both become less diverse
   • Furthers de-facto segregation at SVHS
   • Negatively affect both schools

3. Does NOT strive for demographic diversity

4. Is NOT a compromise
• The recommendation addresses the socio-economic disparity between Upcounty schools, while not ignoring geography (Option 4)

• If disparity is left unchecked, or increased with the wrong reassignments, Upcounty may eventually resemble Whitman/Wheaton

• The BOE can address the disparity this now, while it is still manageable
Geography

- Many SV students don’t attend closest middle or high school
- Bussing to equalize demographics has been in place for decades
- DOT must get creative to minimize bussing times
• Reassignments must address 4 factors, not 1

• Equity & Diversity matter as much as Geography

• Dr. Smith’s recommendation is the best COMPROMISE of all factors

• SVHS waited for a new building long enough
  • Do not make us wait any longer for equity and diversity
MCPS BOE,

Please vote for the recommendation. It is the right thing to do!

We support reassigning all of Germantown ES