Superintendent’s Recommendations for Middle School Boundary Changes

November 14, 2017
Why is APS Changing MS boundaries Now?

• Sixth middle school will open at the Stratford site in September 2019

• Three goals:
  – Create boundary for new school
  – Relieve crowding
  – Balance enrollment among middle schools

• Changing boundaries now will:
  – Impact students currently in grades 4, 5 and 6, and the students that follow
  – Help families prepare ahead of time for this change
Projected M.S. Growth and Seats

+ 1,000 seats at Stratford

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<th>MS Projections</th>
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Considerations Used

APS Boundary Policy (30-2.2)

... recommended boundary changes ... shall include, but not be limited to the following considerations:

-- Efficiency
-- Proximity
-- Stability

-- Alignment
-- Demographics
-- Contiguity
Community Engagement on Middle School Boundary Process

Sept. 12: School Board Work Session on Middle School Boundaries
   – Open to public and livestreamed

October 2 & 4: “Getting Started” Meetings
   – Shared illustrative and draft maps
   – Discussed and received feedback from participants about the maps

October 2 – 18: Online community input form

October 24: Meeting on Middle School Boundaries in Spanish at Kenmore

October 25 & 26: “What We Heard” Meetings at Yorktown HS and Wakefield HS
   – Share second round of proposals developed after getting community input

October 26 – November 3: Online input
   – New community input form available online for commentary on second round of proposals

November 1: Meeting on Middle School Boundaries in Spanish at Gunston

November 8: Middle School Boundary proposals posted online

November 14: Superintendent Presents Recommendation(s)
   – School Board Information Item
# Community Input

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<td>Ambassadors</td>
<td>58 ambassadors have received 6 updates for their school communities</td>
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6 ambassadors have received 6 updates for their school communities.
How community input was used

- Staff read and documented themes and concerns received via all of the processes shared above
- Staff explored ideas provided
- Inter-departmental work among Teaching and Learning, Administrative Services, Facilities and Operations, School and Community Relations, and Planning and Evaluation to develop recommendations
- Vetted recommendations with APS and County staff
Superintendent’s Recommendations for Middle School Boundary Changes
Updated Option A – Boundary Change

Projected MS student population | 6,613 (in 2022-23)
Estimated number of students reassigned | 1,545 (in 2022-23)
Number of planning units reassigned | 84 (59 to new Middle School)
More than 50% students are in the potential walk zone for 4 schools | Kenmore, Stratford, Swanson and Williamsburg
School capacity | Ranges from 89% to 111% in 2022
Percent of Economically Disadvantaged | Ranges from 1% – 52% in 2022

Legend
- Current MS Boundaries
- Proposed Boundaries
  - Gunston
  - Jefferson
  - Kenmore
  - Stratford
  - Swanson
  - Williamsburg

Based on Option A presented at the What We Heard Community Meetings
Highlights of the Recommended Boundary Option

• Creates an attendance zone for the new middle school; estimated to reach 100% capacity in 2022-23

• Better balances enrollment across middle schools by 2022-23
  – Williamsburg has available seats; in addition to the neighborhood school those seats could be considered for an optional instructional program in the future

• Results in all middle schools being at or below 111% capacity by 2022-23

• Aligns with community priorities for proximity by having 55% of middle school students in the potential walk zone

• Increases efficiency by increasing number of potential walkers
Students impacted by the proposed Change

Does not impact students currently in grades 7 and 8

Starting in September 2019, the changes will apply to:
• Students currently in Grades 4-6
  – Will be 6th, 7th and 8th Graders in 2019
  – All students thereafter

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Students Impacted by the Proposed Change

School reassignments for School Year 2019-2020: All 6th-8th Graders to attend their newly assigned middle school
School Board Decisions

Take action on:

✓ Recommended boundary change option
✓ Which grades will move in Sept. 2019
Boundary Change Timeline

School Board Deliberations
• Public Hearing – Thu, Nov. 30
• Board Action – Thu, Dec. 14

Implementation
• Sept. 2019 new Middle School at Stratford opens, new boundaries apply