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June 16, 2023

Honorable Jane E. Lichter, Chair  
The Honorable Robin L. Harvey, Vice Chair  
Honorable Members of the Board of Education  
Board of Education of Baltimore County  
6901 North Charles Street  
Towson, MD 21204

Dear Chair Lichter, Vice Chair Harvey, and Honorable Members of the Board of Education:

In January 2023, Baltimore County Public Schools initiated the largest school boundary study in decades in anticipation of the opening of the New Northeast Area Middle School and the expansion of Pine Grove Middle School.

Over six months, a community committee of principals, teachers, and parents representing 11 middle schools objectively examined data, created multiple map options, and engaged with the greater community (including 47 elementary schools). Two public information sessions were held with 350 community members in attendance. An online public survey generated 2,737 responses. Thousands of public comments from the affected school communities were received and reviewed.

The committee completed its work on schedule in May, bringing a recommendation to the Board for approval. The heart of Option E (a slightly modified version of Option A) was supported by 71.3% of online survey respondents and 66.7% of boundary committee members. Two weeks later, community members provided feedback directly to the Board at its public boundary hearing and spoke overwhelmingly in favor of Option E.

The Board must now act on the recommendation of the Boundary Study Committee. Approximately 1,625 students will be affected by the proposed boundary change for the 2024-2025 school year. These students, and their families, have long anticipated this change and many have participated in the boundary process. They deserve your prompt action to approve the map overwhelmingly endorsed by the communities affected.

We ask that the Board take action this month (June 2023) to swiftly approve the recommendation of the Boundary Study Committee and to finalize central and northeast middle school boundaries according to the published schedule.

Thank you for your consideration and service to the families of Baltimore County.

Sincere best regards,

David Marks, Councilman

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