

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Frost Middle School parents and interested citizens will have the opportunity to participate in community dialogue meetings scheduled this month to discuss proposals that **may impact our school**.

On April 28, the FCPS School Board authorized the school system's facilities planning staff to undertake an elementary, middle, and high school boundary study in the Annandale area that includes: Annandale Terrace, Beech Tree, Belvedere, Braddock, Bren Mar, Columbia, North Springfield, Pine Spring, Sleepy Hollow, Westlawn, and Woodburn Elementary Schools; Frost, Glasgow, Holmes, Jackson, Key, Poe and Twain Middle Schools; Lake Braddock Secondary School; and Annandale, Edison, Falls Church, Lee, Stuart, and Woodson High Schools. The study proposes:

- Boundary options for a new elementary school currently under construction at 3705 Crest Drive in Annandale, also known as the Lacey site. The new elementary school will serve to relieve significant overcrowding at several of the surrounding the elementary schools.
- Middle and high school boundary change options to relieve overcrowding at Annandale High School.
- Review of a non-boundary change option to relieve overcrowding at Annandale High School.

It is also possible that Advanced Academic Center assignments for students or program locations among these schools may change. Maps showing proposed boundary change options for elementary, middle schools and high schools will be posted during the second week in May.

The School Board approved an ad hoc community-based study of these issues last year and PTAs and PTOs of the schools in the Annandale study area appointed representatives to address the new elementary school at the Lacey site and overcrowding at Annandale High. The study committees presented their reports to the School Board last January. These reports provided an in-depth review of the region and also included potential solutions, including boundary and non-boundary options. The reports of the committee, maps, and other materials are available at

<http://www.fcps.edu/fts/planning/annandalestudy/regional/index.htm> .

How You Can Participate

- Attend a community dialogue meeting. Each meeting will feature an identical presentation. Unlike a town hall, these meetings bring parents and other interested citizens together in small group discussions to explore and answer questions. The feedback from these discussions will provide critical information to the staff and School Board. Transportation, Instructional Services, and Special Services will be available to answer groups' questions.
- Community dialogue meetings are scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. on:
 - May 16: Annandale High School cafeteria, 4700 Medford Drive, Annandale (use entrance 7)
Edison High School cafeteria, 5801 Franconia Road, Alexandria (use entrance 1)
 - May 23: Falls Church High School cafeteria, 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church (use entrance 8)
Lake Braddock Secondary School cafeteria, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke (use entrance 15)
- A fifth community dialogue meeting is scheduled on **Monday, June 6**, specifically for speakers of other languages and will include interpreters for Arabic, Farsi, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Other languages may be provided as requested. It will be from 7-9 p.m. at Annandale Terrace Elementary,

7604 Herald Street, Annandale (use entrance 1). The meeting will be held in the gymnasium, adjacent to the Parent Resource Center.

- Sign up at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/annandalecommunitydialogue> if you plan to attend one of the above meetings to help staff plan for materials and seating, and indicate if you would like to request an interpreter for Spanish, Farsi, Korean, or Vietnamese.
- If you have a question related to this issue, e-mail <mailto:boundaries@fcps.edu>

Next Steps

Your comments will be used to develop revised options. All feedback from the community meetings and online forms will be posted at <http://www.fcps.edu/fts/planning/annandalestudy/regional/index.htm> by the end of May. The following are important proposed dates for the Annandale Regional Study process. Check the facilities website listed above for details and times.

- June 23—School Board meeting for staff recommendations, Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church
- July 11-12—School Board public hearings, Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church
- July 18—School Board work session, Gatehouse Administration Center, 8115 Gatehouse Road, Suite 1600, Falls Church.
- July 28—School Board meeting to take action, Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church

For more information, contact the Office of Facilities Planning at 571-423-2330. For your convenience we have posted the boundary maps on our website: <http://www.fcps.edu/FrostMS/>