

Elementary School at “Laurel Hill Site” Boundary Study Process

**PTA Briefing
Silverbrook Elementary School
October 15, 2008
4:00**

Scope of Study

Schools Involved in the Boundary Study

- **Gunston Elementary School**
- **Halley Elementary School**
- **Lorton Station Elementary School**
- **Newington Forest Elementary School**
- **Silverbrook Elementary School**

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Policy 8130.5

Local School Boundaries

Authority (Policy 8130.5)

The Fairfax County School Board is vested with the authority to “provide for the consolidation of schools or redistricting of school boundaries or adopt pupil assignment plans whenever such procedure will contribute to the efficiency of the school division.” [Code of Virginia: Section 22.1-79 (4)]

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Implementing Considerations

- Proximity of schools to student residences
- Projected school enrollment and capacity
- Walking distances busing times and costs
- Walking and busing safety
- Natural and man-made geographic features
- Impact on neighborhoods
- School feeder alignments
- Contiguous school attendance areas
- Long-range capital plans
- Socioeconomic characteristics of school populations
- Distribution of programs and resources
- Overall impact on families and students
- Comparative long-term costs

Public Participation

The Town Meeting Process

School Board Policy 8130 and Regulation 8130 provide the guidance for conducting town meetings and generally require:

- A series of town meetings conducted between November and December**
- A town meeting format which includes**
 - a general information session**
 - break out sessions into randomly assigned, facilitated work groups**
 - reporting out work group findings at the meeting site and, once transcribed, posting all work group findings on the FCPS web site**

Town Meeting Process

- Staff develops potential boundary change scenarios and presents for community review and comments
- Boundary change scenario will be presented that reflects community comments, and concerns

Town Meeting Information

Meeting agenda and staff presentation information will be provided in handouts for each meeting

Overflow meeting space will be provided if needed

First meeting will propose boundary change scenarios – for community review

Second meeting will provide boundary change scenario reflecting community comments from the first meeting for community review

Town Meeting Calendar

November 11, 2008	South County Secondary School 7:00 pm
December 1, 2008	South County Secondary School 7:00 pm

School Board Calendar

- January 8, 2009 - Staff recommendation to the School Board
- January 12, 2009 - School Board discusses staff recommendation
- January 29, 2009 - Public Hearing
- February 4, 2009 - Public Hearing, if needed
- February 9, 2009 - School Board work session on boundaries
- February 19, 2009 - Board Action on Boundary Studies

Other Resources

<http://www.fcps.edu/fts/dashboard/capacitydashboard.pps>

<http://www.fcps.edu/fts/planning/faq.htm>

<http://www.fcps.edu/fts/planning/cip.htm>

Other Important Events

Cluster V Activities

November 2009 - Laurel Hill Principal appointed and named

February 2009 - Laurel Hill Principal contract begins

March/April 2009 - School Naming process per Regulation 8170