

## **December 7 Community Boundary Study Feedback**

### **Option B**

**Considers reassigning students from McLean HS to Langley HS and from Longfellow MS to Cooper MS in the Colvin Run ES split feeder area, a portion of the Spring Hill ES split feeder area, and a portion of Westbriar ES**

### **Strengths**

We SUPPORT this proposal.

I am a homeowner in the Wolf Trap Woods neighborhood. I am writing to share our strong support for adjusting the Wolf Trap Woods neighborhood to attend Cooper Middle School and Langley High School.

Under the current model, our children attend Spring Hill Elementary and are in a very difficult "split-feed" situation that causes them to lose about 90% of their friends when they move to high school.

We are not concerned with attending different schools from the other side of our HOA, Wolf Den. In fact, we already do (we attend Spring Hill, the "Wolf Den" attends Colvin Run). Please support a boundary adjustment that adjusts Wolf Trap Woods to Cooper Middle School and Langley High School.

We have worked hard to plant and nourish community relationships here, and the overwhelming majority of our children's peers will move to Cooper and Langley.

Moving the Colvin Run kids to Cooper/Langley makes sense as they are a weird island that goes to McLean anyways. This option also does not overwhelm Cooper.

Approve

As a Spring Hill family, it was tough when school friends of my kids were split off to McLean and we went to Langley. I think the numbers were enough to make a difference and be effective. I like this option the best.

My two older kids are in MHS now, and we know how crowded the school is getting now, with 11 trailers to accommodate the overcrowding. We support Option B, which is the most sensible. It alleviates the immediate overcrowding issue in MHS, and also keeps the kids in Spring Hill together with their peers.

Approve

As a Colvin Run family, I would like my kids to stay with their friends.

Pro: Eliminates Colvin Run as a split feeder school and helps to eliminate Spring Hill as a split feeder.

Pro: Puts all the single family Vienna Island homes in Langley

This makes a lot of sense. It eliminates two split feeder schools while also granting relief to MHS

Please move forward with this ASAP. Let's make a decision so that families can plan accordingly and elementary school children no longer have to deal with the stress of being removed from their peer groups.

#### Strongest Option Presented

This fully eliminates the Colvin Run split feeder AND partially eliminates the Spring Hill split feeder without overcrowding Cooper or Langley. As long as there is flexible grandfathering, this option is outstanding and keeps both of these outstanding schools at sufficient capacity without the near-\$100 million cost of a renovation.

Moving the most students will relieve the overcrowding at McLean High School. The slow transition is concerning since the overcrowding is definitely a problem

Moderate change to alleviate the overcrowded issue at MHS

This is a good start, but I believe that once you consider future development in Tysons and discount the "capacity" created by the modular, it's an inadequate solution.

Strengths: keeps certain ES kids together, not as seamlessly as option A but attempts to keep kids in sensible groups. Probably ranks as #4 out of 4 in terms of options

Strengths: Results in most balanced arrangement of students. Boundary is more contiguous.

May be enough to alleviate MHS overcrowding without possibility of creating an overcrowding situation at LHS. I agree with other group member that this is the best option.

As long as during the grandfathering period (years 1-3) there is busing to both pyramids in any affected neighborhood, should be manageable. These neighborhoods are not near these schools in almost every case. MUST HAVE 2 SETS OF BUSES YEARS 1-3

Strengths: Best option. Area for Langley maintains continuity.

Eliminates split from Colvin Run.

Allows to balance students between Langley and McLean. Buys enough time to solve overcrowding in Tysons area by building new schools.

#### Challenges

This option does not give a significant relief to MHS. The Tysons area is growing and could impact MHS soon then we think.

This option still leaves MHS trending towards over-capacity within a few years, while the Langley grows towards capacity at a much slower rate.

It is not good for students if Spring Hill is a split feeder.

Not a good option - Split feeders are not in the best interest of our students. A long term solution needs to be developed that starts in ES and not feeding children into different schools at the MS and HS levels.

Spring Hill Elementary will still be a split feeder school.

This is the worst of the options as it moves an even larger number of kids residing entirely within single-family homes out of Colvin Run and Spring Hill to McLean and leaves all the Tysons apartments at Spring Hill at McLean. Don't know how FCPS could have presented this consistent with its previously stated commitment to "equity" and balancing SES demographics.

I'm ok with A or C. But B is worst. Let's face it. Many people bought homes in this area of Vienna specifically because they wanted Longfellow/ McLean at a lower price (typically) than buying in McLean itself. This will have a deleterious impact on the socioeconomic makeup of the student body at McLean.

It's hard to comment on, "a portion of the Springhill ES students." For example, I know the Rotunda of McLean sends 300+ students to McLean HS (!). Would it be that portion? Also, we don't want to get involved in a game of whack a mole. If the majority of these families are renting, they could simply move to another high rise in Tysons that allows them to attend MHS. Perhaps a unified approach for all of Tysons, that prevents building hopping, might be best.

Con: Maintains a split feed in Tysons.

Con: The commute is pretty far to Langley for Shouse and beyond.

Con: Does little to diversify Langley since Tysons remains at McLean.

The modular building should not be counted towards the capacity of McLean High School. It is a semi-permanent building but should not be a permanent building.

This option does not address homes that are closer to Langley HS

It appears from the numbers that Cooper will nearly be halfway to their design capacity with the renovation. If numbers go up, will cooper be looking at trailers shortly after a renovation.

Don't like idea of further splitting Spring Hill; less desirable.

Challenge - This option does not address the split feeder issue at Spring Hill and/or Westbriar - which is one of the stated reasons for completing a boundary change.

Not enough students will be moving over. Option C is better.

Doesn't end any school's split feeder status. Moderate number being moved.

Is this the greatest number moved?

This does not solve split feed problem at Spring Hill

Too big

Leaves no room for growth at Langley

Challenges: as before, I believe LHS numbers are going up in 2020-2021 and beyond ... we may find ourselves undoing this later.

Challenges: Moves more students than option A.