

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

### **Option C**

**Considers reassigning students from McLean HS to Langley HS and from Longfellow MS to Cooper MS in the Spring Hill ES split feeder area.**

### **Strengths**

This option is the most balanced and makes the most sense in terms of keeping kids from the same elementary schools together in middle school, ensuring kids are not enduring unnecessarily long bus rides and balancing long-term capacity between the two schools.

This is the option that offers more relief to the MHS overcrowding among the 4 options. I support this proposal.

If it's really going to take 10+ years to remodel MHS this seems to be the best solution to the problem MHS finds itself in. I'm not sure why the remodel done years ago was never big enough for the population at the time, and definitely did not provide space at the school with any sort of growth. Maybe a little more forward thinking could be used on remodels?? Maybe adding another floor, rather than taking away more of our playing fields and parking lots.

Probably makes more sense than area around Route 7 from a transportation perspective.

We support.

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.

I too am from the Wolf Trap Woods neighborhood, and we could not agree with the above comments more. Currently our 7<sup>th</sup> grader at LF is not only away from all of her Cooper friends, (she had these friends at Spring Hill) but now in the virtual environment, it is that much more distant, difficult, and isolating. Hoping action on this finally occurs, as it has been in conversation since we've lived here for 9 years. With another child still in SH, we hope he has a much

happier experience moving into middle school and high school. Let's make some changes, and please stop kicking this down the road for another decade:) It is painful for many, many children that zero friends, zero!

### Best Addresses Overcrowding

This option shifts the most students and therefore is the best at solving the current overcrowding problem. I don't like how the numbers include the capacity of the modular which was just installed at McLean HS. Having a modular is NOT a great long term solution for any school. Perhaps with this option the modular could be removed, so all students could be moved back into the building at McLean HS.

My family is in WTW (the Woods) and I support this plan as it allows Spring Hill children to retain their friendships.

Support this option for new comers but still it will not ease out the overcrowding issue. Due to all safety and health related issues, parents and students currently enrolled in Mclean HS SHOULD have an option to choose between Mclean HS vs Langley HS.

I like the idea of keeping all of Spring Hill ES going to Cooper and Langley. That said, the Rotunda is its own microcosm and they might prefer to stay in McLean/Longfellow given the choice. I can't remember what the numbers were for this transfer. It seems like Option B is the strongest for natural boundaries, but I'd like more information on this option.

This would make Spring Hill a single feeder school and would impact the most students.

I consider one plus for this option is that it makes Spring Hill a single feeder school so kids can stay with their friends.

This is only option that rezones the Tysons Corner area which as one person pointed out is mostly multifamily and therefore gets a lot of kids to Langley to relieve overcrowding.

At least 9th grade freshman in HS should have a choice to choose for next school year.

I'm not sure which ES serves the Tysons area. If it is Springhill ES, then, YES! I support any plan that proposes moving Tysons students to Langley. The explosive growth in the Tysons high rises is exacerbating McLean HS overcrowding.

Strength - moves the most students from McLean to Langley

Strength - Moves the most students from Longfellow to Cooper

Pro: Eliminates Spring Hill as a split feeder school and helps balance capacity between McLean and Langley.

Pro: Helps diversify Langley since by introducing condos and townhomes from Tysons into Langley

Having had children go through Spring Hill ES then onto Cooper MS, I think this option makes sense because the kids who went to Longfellow were sad to leave their grade school friends. Location wise, it is strange that the Vienna kids who attended SHES go onto LMS and MHS. I

do not know much about the other grade schools in question, but this option seems logical to me—as long as it doesn't overwhelm CMS post-renovation.

### Best of the Presented Options

This scenario moves the most students out of MHS so it seems to be the best of the 3 presented options.

Prefer this option as this provides relief for the future influx from Tyson's area.

Like that is ending SPES split feeder. A lot of students being moved. Wonder about transportation impacts. The advantage is that we won't do the boundary change again due to the big numbers of students to be moved.

I don't live here but this seems like a good option for these families since Cooper MS is much closer than Longfellow MS.

None it is too big.

Best option of these. Only one that seems to solve the problem.

Strengths: I think potential growth in Tysons would see these kids going to a Tysons school rather than Langley. that being said, spring hill is a split feeder to cooper so all going to Cooper sort of makes sense. Probably ranks 3 out of 4 in terms of options.

This seems to be the better solution for the Wolf Trap Woods neighborhood, where I live, as it eliminates Spring Hill Elementary School as a split feeder. We are currently in LF from SH, and think it would be a much better fit. With that said, we recognize that B makes more sense geographically though

### Challenges

Not a good option - as a parent of a child impacted by the Spring Hill split feeder, I think it is best for children to feed from the same ES to the same MS and HS. The split feeders are disruptive to the children.

This option does not make sense to us. It will create an awkward school bus island in between Shouse and the rest of McLean, with Carrington and Wolf Trap Woods (WTW) in between.

### Questionable

This moves too many kids out of McLean - there are too many uncertainties with McLean's future enrollment as the enrollment is down this year and people may continue to leave the pyramid because McLean is an older school and there's been no clear commitment to adding PERMANENT space to the school.

The neighborhoods included in this are Wolf Trap Woods and Wolf Den -- students from each of those will have to take the Beltway and Georgetown Pike in order to get to school at Langley. This is an obvious concern for teenage drivers. Many families purchase homes with these thoughts in mind.

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 ignores the split feeder problem at Colvin Run.

This option brings Cooper within 27 students of its stated 1,120 design capacity. That is also a huge number of students to move out of McLean and a drastic impact on its programs and offerings.

Makes more sense to align students from CRES to Cooper/Langley than from Spring Hill given geography and how currently aligned for activities, etc.

Leaves a far-out island in Vienna

While this is the only option that includes apartments, it also leaves one very far-out island in Vienna attending McLean while students in Tysons (who live closer to MHS than the Vienna/Shouse kids) attend Langley

Multi-Family Housing/Tysons - This is the only option that considers the fast-growing Tysons area and includes apartments (which could bring some much needed socioeconomic diversity to Langley). However, the unpredictability of this area's growth may be a gamble.

Challenge - Too many children moved. Transportation issues seem like they would be a nightmare. Cooper would be jammed with no space for the growth coming from Tysons.

Not enough students will be moved to lower the overcrowding issue.

Doesn't seem to make sense when looking at the map.

Once the boundaries are redirected and in few years Langley gets overcrowded what will be the solution then ? This is not a long term solution

Only challenge I see is that parents in Colvin Run see Langley / Cooper as a long bus ride for their kids. Not sure whether that's a true problem to be solved or an education issue (i.e., we need to inform everyone what the ride will be).

Other challenge is whether this move is enough to solve the overcrowding at McLean \*without\* counting modular capacity. Otherwise, we need to do this \*and\* add permanent capacity to the MHS physical plant.

Challenge - odd island of students being sent to McLean. Leaves McLean more undercrowded. Moves the most students. Probably the worst option.

Challenges: as before, I believe LHS numbers are going up and projections may not be as planned - may find ourselves creating more of a problem by trying to solve it.

Uncertainty of numbers of future students with development of several Tysons high-rises could lead to overcrowding at LHS. I agree with other group members that this is not a good 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

Weakness: Illogical. Area remaining in McLean would be an island away from the main area. Impacted students would be crisscrossed.

With Tysons being developed it moves the overcrowding problem from McLain to Langley and will not be a long term solution. Might cause more changes to the boundaries in the nearest future.