


Office of the Superintendent of Schools  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Rockville, Maryland

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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Joshua P. Starr, Superintendent of Schools 

Subject: New Hampshire Estates and Oak View Elementary Schools Grade Organization Recommendation

Interest was expressed by the New Hampshire Estates and Oak View elementary schools' Parent and Teacher Associations and the community coalition, known as the "PreK-5 Neighborhood School Initiative," to explore the possible unpairing of New Hampshire Estates and Oak View elementary schools. In response to this interest, at the Boundary and Facilities Decisions meeting on November 19, 2012, the Board of Education authorized a Roundtable Discussion Group to explore the possible unpairing of New Hampshire Estates and Oak View elementary schools. Currently, New Hampshire Estates Elementary School serves students in prekindergarten-Grade 2, and Oak View Elementary School serves students in Grades 3-5. If the schools were unpaired, both schools would serve students in prekindergarten-Grade 5. The Roundtable Discussion Group was charged to explore the enrollment, demographic, and facility impacts of the possible unpairing of New Hampshire Estates and Oak View elementary schools.

WHEREAS, In April 2013, the superintendent of schools convened a Roundtable Discussion Group, composed of five New Hampshire Estates and Oak View elementary school Parent Teacher Association representatives, two Montgomery Blair Cluster coordinators, and one representative from the PreK-5 Neighborhood School Initiative; and

WHEREAS, The Roundtable Discussion Group met from April through June 2013 and submitted a report to the superintendent of schools on June 14, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent of schools reviewed and carefully considered the report of the Roundtable Discussion Group and feedback from the community at-large, and on October 15, 2013, the superintendent of schools submitted a recommendation to maintain the current grade organization of New Hampshire Estates and Oak View elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, On November 7, 2013, the Board of Education conducted a work session to consider the superintendent of schools' recommendation to maintain the current grade organization of New Hampshire Estates and Oak View elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education conducted public hearings on November 11 and 14, 2013, in accordance with Board of Education Policy FAA, *Long-range Educational Facilities Planning*, and Montgomery County Public Schools Regulation FAA-RA, *Long-range Educational Facilities Planning*, on the superintendent of schools' recommendation; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the current grade organization continues and New Hampshire Estates Elementary School continues to serve students in prekindergarten–Grade 2, and Oak View Elementary School continues to serve students in Grades 3–5.

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