FCPS Comprehensive Boundary Review

Activity: Guiding Next Steps for Reviewing Community Meetings Feedback



Objectives:

- Discuss preliminary findings documented at the 1/22/25 Committee Meeting
- Solicit feedback on additional and/or alternative community meeting data summarization criteria.

Materials Needed:

- Copy of instructions (this document, or the slides displayed)
- Note paper and pens

Part 1: Preliminary Community Meetings (In-Person) Findings Review (15 minutes):

- 1. Recap Key Themes (5 minutes)
 - Each committee member will independently review the 'Summary of Discussion/Chart Paper Notes from 1/22/25 (End of this document)
- 2. Table Brainstorming Session (10 minutes)
 - Each table group will discuss the following guiding questions. One participant should write down summary highlights of the discussion:
 - i. Are there any themes you are beginning to see from the community meetings data reviewed?
 - ii. How can community concerns from any themes identified be reflected in boundary scenarios?

Part 2: Refining Community Meetings Data Summarization and Share Out (25 minutes):

- 1. Presentation of Current Summarization Plan (3 minutes)
 - Data will be summarized in three ways:
 - By Priority (aligned with Board Policy 8130 criteria)
 - **By Region** (to understand localized perspectives).
 - By Community-Meeting Breakout Group Question (e.g., key themes and answers to structured breakout session questions).
- 2. Table Brainstorming Session (12 minutes)
 - Each table group will discuss the following guiding questions. One participant should write down summary highlights of the discussion:
 - Are the current summarization categories sufficient?
 - What additional criteria could make the summaries more actionable or representative of the data? Should we consider summarizing data by:
 - Frequency of mention: Topics or themes raised most often.
 - **Specific concerns**: Feedback related to specific programs, topics or themes (e.g., special education, access to preschool, bus routes, overcrowding).
 - **Others?:** Any additional ways to organize the data that would improve its clarity and usefulness?
- 3. Whole Group Share Out (10 minutes)
 - Members will share highlights of the discussions on the two topics at their table group with the larger group.

Summary of Discussion/Chart Paper Notes from 1/22/25

1. Main Themes and Considerations

- Overcrowding and Capacity:
 - Addressing overcrowded schools and maintaining appropriate class sizes.
 - Consideration of how boundary adjustments could alleviate pressure on specific schools.

• Proximity and Access:

- Proximity to schools vs. special programs (e.g., proximity as a priority but balanced with access to specialized offerings).
- Transportation issues, including bus delays, safety concerns (crossing highways, lack of sidewalks), and commute length.
- Equity:
 - Ensuring equitable access to resources and services.
 - Avoiding adverse impacts on vulnerable populations, such as low-income or historically underserved communities.

• Other

- Better-defined metrics for "proximity" and "success."
- Details on attendance patterns, walkability (sidewalk availability), and transportation logistics.
- Capacity and infrastructure data for current and future scenarios.
- Incorporating community perspectives on safety, program access, and family stability (e.g., avoiding split feeders and attendance islands).

2. Missing Data

- Contextual nuances from handwritten notes or poster boards, such as localized safety issues (e.g., highways and sidewalks).
- Community-specific concerns about program access and neighborhood impacts.
- Detailed accounts of historical overcrowding or growth trends.

3. Additional Data or Research Needed

- Detailed walkability and safety studies, including sidewalk maps and safe crossings.
- Updated enrollment forecasts incorporating planned developments or demographic shifts.
- Research on successful boundary adjustment strategies in other districts, especially those addressing similar challenges (overcrowding, equity, etc.).

4. Next Steps and Recommendations for FCPS

- Data Analysis and Scenario Development:
 - Integrate granular community feedback (e.g., handwritten notes) into larger datasets.
 - Prioritize data visualization tools to highlight geographic and demographic disparities.
 - Develop "test scenarios" for community feedback before finalizing proposals.

• Community Engagement:

- Schedule follow-up sessions or surveys to address lingering concerns.
- Provide clear, transparent communication on how feedback is integrated into decisions.