

Brunswick County Schools, NC Redistricting Study Phase 2

Public Information 3 Session Survey Results

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Introduction

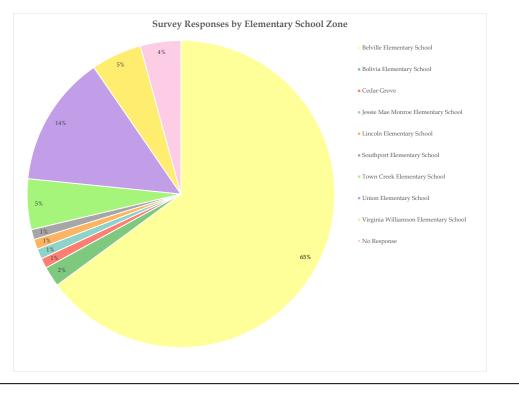
The Brunswick County Schools hosted a public information session on February 2nd, 2021 Cropper GIS facilitated the meeting and shared information about the committee goals, guidelines, and process and introduced three options that help to meet the redistricting study goals. The public was then encouraged to participate in an online survey related to the three options presented.

Online Survey

Ninety-four (94) respondents participated in the online survey that was available to the public from February 2nd, 2021 until February 21st 2021. The survey asked respondents to provide their thoughts, observations, and overall opinion toward the three options that were presented at the February 2nd, 2021 information session and posted on the BCS web site. The data – aggregated, summarized and reported below – is intended to be used by school administrators as a tool to help facilitate their deliberation and decision-making regarding the redistricting process. The results of the survey alone do not constitute a decision regarding a boundary change and are not intended to be used in the decision-making process independent of other information, discussion, and deliberation.

In order to gain a better understanding of where the majority of the respondents are coming from throughout the district, the respondents were asked "In which Elementary School Zone do you live for the current (2020-21) school year?"

Live-In Elementary School Zone	Responses	Percentage of responses
Belville Elementary School	61	65%
Bolivia Elementary School	2	2%
Cedar Grove	1	1%
Jessie Mae Monroe Elementary School	1	1%
Lincoln Elementary School	1	1%
Southport Elementary School	1	1%
Town Creek Elementary School	5	5%
Union Elementary School	13	14%
Virginia Williamson Elementary School	5	5%
No Response	4	4%
Total	94	





Option Opinion Summary Tables for All Submitted Comments

The following provides a general summary on the community's overall opinions related to the options. Important points to consider as you read this set of tables:

1. The majority of responses that are submitted are typically in regard to the most suitable option for their particular neighborhood / subdivision.

2. The administration needs to maintain focus on building a solution that best meets the redistricting study objectives and considerations.

Options Opinion Summaries

The tables below summarize overall opinions toward each of the options:

Options Opinion Summary								
Option Attitude	Opti	on A	Opti	on C	Option ABC-1			
	n	%	n	%	n	%		
Approve	48	51.1%	34	36.2%	6	6.4%		
Like	10	10.6%	11	11.7%	1	1.1%		
Neutral	20	21.3%	20	21.3%	15	16.0%		
Dislike	2	2.1%	7	7.4%	9	9.6%		
Oppose	5	5.3%	13	13.8%	59	62.8%		
No Response	9	9.6%	9	9.6%	4	4.3%		
Total	94		94		94			

Primary Concerns Summaries

The tables below summarize primary concerns about each of the options:

Elementary School Options Primary Concern							
Primary Concern	Opti	on A	Opti	on C	Option ABC-1		
Timary Concern	n	%	n	%	n	%	
Demographics Concern	1	1.1%	2	2.1%	4	4.3%	
Feeder Pattern Concern	0	0.0%	2	2.1%	5	5.3%	
Neighborhood Concern	3	3.2%	6	6.4%	6	6.4%	
Transportation Concern	6	6.4%	7	7.4%	44	46.8%	
Utilization Concern	0	0.0%	1	1.1%	2	2.1%	
All of the Above	1	1.1%	2	2.1%	6	6.4%	
N/A	40	42.6%	36	38.3%	11	11.7%	
No Response	43	45.7%	38	40.4%	16	17.0%	
Total	94		94		94		



Options Opinion Summary by Respondents Live-In Elementary School Zone

The tables below show the options opinion summaries broken down by the live-in zones of the survey respondents.:

Option A Opinion Summary by Respondent Live-In Elementary School Zone									
Live-In ES Zone	Approve	Like	Neutral	Dislike	Oppose	No Response	Total	Percent Approve	Percent Oppose
Belville Elementary School	31	8	13	1	4	4	61	50.8%	6.6%
Bolivia Elementary School				1	1		2	0.0%	50.0%
Cedar Grove			1				1	0.0%	0.0%
Jessie Mae Monroe Elementary School			1				1	0.0%	0.0%
Lincoln Elementary School		1					1	0.0%	0.0%
Southport Elementary School	1						1	100.0%	0.0%
Town Creek Elementary School	2		3				5	40.0%	0.0%
Union Elementary School	9	1	2			1	13	69.2%	0.0%
Virginia Williamson Elementary School	5						5	100.0%	0.0%
No Response						4	4	0.0%	0.0%
Total	48	10	20	2	5	9	94	51.1%	5.3%

Option C Opinion Summary by Respondent Live-In Elementary School Zone									
Live-In ES Zone	Approve	Like	Neutral	Dislike	Oppose	No Response	Total	Percent Approve	Percent Oppose
Belville Elementary School	27	10	15	1	2	6	61	44.3%	3.3%
Bolivia Elementary School				1	1		2	0.0%	50.0%
Cedar Grove			1				1	0.0%	0.0%
Jessie Mae Monroe Elementary School	1						1	100.0%	0.0%
Lincoln Elementary School				1			1	0.0%	0.0%
Southport Elementary School	1						1	100.0%	0.0%
Town Creek Elementary School	1		3	1			5	20.0%	0.0%
Union Elementary School				3	10		13	0.0%	76.9%
Virginia Williamson Elementary School	3		1			1	5	60.0%	0.0%
No Response	1	1				2	4	25.0%	0.0%
Total	34	11	20	7	13	9	94	36.2%	13.8%

Option ABC-1 Opinion Summary by Respondent Live-In Elementary School Zone									
Live-In ES Zone	Approve	Like	Neutral	Dislike	Oppose	No Response	Total	Percent Approve	Percent Oppose
Belville Elementary School			1	6	52	2	61	0.0%	85.2%
Bolivia Elementary School				1	1		2	0.0%	50.0%
Cedar Grove						1	1	0.0%	0.0%
Jessie Mae Monroe Elementary School	1						1	100.0%	0.0%
Lincoln Elementary School	1						1	100.0%	0.0%
Southport Elementary School	1						1	100.0%	0.0%
Town Creek Elementary School	1		1	1	2		5	20.0%	40.0%
Union Elementary School	1	1	10			1	13	7.7%	0.0%
Virginia Williamson Elementary School	1		3	1			5	20.0%	0.0%
No Response					4		4	0.0%	100.0%
Total	6	1	15	9	59	4	94	6.4%	62.8%



Conclusion

To summarize, the data presented in this summary report will be utilized as a tool to help school administrators assess the options. However, the results of the public information session should not be the only deciding factor when reviewing the options due to the uneven distribution of respondents across the district.

Thoughts and Observations

The following section contains <u>all</u> of the responses to the question *"What are your thoughts/observations as they relate to each individual Option?"*

DRAFT Option A

What are your thoughts/observations as they relate to DRAFT Option A?
My main issue is to avoid ABC-1.
The transportation component is just not conducive for bus riders or new teenage drivers. Mallory Creek
to South Brunswick High School has to be 20 minute drive with no stops, seems a little risky.

South Brunswick High School is ridiculously far away from home.

N/A

We need more schools

I'm involved in my child's schooling but will not be able to if move to school. I work in wilmington so nbhs is a stretch but she is completely out of the way and I have no reason to ever even drive in that direction. This is STUPID

Either this or option C. I prefer my children to remain in the districts they are currently in. (Mallory Creek Plantation). The schools are one of the main reasons we chose this house.

I agree with Option A because I want to keep my son in his current school Union Elementary. I do not want to separate him from his friends and family. Our family has always attending Union and that is our home.

If students go to SBMS then they should attend SBHS. If they attend Cedar Grove Middle School, they should attend WBHS.

I prefer my children to attend school close to home. I live in Mallory Creek. (prefer Belville Elementary, Leland Middle, North Brunswick High)

Seems to be a even split

This takes away my Childs ability to attend Union Elementary

I agree with option A... it does not affect my neighborhood. Union is our children's home and it would crush them to be moved to another school. Switching schools were they know no one after a pandemic would shatter their hearts!

Proximity to school makes more sense.

Draft Option A is my family's preference as it would maintain status quo.

Basically I feel the first few options are the better ones. Mallory creek moving is absurd.

As for Union School district I like Draft A.

To get all children in school SAFELY

I feel its fairly divided up.

It makes sense that the 40 or so kids from Jessie Mae that feed into Waccamaw for middle school would begin at Waccamaw in Kindergarten and develop continuity of relationships the entirety of their elementary and middle school instruction. To begin at Jessie Mae, leave to Waccamaw for middle, and then rejoin at West for high, as is their current pattern, seems disruptive.



DRAFT Option C

What are your thoughts/observations as they relate to DRAFT Option C?

My main issue is to avoid ABC-1.

The transportation component is just not conducive for bus riders or new teenage drivers. Mallory Creek to South Brunswick High School has to be 20 minute drive with no stops, seems a little risky.

South Brunswick High School is ridiculously far away from home.

N/A

Need more schools Either this or option A. I prefer my children to remain in the districts they are currently in. (Mallory

Creek Plantation). The schools are one of the main reasons we chose this house.

You are cutting a section of Union off that is home to many children. A lot of families bought homes in those neighborhoods just so their children were in the Union district. We are a very supportive group to Union and would be devastated if we were redistricted. I will NOT send my child to JMMES! I would hate for BCS to lose our support in public education.

If students go to SBMS then they should attend SBHS. If they attend Cedar Grove Middle School, they should attend WBHS.

I prefer my children to attend school close to home. I live in Mallory Creek. (prefer Belville Elementary, Leland Middle, North Brunswick High)

I think that adding another whole neighborhood to the school helps with numbers and keeps children together in the up coming years.

I purchased in this area so my children could attend Union Elementary

I bought land this year specifically for my school of choice. I do not agree with Draft C since it changes that.

I do not want my child to leave their current school.

Option C splits the entire mainland community of Ocean Isle.

Expanding JMES all the way to OIB road pulls my neighborhood away from Union. I prefer the kids go to school that pulls from their immediate area rather than driving past Union to get to JMMES.

Approve

Redistricting would require my child to go to a new school. As long as i provide transportation she should be able to go!!

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See first response

n/a

Student ratios would be greatly disproportional.

I'm a realtor who's sold homes over the last few years in the Tar Hell Land Acres community. This community is mostly families and they moved in there to be in the Union School district.

Dislike! Live 5 mins to belville,25mins to Bolivia.

Seems as if Belville will have less students then the rest. I could be wrong.

Since shifting the current Union students over to Jessie Mae doesn't improve the overall feeder pattern like the Jessie Mae to Waccamaw proposed shift would, I don't see how the benefit of doing this outweighs the cost. Planning for future growth at the expense of current relationships doesn't seem worth the cost.



DRAFT Option ABC-1

What are your thoughts/observations as they relate to High School DRAFT Option ABC-1? See above because I have no primary concern. I just think it's not a viable option. SBHS is nowhere where I live in work, living in the Mallory Creek neighborhood A new high school is needed in northern Brunswick County! Adding onto NBHS is not a reasonable solution. Have you completed a traffic survey on Old Fayetteville Rd, Village Rd, and Lanvale Rd? These roads were NOT designed to handle the traffic volume for a 1500+ student high school and a 1,000+ student middle school. LMS and NBHS were originally designed to educate a fraction of those enrollment numbers. In addition, the surrounding areas were once semi-rural and now contain high density neighborhoods. Also, look at the condition of Old Fayetteville Rd between Lanvale and NBHS. The road is literally crumbling and falling apart! Busing students from any northern end community all the way down to SBHS is also NOT a reasonable solution. My husband and I and most of our neighbors in Mallory Creek work in Wilmington. Getting kids from sports and other activities would take hours. We have lived here 13 years and we've never been down to South Brunswick. It is just too far away. For the kids in Mallory Creek the commute is too far. Think about kids that decide to play a sport- by the time they get picked up from SBHS after getting done with a game, there is no way the child will be able to eat and do homework and get to bed at a reasonable time. Completely setting them up for failure. I think instead of redistricting every couple years and going through this time after time, Brunswick County should maybe solve the problem instead of putting a bandaid on it and build a new school. This is crazy. Having to drive to opposite ends of the county to get my children is not okay. There are also huge issues with driving down 133. It is not safe and often floods, which would have kids being late to school or not showing up at all. Making this change is going to put our children's safety at risk. 133 is a dangerous road during normal weather conditions. This road is prone to flooding and can cause road closures and detours on back roads. The road has lots of curves and blind spots that are dangerous for experienced drivers let alone adding teenage drivers to the mix. There is no run off shoulder so imagine distracted teenage drivers on this road on a daily basis. I also challenge someone to drive from Mallory Creek to SBHS under the speed limit in 22 minutes. Google even says it is a 35 minute drive. There is no way parents that work in Wilmington will have the oppprtunity to see their kids after school. I also will have to get my child to Leland Middle and SBHS before and after school and then get to work in Wilmington. The transportation component is just not conducive for bus riders or new teenage drivers. Mallory Creek to South Brunswick High School has to be a 20 minute drive with no stops, seems a little risky and honestly not needed. Build onto North, keep these students in the community. Leland is finally starting to get a community of young families, families that want to live and work in the area. Allow our area to stay together. South has always been considered the "premier" school in Brunswick County for academics and athletics, North has always struggled. If you take a neighborhood like Mallory Creek away from North you are being part of the problem, you are perpetuation the divide. South Brunswick High School is ridiculously far away from home. Mallory creek students should not go to Sbhs...too far and too dangerous to drive My child will be at an increased risk driving on River Road for an increased distance daily. We moved to Mallory Creek knowing our child would go to NBHS. We will be very disappointed to move schools. Mallory Creek students need to remain in the North Brunswick High feeder system. Transportation safety issues, proximity to school, and loss of peer groups are all major concerns.

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This would isolate one neighborhood. Also Hwy 133 concerns, traffic, flooding, teenage drivers. Both my wife and I work in Wilmington. Major transportation issues.

As previously stated this option is the worst of all. You don't send LMS kids to a different high school when there is one across the street from the middle school. The middle and high school share the bus so again how will that work. I just purchased my home in December for this school district not to have my children be bussed out of it.

Why would Leland area families be sent to south high school!

I really don't want my child to have to drive 30 mins out of the way, or having to drive 45+ mins from work to go to her school. I don't want any newly licensed teen drivers driving down 133 on a daily commute, it is a dangerous road

Living in Mallory creek I do not feel it is appropriate to send my child to a High school so much further away when there is one closer to our neighborhood. Having our children drive a long windy road before and after school is dangerous and a liability.

We cannot in good conscience send our children from the north end of Leland all the way down to south Brunswick for High school!! This is a liability for our community and for the school to have students driving long and far distances in the early morning and late evening after school and activities. An accident will happen!! This cannot be a viable option for this county!!!!

Seems cruel to separate Mallory Creek kids from the kids they spent K-8 with for high school. The transition to high school is intimidating enough without the added stress of having to meet and find your place amongst kids that have been together since kindergarten.

It's also important to keep in mind that families that live in MCP, Westport, Jackey's Creek, and the other large neighborhoods off of 133 primarily work in Wilmington/NHC. SBHS is 30+ minutes one way, out of the way.

Here's a crazy idea for the fastest growing county in the state – build another school!

Mallory Creek should not be redistricted.

This option increases travel times and forces HS inexperienced drivers to travel a road that is difficult. This option also removes kids from their Leland community.

Moving Mallory Creek Students to South Brunswick High is the most ridiculous option for redistricting. The elephant in the room is that North Brunswick is growing faster than Brunswick County School can handle. The county commission should be brought in as well as the builders. More schools either need to be built or add on to current high school.

Build a new Leland school.

Asking high school students from Mallory Creek Plantation to travel 30-45 minutes on a notoriously dangerous road to get to school every day is just crazy.

My concern is with Mallory Creek students having to drive along 133 all the way to south Brunswick. This road can be dangerous and I would not be comfortable with my child driving that road

This is a dangerous option. Sending HS children 30 minutes away and also away from there friends they grew up with is mentally and physically harming the kids. 133 should not be traveled daily by HS children.

Does not affect my home.

Oppose

If students go to SBMS then they should attend SBHS. If they attend Cedar Grove Middle School, they should attend WBHS.

The transport distance from my home in Mallory Creek to South Brunswick High is unacceptably long. North Brunswick High is greatly preferred due to proximity.

People in the North part of the county will be effected and I feel that the people in that area should remain with their peers. Transportation will be hard for some. I would rather my child go to school with children closer to their community especially after these trying times.

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We are so close to NBHS, I don't want my HS student driving all the way to SBHS. It make no sense. My daughter is a rising 9th grader living in Mallory Creek. At some point in her high school experience, she would be taken from her peers and moved to a new district. Transportation is twice what it is to NBHS. 133 floods in at least one place so what happens in an emergency? Going the other way would take much, much longer. NBHS is diverse as it comes up from LMS. There are new classrooms being built right now, I am sure more can be added.

Sending our children in the opposite direction down 133 sends them farther away from where they live and from where their parents work. They're also going down a stretch of 133 that is prone to frequent flooding, meaning they will either be late to school or unable to make it to school at all during heavy rains. Sending our Leland kids to Southport for school is not a solution.

We moved to Mallory creek so my son could eventually go to north Brunswick high school. Please don't redistrict

ABC-1 negates all you are working toward regarding feeder patterns, travel time and neighborhood consistency for any family in Mallory Creek/Westport. The solution should not be shuffling students from one crowded school to a different school, which would then be just as crowded. With the growth and home development in the northern part of the county, especially in and around Leland, the only viable option is additional building at NBHS or a new High School entirely (perhaps in the Town Creek complex area). Mallory Creek is part of the town of Leland (the city limit sign is at the entrance of the neighborhood). The address/zip code is Winnabow, and you are now proposing they go to high school in Boiling Spring Lake. Where is a recommendation for additional space rather than additional movement amongst the existing space? How soon do you think it will be before NBHS and SBHS are both at/over capacity? Then what??

Does not affect me

Makes sense. Only have three high schools and a huge county. If anything some of the winnabow / town creek should go to North Brunswick rather than drive so far down 87 to get to South.

Our children in Mallory Creek will be separated from their cohort at a critical period. We are considering moving from this community if this plan is approved. We live and work in Leland/Wilmington. Not South Brunswick.

Having children living in Mallory Creek going to SBHS is not a good idea.

It appears this option will not impact my family.

There is no reason Mallory Creek residents and their children should be driving down to South Brunswick High School. This is dangerous for all involved as 133 is certainly not the safest route. Option ABC-1 cannot be approved for the safety and overall well being of Mallory Creek parents and children alike

The first reason I am opposed to this redistricting is the distance my child will have to ride the bus and eventually drive to school. SBHS is a 25 minute drive down 133 which is a dangerous two lane road with many heavyload trucks speeding. Many times I have witnessed bad car accidents or have sat in a line of cars on my way to visit Southport.

The second reason I am opposed to my child attending SBHS is the fact she will be attending school with the same students her entire school career and then suddenly be put into a different high school. We plan to live in our Mallory Creek home for a long time and do not want our child to have to switch to an entirely different school with new classmates she has never been with.

The third and final reason I am opposed is like myself and my husband, many of the residents in Mallory Creek work in Wilmington. This would make our children's high school 45-60 minutes away from our place of work if there was an emergency. Attending and picking up our children from sports or extracurricular activities would be very difficult if not impossible for many parents. Mallory Creek is a neighborhood of people who are heavily involved in their community and schools. Redistricting our neighborhood to the South is doing a disservice not only to our students but to the school they will attend. The community-parent-school relationship will suffer. Please reconsider the redistricting of



Mallory Creek subdivision and allow this neighborhood to stay in the North Brunswick High School district.

It seems ridiculous that I would have to drive almost all the way to Southport to pick up my child and then come all the way back up to my neighborhood Mallory creek. This is not a viable option for our neighbor and for our family!!! I strongly oppose and cannot fathom anyone in this neighborhood would favor this decision!

I am a resident of Mallory Creek and my child is currently a kindergarten student at Belville Elementary. I and many other residents are very concerned about the redistricting of our high school to SBHS. The first reason I am opposed to this redistricting is the distance my child will have to ride the bus and eventually drive to school. SBHS is a 25 minute drive down 133 which is a dangerous two lane road with many heavyload trucks speeding. Many times I have witnessed bad car accidents or have sat in a line of cars on my way to visit Southport.

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This to me is the most absurd option of them all. As a new mallory creek homeowner. With students at belville and LMS. Moving my children to different districts is the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard. 133 is the most dangerous winding curvy road in the county to force a bus filled with children down that road in inclement or regular weather is crazy. To have new teen drivers attempt that road rushing to school in the morning is dangerous and irresponsible of the district as a whole. To have a beautiful neighborhood like mallory creek property values go down because the district moves the school for this neighborhood is also ridiculous. Not one parent in mallory creek approves of this option literally not one. Mallory Creek needs to stay at North Brunswick

I don't see how this is a rational option for Mallory Creek. It is too far away and will add hours in the morning and afternoon commute, which drastically reduces time needed to complete homework and negatively impacts family time. I am am strongly opposed to this option.

We live in Mallory Creek and have just relocted to the area. My students are at Leland Middle and at North Brunswick. It will not be in their best interest to have to move schools after a move to the area. North Brunswick is so much closer to our home and that does impact parent/teacher conferences (when we can do them in person again) and it will impact sports and families being able to attend. Overall, I do not see the need to move Mallory Creek to South Brunswick when we live in the northern region of the county. Going from Leland Middle, which is essentially across the street from North Brunswick and makes total sense, to potentially going to South Brunswick which is miles away, makes no sense and does not benefit our families in Mallory Creek.

We have young children currently attending Charter Day School and we live in Mallory Creek. If the kids end up eventually going to South Brunswick high School, it will become a transportation nightmare. Most that choose to live in Mallory Creek choose this location because of its convenience to Wilmington for jobs. We have established health care in Leland and Wilmington. We have just been in this neighborhood for a year and a half and would never have guessed we would potentially attend South Brunswick high



School. Two big factors for us are proximity as well as the options for the school. We are looking for exceptional programs and honestly are not excited about North Brunswick high School either. Additionally, I worry about high schoolers driving down highway 133 in the dark after sports and activities in the winter months. It seems to be unsafe.

I oppose because it's a much longer route. I live in Leland. I'm not going to drive to Southport for schooling needs.

All the goals of the consultants are being completely ignored with this map. Anyone asked the students what their thoughts are? Take another neighborhood that goes to Town Creek Middle and Elementary school and redistrict them to South. Such as Brunswick Forest which is probably 2x the size of Mallory Creek. Have any other developments been looked at????

Student drivers will need to drive on River Road which can be extremely treacherous due to weather and other drivers. Students will have disrupted academic paths and broken social relationships with teachers and classmates. High achieving students who are ranked amongst their own peers at one school, will now have to compete with SBHS students who are already established in their own learning environments. Making such an extreme change in the midst of a pandemic is stressful, hurtful and is NOT in the best interest of the student OR the teacher. Friendships will be broken, relationships will be severed, accidents will happen, frustration in a forced learning environment will be felt, and our NBHS students and families with different age students will suffer. School sports will also be adversely

effected, as well as ROTC teams, Music/ Band, and other academic competitions will also have a negative impact. Plan ABC1 is good for some, but not for all; especially our NBHS students.

Moving MCP students across the county is completely irresponsible by the school board. River Road is already dangerous and the amount of inexperienced drivers that would be committing would substantially increase the accident/death toll rate on River Road. The families in MCP have chosen this neighborhood largely based on school districts. Redistricting an entire neighborhood to a school that is 30 minutes away will have a HUGE impact on the families and in the long term, it will impact resale value of hundreds of homes.

This is an awful decision for many Reasons.

This would be a horrible increase in traffic with inexperienced drivers. These students have a high school that is a 10 minute drive from MCP. Does not make sense.

MCP would be going to a school that is on the other end of the county. Sports, school events, travel. There are severs reasons why this is not a good idea. We moved into this neighborhood based on the school districts. This is change would be ridiculous.

River road is already dangerous and congested. Moving MCP students to South, would increase traffic and accidents tremendously.

I like that TCMS students would be together in high school and LMS too. I never liked I had to split middle school, and go to high school with all new friends.