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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Montgomery County Board of Education
850 Hungerford Drive
Rockville, Maryland 20850

RE: Interim Superintendent's Recommendation for Bethesda, Somerset and Westbrook Elementary Schools Boundary Study

Dear President Wolff and Members of the Board of Education:

This letter aims to amplify letters you have and will continue to receive from residents of our community and the Somerset Elementary School PTA expressing concerns and objections to the Interim Superintendent's recommendation dated October 15, 2021, which includes reassignment of Zone S3 to Westbrook Elementary School.

Chevy Chase Village is a community and municipality, a portion of which is currently Zoned S3 and S7 to attend Somerset Elementary. The remainder of our small community is zoned to attend Rosemary Hills Elementary School (K-2) and Chevy Chase Elementary School (3-5). The Interim Superintendent's recommendation will create a further fracturing of our 720-home community by reassigning a small portion (consisting of 135 homes and currently approximately 15 students) to a school no longer within walking distance to their homes. This would appear to have a minimal effect on reducing enrollment at Somerset Elementary, while creating a further fracturing of our small contiguous neighborhood, the results of which will have deep and lasting consequences for our community.

Further, our community currently lacks District representation on the Board of Education while the District 3 seat remains vacant. Decisions regarding reassignment should be done with the full participation and input of the district's representative, who serves as an advocate for impacted families. You have publicized your timeline and intention to fill the vacant seat by the end of the calendar year and we urge you to postpone a final decision on this boundary study pending appointment and onboarding of a new District 3 representative.

Please heed the concerns expressed by our community and delay any further action pending appointment to fill the District 3 Board seat.

Sincerely,

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