



8115 Gatehouse Road Falls Church, Virginia 22042

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Parents, guardians, and interested citizens are invited to participate in community dialogue meetings to discuss an Expedited Boundary Adjustment proposal that may impact students from Freedom Hill and Vienna Elementary Schools. This boundary adjustment proposes to reassign a specific group of students from Freedom Hill to Vienna Elementary School. This proposal was previously discussed with the community in May of 2013 upon the request of the community. A request to revisit this proposal was received this year.

The purpose of these community dialogues is to examine the current cohort of students who reside within the Town of Vienna limits and attend Freedom Hill ES. We hope to gain feedback from the community about the possibility of redistricting this group of Freedom Hill ES students who will be in grades Kindergarten through 5th grades in 2015-16 school year and those who will be in Kindergarten through 6th grades in 2016-17 school year to Vienna ES. Such a change would not impact the middle school and high school assignments of Thoreau Middle School and Madison High School. The proposed Expedited Boundary Adjustment would promote cohort survival of these impacted students from Vienna ES to Thoreau MS and Madison HS and alleviate the split-feeder pattern which currently exists for these students.

The community dialogues will feature a presentation of the current attendance pattern for these students and their families. Unlike a town hall, the purpose of these meetings is to bring parents and other interested citizens together in small-group discussions to explore these options and answer questions. No decisions are made at the community dialogues. The feedback received during these meetings will provide critical information to FCPS staff and School Board.

Community dialogue meetings are scheduled from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on:

- Monday, June 8, 2015 at Vienna Elementary School Library
- Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at Freedom Hill Elementary School Library

We look forward to this opportunity to meet you and gain your input. Further information regarding FCPS Policy 8130.7 and process can be accessed at the link provided below:

http://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/files/97KJK54D54F8/\$file/P8130.pdf

Also, please refer to the map of the proposed study area at the following link:

http://www.fcps.edu/fts/planning/freedomhillviennamap.pdf

A copy of this letter and the map can also be found on the each school's website and each school's PTA website.

Sincerely,

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