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To: rezoning@pasco.k12.fl.us
Subject: Public Comments for Proposed Boundary Changes 2018 [#156]
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Topics of interest	- Socioeconomic Balance - Subdivision Integrity - Transportation

Comments on Socioeconomic Balance

I fully support Superintendent Browning's adjustments he made to the proposed map. Originally there were four maps up for review. in 3 of the 4, the area west of Seven Springs Blvd, East of the Anclote River were kept at JWMHS. For some reason, the committee chose the fourth option which has this area phased out of the school zone and wealthier communities north of 54 zoned in. It really makes it appear that the committee members are more interested in having wealthy families at that school and shipping the rest of us to Anclote.

Comments on Subdivision Integrity

We've been living in the Seven Springs area for five years. After the last rezoning decision, we went ahead and decided to purchase a home. We are obviously concerned about the value of our homes and neighborhoods dropping if we are forced to convert to Anclote schooling. It will certainly decrease the property value of our neighborhoods and make selling our home while retaining it's value, very unlikely.

Comments on Transportation

Anclote is a LONG way away. My children participate in clubs and athletics. While my 9th grader will be phased in, this will mean that i will have one child at JWMHS and one being sent all the way to Anclote! That is too far away to drop off a forgotten lunch or homework. That is too far away to make it on time to after school meetings or participate in any type of parent volunteer activities.

Comments on proposed map

I completely support Kurt Browning's recommendation. I think he did the right thing, moving the neighborhoods north of 54 to River Ridge. they are so much closer to that school than we would be having to travel to Anclote. It is the most fair recommendation for all parties involved.

Other comments

I'm sure you have heard from a lot of parents that this has been such an emotional roller coaster. We moved to this area specifically to have our daughter enrolled at JWMHS Medical academy and want our second daughter brought up through the same ranks. Having any part of the Venice Estates/Veterans Villages neighborhood phased out of the school zone will be devastating to my family and I.

Thank you for your time!

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Topics of interest	- Future Growth and Capacity - Subdivision Integrity - Transportation

Comments on Future Growth and Capacity

I believe that the staff's recommendation rather than Mr. Browning's does the best job of ensuring less overcrowding in the future. Retaining teachers and keeping employees happy is critical to the success of all of our children. We all know that teachers and staff at overcrowded schools do not get payed more but their jobs become all the more challenging. I believe we should listen to the staff's recommendation.

Comments on Subdivision Integrity

I am saddened that Longleaf has been poorly impacted by this entire rezone plan. I believe that all of our neighborhood should go to one school or the other. Our sons are in the gifted program and they had the ability to school-choice to SSMS but we chose to go to RRMS to keep them with their peers from the subdivision. I am saddened that our neighborhood is so split up.

Comments on Transportation

This morning my son's bus to RRMS broke down again. This is now the third time that I know of that his bus has broken down and had to pull to the side of the road. And the sixth time they will be tardy due to the bus' tardiness. The bus was in such bad shape that it was smoking!

As you know we put our children on the bus each morning with the hopes that they will reach school safely. Unfortunately, getting the information that once again they are stuck on the side of the road is not only scary but unacceptable.

We are terribly disappointed our children are having to be transported in an unsafe bus without a permanent bus driver. I am asking that you please help us remedy this situation and respond to our concerns.

Comments on proposed map

I believe the board should approve the staff's recommendation. It seems to me that listening to one's employees is extremely important. I believe that approving the same plan as last year makes little to no sense and that what gets people really crazed. The 70 or so kids that are being moved seems like a ridiculously small number and really sets fuel to the flame that Longleaf is being targeted. With all of the money, time and resources that have gone into this rezone more should be gained than just moving Longleaf to ease overcrowding. To only move Longleaf is an extremely ineffective plan.

Other comments

Thank you for listening to our concerns.

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Current school	JWMHS

Comments on proposed map

The newest revision keeps the West Side from being rezoned. I am cautiously optimistic that it will remain that way.

1) If the goal is to fill under capacity schools, why are you emptying out Anclote High School? If you are trying to fill Anclote why are you moving Area 30 out? Area 30 (including under estimated new growth), along with a large school choice population is what is causing Anclote to be under capacity. Why not focus your resources on why so many students are choicing out of Anclote in comparison to other high schools in the area? That seems to be the bigger issue. Area 30 needs to stay at Anclote and the feeder pattern can be fixed by making Anclote Elementary feed into Paul R Smith Middle School. Anclote has the ability to fill itself and be at capacity.

2) It has been said all along, if you have to rezone, rezone new growth only. There are still things that can be addressed like address verification, adding on to schools, transportation impacts, not to mention the serious impacts and unnecessary stress you are putting on our students and families.

3) We still haven't seen the impact of Ridgewood closing and Wendell Krinn opening, because there is still shuffling going on there. Why not wait to see the final impacts?

Other comments

In NO WAY should the west side be rezoned to make room for new growth, especially when you have the means to fill neighboring, under capacity schools, such as Anclote with the students that already reside within that boundary.

From: [Jeannie Dunning](#)
To: [Cynthia A. Armstrong](#); [Allen Altman](#); [Alison G. Crumbley](#); [Colleen Rene Beaudoin](#); [James S. Luikart](#); [Christopher G. Williams](#)
Subject: questions and map to propose
Date: Friday, April 6, 2018 3:09:39 PM

We have a few questions we would like answered please to help us understand the process:

1. Why is area 12 being chosen to be carved out and sent to RR schools? We would think a good answer would be "neighborhoods North of State Road 54" as a boundary line, but that is not the case since Fairway Springs is directly to our West and Asturia, etc. to are right are East (all North of 54 like us). It just does not make any sense. So please explain this to us when it is only approx. 30 children that ended up trying RR schools. This certainly is not enough students to reduce overcrowding at SSMS/MHS.

2. Why were the names areas 12 and 13 derived (and hence separated) when residents from both communities walk their children simultaneously before and after school everyday to the same gate (Palladio by the portables) at Longleaf Elementary? This is literally a division of our community and breaks feeder pattern by forcing Fairway Springs to go to a middle school (SSMS) that absolutely no other children will attend that they went to school with for the past 6 years. Can you honestly tell us this makes complete sense and is a good idea? Please, I urge you to view us all walking to/from the gate daily from 9:15-9:40 and 3:40-4:00.

Again, like I told Mrs. Armstrong at our meeting at Town Hall and again in a follow up email. This is our proposed map: Take Brownings current proposed map, but modifying only the following: Leave Area 12 at SSMS/MHS schools, choose to fill the under capacity schools AHS/PRSMS with students overcrowding SSMS/MHS, let the small handful of children from area 12 that wish to remain at RR schools stay until they finish the 12th grade.

I would also like to point out that only one parent showed up to meet Mrs. Armstrong at our Town Hall meeting Tuesday night that was pro Longleaf attending RR schools. It has also been brought to our attention that the few pro RR parents that have been emailing district have been recently contacted by district and asked to speak at Tuesday's board meeting and voice themselves as being pro RR schools. We feel this is manipulating the board meeting.

I would also like to reiterate that area west of Seven Springs Blvd. were on the proposed map back in 2005 when PRSMS was being constructed to open in August of 2006. They fought for a delay, and won. They have been prepared for this move for 13 years now. This has been made public notice and they have been allocated plenty of time to relocate if so desired. Area 12 was never given such notice or delay.

Please, I ask you the board to please see this from our perspective. We only get once chance to raise our children and plant our roots. One time. Please do not take this away from us. I hope you can understand where we are coming from and be our voice on Tuesday. We are counting on you to speak for us and our children on Tuesday.

Thank you,
Jeannie Dunning

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FYI...

Colleen R. Beaudoin
Pasco County School Board Member

Begin forwarded message:

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Subject: Solution for REZONE

Pasco County Dchool Board Member's, i wpuld like to make sure you are aware of our ideas for the redone. I think I speak for most everyone in area 12.

Here are a few points...

(a) move Starkey Ranch to River Ridge Middle and High and Area 30 to Gulf as the Superintendent recommends; (b) leave Longleaf, Ellington and Sienna Woods (Area 12) at Mitchell and Seven Springs (c) reopen school choice to allow students who wish to go to or stay at River Ridge Middle and High to do so and to allow them to continue through grade 12 (d) provide bus transportation to both sets of schools. If additional relief of Mitchell and Seven Springs is needed, they can consider moving (a) The Preserve (aka South Branch Ranch) (b) Longleaf neighborhoods 4 and 5 since none of those neighborhoods are occupied yet. If more relief is needed, implement an address verification policy and system such as those in place in Palm Beach and Broward Counties, and we will cover the cost of the software license if needed. The reasons this plan is better are that it is the least disruptive to established neighborhoods and it achieves stability of the populations of Mitchell and Seven Springs for at least long enough for the K-8 school at Starkey Ranch to be built and opened.

Thank you for your time,
See you on the 10th!

Heather Axel-Goldstein
Special needs educator at Longleaf Elementary for 14 years...
Proud Longleaf resident for 16 years...

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Topics of interest	- Subdivision Integrity

Comments on Subdivision Integrity

Dividing a sub division into two sections for the purposes of school zoning where one school is convenient to the sub division and the other school is significantly harder to reach given the distance and traffic concerns is wrong.

Simply put; over time the residents with identical homes in the school zone with worse logistics to the schools will inevitably see their home vales either decline or not appreciate at the same rate as the homes in the school zone with better logistics to and from their schools.

Families with children do their research when home shopping and given the choice of identical homes with the only difference being an easy school commute or a hard one the family will be wise to go with the easy commute to school. If I was home shopping I'd even be willing to pay a premium for the home with the easy school commute.

Over time, many families being willing to pay that premium will create a disparity in home values between the two sections of the sub division and it is wrong for a government entity to knowingly make a decision that effects individual's property values in this way.

Comments on proposed map

Please do not adopt the "staff recommendation" map labeled 5X.

When I go to maps.google.com and search 34655 I see that the zip code boundary on the west side in the Veteran's Village sub division is the Anclote River. The "Staff Recommendation" map 5X ignores the zip code boundary, and the integrity of the Veteran's Village sub division and divides our community at Seven Springs. That is wrong.

My family lives in 34655. Our grocery stores, big box stores, Church, our old day care, our mechanic, bicycle shop, doctors offices, dentist office and favorite restaurants are all in the red shaded area Google draws for the 34655 zip code.

Our neighborhood schools shouldn't suddenly be 8 miles from our home in the opposite direction of everything else we do in our community. That is an unreasonable inconvenience for the local government to impose upon the residents of West Veteran's Village.

Other comments

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Topics of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Extracurricular Activities- Planning Integrity- Subdivision Integrity- Transportation

Other comments

Dear Pasco County School Board,

I've thought about this letter for months now. Every day, I'm consumed by the stress of the threat of another rezone. However, I've put off writing this letter because I fear that it will fall on deaf ears. I fear that your mind has been made up and our desperate pleas to stand up for our children will be ignored. The power you hold over my family is immense, and I truly hope you take the time to read my very raw and very honest letter.

I feel like my husband and I did everything right. We married at just 18 & 19yrs old. My husband served our country in the USAF, and we did everything we could to build a nice future. We waited 8yrs to have our first child so we could achieve a lifestyle where I could stay home with our children, and we could be in our dream neighborhood with great schools that would be close by. We were living in Pinellas, but when our oldest daughter approached school age, we stretched every last dime to build a home in Longleaf. It was ideal. The elementary school is right in our neighborhood and the middle and high schools are just up at the corner...under 2 miles away. With really hard work and determination, we had achieved our dream!

For almost a decade everything was pretty amazing, but there were rumors starting when she was in 7th grade that the school board wanted to move us almost 10miles away to a community of which we have no connection or familiarity. All of her 7th grade year was a blur of school board meetings, letter writing, maps, committees and STRESS!!!! I have never dried so many tears as I did last school year. That rezone turned our lives upside down. It ruined Christmas, Thanksgiving, birthdays and everything that should have been a celebration. It is no exaggeration when I tell you the enormous black cloud that rezone put over our lives. My daughter was unable to fully enjoy her 7th grade year, and every teacher could confirm how much the stress of the rezone impacted her daily life.

This year, like the majority of the kids in Longleaf and Ellington, we were lucky enough to get School Choice. Chase was able to stay at her school, but some of her friends were not. This created distance with lifelong friends in our neighborhood. We now had a neighborhood divided. The majority stayed, but a minority of kids were forced to move schools. I watched as parents waited for their letters in the mail and found that one sibling got in and one did not. I watched the stress of the kids whose parents just couldn't provide transportation and they were forced to change schools. I watched friendships change and kids change.

We had one bit of hope to hold on to. We knew this rezone was unfair. We knew it was wrong. We knew that moving area 12 solved absolutely nothing for these schools. We decided to fight, and it was a long, painful process....but at least we could tell our kids we were doing everything in our power to make this right for them! In the end, we won! What an amazing relief! By now, many of the kids that started at River Ridge in 6th grade were doing fine, but the ones who had been so unhappy could finally go back home!!! The most important news for the majority of us, though, was that we were no longer attending through School Choice. These kids were attending their rightful schools!!!! The kids could breathe a much needed sigh of relief and know that they weren't just "visitors" anymore. They weren't just "lucky" to be chosen. They were there because it's the right place for them! Less than 2 miles from home!!! This is our community!!!! This was a year and a half of some of the worst stress you can imagine, gone, for a moment.....and I mean a moment! That same day, a day that should have been a moment of peace, was just another day of despair. We saw the interview on the news and the reporter asks Kurt Browning if kids can

return to their home schools and he says that "yes, they can....but then warns/threatens that he will most likely just move them back". We were crushed. An entire community thrust back into uncertainty and instability. The reporter follows up that question asking Mr. Browning if he knows how many children we're talking about and his answer is, "No"! No???? After upending the lives of our children for over a year, he still doesn't know how many kids are impacted by this???? The answer is appalling and heartbreaking. This case was not decided on some insignificant technicality. Much of this case asked if the goals of the school board were met. Much of the testimony proved that this rezoning did not, in fact, meet the guidelines and goals set forth by the school board. Moving a small handful of kids does nothing but unnecessarily turn their lives upside down!

My daughter's extracurricular interests revolve around music. She has played coronet in the SSMS Band all three years at SSMS. She is now in advanced band. She also attends private music lessons, plays piano and guitar and is just now picking up ukulele. Her three years of private lessons have been in preparation and hopes to be accepted into the JWMHS orchestra next year. River Ridge does not offer orchestra. This year, one of her proudest moments was marching with the JWMHS marching band at their football game. This is a huge deal to these kids and part of it is earning the coveted "Future Mustang Marching Band" t-shirt! This is an annual event and all the kids involved in band see this as their acceptance into their high school musical career. My daughter was beaming that day! It was an amazing experience to watch her march with the high school out on that field, and get that shirt! Unfortunately, the reality of this rezoning hit when we got home. Her celebration was cut short. The night ended in tears! Her friends don't have that constant threat hanging over all their future plans. It's truly devastating to our kids and I can't fix it without your help! School Choice isn't even a feeling of safety because 9th graders are just left in this unsafe space because they're seen as "starting a new school". These kids are already integrated into the high school to some degree because the schools share a campus. My daughter attends a high school level course and walks over to the high school for her class and the bands work together. This isn't really just some other new school. It's right next door. They share the athletic field, buses, etc. My daughter was also introduced to the business academy at JWMHS. This also isn't offered at River Ridge. All her plans for the future are riding on this one very unfair and unnecessary rezoning. She is just one story of many. Is it worth it??? For maybe 70 kids!!!! 10 kids per grade level?? How does this make any sense??? What does it solve??? Does the end justify the means??? It does not!!!!

We have been through enough! These kids have been asked to endure far more than any kid should have to. These kids have had their basic needs to feel stable, included and secure taken from them for too long!!!! It's time for the adults in charge to stand up and do what is right FOR THEM!!!! I keep hearing the term "in the best interest of the children". However, I'm not witnessing anyone actually doing that in practice! I keep hearing the term "this is the same map". This is not just the "same map". We should be using the term "these are the SAME CHILDREN"!!!! Pasco County has been doing this to the same small group of kids for TWO YEARS!!!! We have a unique situation that requires a bit of a unique solution! Use the power you have to do the right thing by these kids!

I implore you to leave Longleaf/Ellington as it is. Give these kids the ability to focus on their academics, activities, friends and family. Do not move a small handful of established kids! Moving these kids solves absolutely nothing! Instead, do what makes sense. First and foremost, do what was promised to us last year and impose address verification!!! Before ANYONE is moved, find out how many kids are there illegally! Then, move the new growth from Starkey Ranch to River Ridge. These families moved to their homes recently. They knew where they would be zoned when they purchased their homes. This would allow for the new growth of that neighborhood to attend River Ridge, and keep established neighborhoods at their home schools! It also makes sense for the future. In a few years when Starkey K-8 opens, those kids will attend that school anyway. It maintains a common sense feeder pattern. This alternative also makes sense because it keeps us with our attached neighborhoods! We are attached to Fairway Springs neighborhood which is zoned for SSMS/JWMHS. We (Longleaf, Ellington and Fairway Springs) for all intents and purposes, are one large community! Why are we thinking about tearing these communities apart? Right now, there are a few children in Longleaf/Ellington who either chose or were unable to stay at SSMS/JWMHS and are happy at River Ridge. Let these families stay. Keep providing that bus. This is how it has worked all year, and it's working out just fine!!!! It is the right thing to do! Again, we are in a unique situation and I beg you to really do what is in the best interest of our children!!!! Support a common sense solution!!!! Somehow, after so much hard work and planning the life we wanted for our family, we are in a position where a small group of elected officials hold the power to change it all. We get one chance to raise our kids. We did our research. We purchased our home just two short miles from the schools we chose for our children. We chose this community to raise our kids. Right around the corner, sooner than I wish, my daughter will be driving and have friends who drive. I want my child hanging out with friends near my home. I don't want her 15 miles away at a party in an unfamiliar area. I want her with the kids and parents I know!!! I just wish you could look into the eyes of our children and see how much the threat of this, yet again, is changing them.

Please use your position and your vote to say "enough is enough"! Please understand what two years of this does to our children and our families. When kids are already exposed to the realities of bullying and school shootings, we should NOT steal their sense of stability and community. We should NOT create hardships that make before and after school activities impossible. We should NOT move kids 10 miles away to a completely different and unfamiliar area while simultaneously removing the activities and after school care so many families count on from the YMCA right behind our schools! That alone creates an overwhelming hardship! I

know many families who count on the support and safety of the YMCA to be able to make it all work!

These are good kids and they don't deserve this!!!! Thank you for taking the time to hear my thoughts. Please truly listen. Please think about this slightly altered rezone plan. It makes sense.

Thank you,
Katie Beckett
