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To: [Allen Altman](#); [Colleen Rene Beaudoin](#); [Cynthia A. Armstrong](#); [Alison G. Crumbley](#); [James S. Luikart](#)
Cc: [Christopher G. Williams](#); [Kurt S. Browning](#)
Subject: West Pasco School Rezoning opinion
Date: Monday, April 9, 2018 4:54:56 PM

Pasco County School Board Members,

Personally, I support the new tentative rezoned map put forth by the School Board and will be happy to remain at River Ridge next year. My son was rezoned to River Ridge at the beginning of his middle school career, so it was an easy transition for him to go from Longleaf Elementary directly into River Ridge. Having said that, however, I am sympathetic to my fellow Longleaf neighbors who had their children literally ripped from their home school mid-middle school or mid-high school career. It is the children that are being affected the most by all of this.

With the 2017-2018 rezone that was performed, many families from Longleaf had the opportunity to become established at River Ridge and now feel that it is their home school (our family included). Rezoning these children to SSMS/JWMHS at this time would accomplish nothing except for more turmoil. I do hope that you will take into consideration the families that would like to stay at SSMS/JWMHS for their child's middle school or high school completion (as well as offer them transportation).

I did not take the opportunity to attend the special meeting last week in our neighborhood with Cynthia Armstrong and I am not planning on attending the workshop tomorrow night. Honestly, I do not feel that I want to put myself out there to be an example of or to be confronted by other neighbors. While the vocal support is for Longleaf to remain at SSMS/JWMHS, there is also a large group of families who are not overly vocal that would like to see Longleaf stay at River Ridge.

Sincerely,

Melanie Scharber

From: [Eric Scharber](#)
To: [Allen Altman](#); [Colleen Rene Beaudoin](#); [Cynthia A. Armstrong](#); [Alison G. Crumbley](#); [James S. Luikart](#)
Cc: [Christopher G. Williams](#); [Kurt S. Browning](#)
Subject: West Pasco School Rezoning
Date: Monday, April 9, 2018 5:19:29 PM

Pasco County School Board Members

This letter is to inform you of our families support for our son attending River Ridge. We live in Longleaf and were rezoned this year from SSMS/MHS to River Ridge Middle/High. Our son is thriving at RRMS. He is a straight A student in all advanced classes and is enjoying the engineering track the school offers.

We followed the rules as they were laid out this year and enrolled him at RRMS. Obviously, there are many that aren't happy, but I think it is important to know that there are just as many that are VERY happy with River Ridge. We may not be as vocal as the group that wants SSMS and Mitchell (for fear of our neighbors confronting us), but we are very interested in staying where we have settled in. If things were to change back, it would cause even more chaos in my opinion.

While sympathetic to the families that want another school, we are very happy with River Ridge. I hope that a plan can be worked out to "grandfather in" the students that wanted to remain at another school. That said, my family is respectfully asking that Longleaf remain zoned for RR and that transportation be provided.

Thank you for your consideration.

Eric Scharber
Longleaf Resident

From: no-reply@ryu.pasco.k12.fl.us on behalf of [MachForm](#)
To: rezoning@pasco.k12.fl.us
Subject: Public Comments for Proposed Boundary Changes 2018 [#161]
Date: Monday, April 9, 2018 8:23:55 PM

Level	Middle School
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Current school	SSMS & JW Mitchell
Topics of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Future Growth and Capacity- Planning Integrity- Subdivision Integrity- Transportation

Comments on Future Growth and Capacity

Overcrowding was not changed with the last rezone and implementing the same map will accomplish the same results....NONE

Comments on Subdivision Integrity

Fairway springs/Ellington/ and Longleaf all use the same roads, same entrances and same elementary school. Why separate neighborhoods now, when there are other neighborhoods that are not established that can be moved.

Comments on Transportation

Bus transportation has been provided for both RR and SSMS/Mitchell for 2017/2018 school year and can continue as is. This will be needed due to choice , teacher/staff accommodation and special needs regardless for the 2018/19 year.

Comments on proposed map

(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.

From: [Tammy](#)
To: [Christopher G. Williams](#)
Cc: [Colleen Rene Beaudoin](#); [Cynthia A. Armstrong](#); [James S. Luikart](#); [Alison G. Crumbley](#); [Allen Altman](#)
Subject: workshop request
Date: Monday, April 9, 2018 8:26:48 PM

Dear Mr. Williams,

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Since the map that was recommended by the Superintendent at the time of the workshop was 5x, and now there is another map that he recommends, will there be another workshop prior to May 1st? I have several questions as to how this map was created and the rationale behind it. The Superintendent has not responded to my email and simply sends me an automated response thanking me for my email. Since the only possibility of a two way dialogue is a workshop, might I suggest the district schedule another workshop? Some parents will be at the school board meeting, but as you know, we don't get questions answered with this type of platform.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tammy Ciske

From: no-reply@ryu.pasco.k12.fl.us on behalf of [MachForm](#)
To: rezoning@pasco.k12.fl.us
Subject: Public Comments for Proposed Boundary Changes 2018 [#162]
Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 7:48:23 AM

Level	Middle School
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Current school	Seven Springs Middle
Topics of interest	- Subdivision Integrity - Re-zoning

Comments on Subdivision Integrity

See below comments on Rezoning.

Comments on proposed map

Dear Kurt Browning and the Pasco County School Board.

There are two famous quotes for which I'm sure you all know. These are:

1. "Hindsight is a wonderful thing."
2. "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over again and expecting different results."

With the issue of attempting to rezone the Longleaf/Ellington neighborhoods AGAIN, I am truly hopeful that a group of smart, educated and officials elected to serve the people that elected them into their positions, would recognize the truth about the above two statements and exercise some logic and common sense in the decisions they make.

Not often do we have the benefit of having hindsight when making decisions that affect the future. But in this case, you can benefit from this hindsight. Some of the hindsight from last year I'm referring to are clearly outlined here:

- You lost a law suit which cost the county hundreds of thousands of dollars
- You divided our neighborhoods integrity
- You separated our children's friends within our neighborhood and adult relationships
- You did not solve any school capacity problems

Just on those few points mentioned above, the most reasonable, logical and most humane decision that could be made would be to avoid making the same decision again by trying to rezone the Longleaf/Ellington neighborhoods to RRMS & RRHS. The most foolish thing you can do is to try do the same thing over again. We all know what happened the last time you tried to do this and I'm sure you don't want the same results to happen again.

Fortunately, you have been provided several options that have been shown, and even proven to work in other counties, to help balance out the West Side Pasco county schools. These options cost less to the taxpayers you serve, keeps the Longleaf/Ellington neighborhoods zoned to SSMS & JWMHS and gives the children and families that live in these neighborhoods finally a sense of security and a chance to heal the discord and division that your decision last year has caused.

As you know, because of the harm you all caused by last year's re-zoning decision, our neighborhood is sadly and unfortunately divided. There are several families' children now in RRMS & RRHS, and many in the neighborhood were able to 'choice' back in to their original school at SSMS & JWMHS. We didn't ask for the mess you all caused and the most humane thing you can do is to keep those who've chosen to stay at RRMW & RRHS, to stay there and also provide these children transportation. You should also give them the choice to 'choice' back to SSMS & JWMHS when and if they ever choose to do so and allow any future students to make their 'choice' for which school to attend in the future.

In closing, you all have a chance to really become heroes by choosing not to touch the Longleaf/Ellington neighborhoods and leave them alone and the way it stands today according to the court's ruling. We elected you to these positions to represent these our best interests for our children and our neighborhood and this is what we expect from you.

Thank you and kind regards,

Paul, Tara, Grace and Julienne Sochacki

From: [Christopher G. Williams](#)
To: [Tammy](#)
Subject: RE: workshop request
Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 10:36:13 AM

Ms. Ciske,

I see that you have taken advantage of filling out public comment forms previously and that you have emailed the school board members. These are certainly ways to provide input and feedback. As you mentioned, there is a public hearing scheduled for this afternoon which provides another opportunity for you to ask questions and/or provide feedback. If you have specific questions for me I will do my best to address those.

Thank you,
Chris Williams

From: Tammy [mailto:tammystormrn@hotmail.com]
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Subject: Public Comments for Proposed Boundary Changes 2018 [#163]
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Current school	River Ridge Middle

Comments on proposed map

We are a LongLeaf family that supports zoning LongLeaf for River Ridge. In our experience this has been a very easy transition to make, an exceptional school to work with, and overall been a very positive experience. Our initial concerns around the location, distance, and practicality of this integrating into other parts of our lives, including non-school activities, appointments, personal time, etc have, in reality, turn out to be a non-issue due to the convenient and expedited bus routes, and a schedule that has our daughter home by 2:10.

Other comments

Families enrolled in Seven Springs, or with Siblings in Seven Springs should be permitted to remain through high school, and provided with full bus service. It is wrong and unfair to uproot these established families.

From: [Alison G. Crumbley](#)
To: [Raymond E. Gadd](#); [Christopher G. Williams](#)
Subject: FW: Reasons why you should abandon the thought of re-zoning Longleaf/Ellington
Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 12:42:14 PM
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Forwarding.....

Alison Crumbley

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Subject: Reasons why you should abandon the thought of re-zoning Longleaf/Ellington

Dear Mr Browning and the Pasco County School Board

My wife Tara and I adopted a little girl from the Philippines. Her name is Julienne. After taking 2-1/2 years to finalize the adoption process, she finally arrived in our home in Jan 2017. She was excited, anxious and of course a bit fearful with her new surroundings and going to a new school as a 6th grader for the first time in America.

You should know that during the last 3 years in the Philippines, she attended 3 different schools being moved around all the time. As I'm sure you can imagine, her experience coming to a new country, a new home and a new school was very challenging, with fears and emotions running wild.

Coming into SSMS as a 6th grader, half way through the school year, not having any friends and having to learn English and the new ways of education very quickly was an enormous attentive effort on the part of my wife and I and her sister, who by the way, graduated high school from Mitchel. Her first semester was not easy and very challenging and her teachers at SSMS were great in bonding with her and helping her adjust. I am proud to report that Julienne has adapted, learned and excelled in her studies that 1st semester in her new school in a new country and eventually made friends and became comfortable and secure with her new school and neighborhood.

Well, you can imagine the trauma with her when we all learned about the rezoning plans last year. Another change in schools would mean 5 new schools for her in just 4 years. How disturbing could that be for this little girl, new to this country and especially after getting secure and comfortable with her surroundings. There were lots of tears and conversations we had to have to calm her down and assure her that everything was going to be ok. Fortunately, she was accepted for 'Choice' and

was able to remain in SSMS. Although extremely inconvenient for my wife and I at the beginning because of having to change work schedules to accommodate dropping off and picking her up at the school because there was no bus service, it was still worth the sacrifice on our part. Now we have bus service and our life has become normal again.

With all that said, Julianne has really fit in and has completely adapted to her surroundings at SSMS this school year. She was promoted to 8th grade math and has made a lot of friends, not only with students, but with teachers as well. She feels secure and happy and the thought of uprooting her for her 8th grade and final year in middle school to yet a different school, is terrifying her.

The stress this will put on her and my family . . . again . . . is simply undeserving not fair. She needs to stay in the school she has grown to be accustomed to since arriving in America. Bottom line is that changing schools is not in the best interest of our child because of her past and all the challenges she has had to deal with already in the last 4 years.

As I said when you came to visit us in Longleaf, there are two famous quotes for which I'm sure you all know. These are:

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Thank you for your attention to this matter and kind regards,

Paul, Tara, Grace and Julienne Sochacki

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From: [Alison G. Crumbley](#)
To: [Raymond E. Gadd](#); [Christopher G. Williams](#)
Subject: FW: Contact a School Board Member [#375]
Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 2:28:21 PM
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Alison Crumbley

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Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 1:52 PM
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Subject: Contact a School Board Member [#375]

Select a Board Member	Alison Crumbley (District 4)
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Subject	School Rezoning

Message

My name is Christine Kalemba and I live at 8610 Sweetbriar Court in the Greenbrook Estates. I have been involved with this rezoning issue since the very beginning and I am sorry to see it's still going on. My husband and I bought our home in Greenbrook Estates many, many years ago just so our kids could go to SSES, SSMS and JWMHS. They have been going through all three schools since kindergarten. My son is in his Junior year of high school and my daughter is in 7th grade. And as is true for all homeowners, our home was and still is the one big investment of ours. We plan to retire here. We will continue to fight to keep our kids in their schools and we will fight to keep our home values increasing. Just because the County did not make infrastructural provisions for future growth, does not mean my family and our assets have to take the hit for it. This is of the County's doing and it is their responsibility to fix it and not at the expense of our kids or our home values. To not do so is fiduciary irresponsibility.

I am still of the opinion that it is the responsibility of the County to make sure that address verification should be done properly so that children who are properly zoned for the schools have the ability to attend the schools they are zoned for and not lose their seat to outsiders who aren't even legally zoned for that school. Now is the time to close SSES and any feeder schools, SSMS and JWMHS to those who are not zoned for these schools. No exceptions!

I am still of the opinion that it is not right to push out the older neighborhoods who have made this area what it is for new people who aren't even here yet. And there is still the pesky issue of home values going down once these older neighborhoods are rezoned to less attractive schools. You are not only affecting families with kids in those schools but also the home values of ALL residents in those neighborhoods. There is a real economic

impact caused by rezoning that can equate to a huge dollar amount that will affect the homeowners in the older neighborhoods you are thinking about rezoning.

I know Counties have a rainy day funds to take care of unexpected things. Maybe now is the time to use those funds to build new schools that will handle the over flow from the new homes being built just down the road on SR 54 in the newer developments like Starkey and such. Maybe it's time to build those new schools NOW rather than later. There are empty buildings in our area that can be used as annexes if need be until new schools can be built in areas that make sense. Have Marchman students make portables to handle the influx of new students while the new schools are being built. Add additional wings to current structures. Just do something instead of moving kids around like pawns and affecting our home values.

Like I said, I was active since the beginning and I will continue to fight this fight until the end. My kids and my neighbors are worth it. We didn't make this mess. The County did and it's the County's responsibility to fix it in such a way to address the needs of ALL of it's residents, not just the new residents who aren't even here yet. I vote, I won't forget and I won't let everyone else who is affected by this forget either. They vote too.

Sincerely,

Christine Kalemba

P.S. It's time to start collecting more impact fees from the new homes that are coming on line. That's another piece of the puzzle.

From: no-reply@ryu.pasco.k12.fl.us on behalf of [MachForm](#)
To: rezoning@pasco.k12.fl.us
Subject: Public Comments for Proposed Boundary Changes 2018 [#164]
Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 2:38:13 PM

Level	Middle School
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Current school	RiverRidge Middle/ LLES
Topics of interest	- Future Growth and Capacity

Comments on Future Growth and Capacity

I understand that long term planning for growth is difficult and frankly I do not think the county has done a great job of it over the past decade and I feel more should be asked of developers before the new communities have put a stress on our school system. Having said that, we are where we are and I appreciate the challenges of looking for options in a rezoning effort. While we did not approve of the process for the rezoning last year and the lack of transparency, we are satisfied with the result.

Comments on proposed map

With one child at LLES going into middle school and the other at River Ridge, we are very pleased with the middle school to which we are zoned. I understand there are those in the Longleaf neighborhood seeking to have it rezoned back to Seven Springs/Mitchell while allowing our children to choice into River Ridge with both groups getting county transportation. If that were to occur, I'd be fine with it. But I recognize the realities of limited resources means that transportation will be provided to the school to which you are zoned. Given that reality, I want to voice my support for the proposed map which would send Longleaf to River Ridge as was the plan last year. At the end of the day, we in Longleaf are quite fortunate that we are between two excellent schools and I know my children and property values will be fine either way, but my preference is to be zoned to River Ridge. I thank you for your work in this regard.

From: no-reply@ryu.pasco.k12.fl.us on behalf of [MachForm](#)
To: rezoning@pasco.k12.fl.us
Subject: Public Comments for Proposed Boundary Changes 2018 [#165]
Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 11:54:14 PM

Level	Middle School
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Current school	Seven Springs Middle
Topics of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Future Growth and Capacity- Planning Integrity- Socioeconomic Balance- Subdivision Integrity

From: [Melanie Hynes](#)
To: [Kurt S. Browning](#)
Cc: [Christopher G. Williams](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Rezoning Longleaf to River Ridge
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 8:35:15 AM

From: Melanie Hynes <melanie@hynesite.biz>
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 8:11 AM
To: "sarah_78@msn.com" <sarah_78@msn.com>
Subject: FW: Support for Rezoning Longleaf to River Ridge

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Subject: Re: Support for Rezoning Longleaf to River Ridge

Good morning School Board Members,

I'm copying my husband's message sent to you yesterday but wanted to add another note this morning after watching the video footage of last night's meeting. As my husband stated we're caught in a difficult place not wanting to speak out against our neighbors.... we still love our neighborhood and have lived here for 16 years. Both daughters age 12 and 9 have numerous friends they've been growing up with some who are still attending SSMS and some who chose to go to RRMS. We made a tough decision last year to go "against" the community majority and send our daughter to RRMS. It just felt right, it felt like the best placement for her so we turned down our placement in the gifted program at SSMS. We couldn't be happier. Our daughter is a very hardworking student, she enjoys being involved in a variety of school and after school programs, dance being a true place she shines from the inside out. I believe our children need these creative outlets along with their academics, we need a place to belong. Our daughter belongs to RR already after not even a full year. She's shining both academically and socially and we would like to see that continue.

We have several friends in the same boat and several new incoming 6th grade families that feel the same way. We chose not to go to the meeting last night for the simple reason of not upsetting our neighbors. We don't believe any good can come from that. At the end of the day we still live next door and we still want our children involved with their friends and families. We do not want to lose that in a forum where so many emotions are running high. We support our friends in their feelings of belonging too. Hence, the difficult place our neighborhood has been put in. A solution at this point for us would be to re-zone our neighborhood to RRMS/HS allowing those that still want to

continue at SS/JWMH that opportunity as well. I believe our neighborhood will see the value in the switch with the new classes coming up but with those already established they're too vested in their school as we are ours.

Please consider the rezone to RR the best solution but also please consider allowing those families that want to stay that opportunity as well. Our neighborhood is split, our neighborhood is in turmoil over this, our children are in the balance, we just wish for this to end.

Thank you for your time,
Melanie Hynes

From: Corey Hynes <Corey.Hynes@learnondemandsystems.com>

Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 1:26 PM

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Subject: Support for Rezoning Longleaf to River Ridge

Good afternoon,

We are one family of multiple families of Longleaf who support rezoning this community to River Ridge. Our experience at this school has been extremely positive and our 6th grade daughter is excelling, being inducted into the National Junior Honor Society just last night. We, as many others have stated, initially had serious concerns about the logistics of attending a school that is a few miles further away, however these concerns have proven to be unfounded, and the schedule has in fact proven to be highly convenient. The concerns around rezoning have created a contentious environment at times, so we do not generally speak up at public events as we are in a slight minority and would rather provide our feedback to the board through more indirect means. We very much advocate a plan that allows our family (present students and future) to remain at River Ridge through High School.

However...

This should not be done at the expense of those families that are established at Seven Springs. Those families should be permitted to continue to attend that school, along with any siblings, through high school. It would be unfair, disruptive, and simply not right, to force those established families to change schools. For many of these established families, this move will put tremendous stress on their lives and adversely affect their children. This should not be allowed to happen.

Thank you.

Corey J Hynes

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From: [Monica Stanton](#)
To: [Allen Altman](#); [Colleen Rene Beaudoin](#); [Cynthia A. Armstrong](#); [Alison G. Crumbley](#); [James S. Luikart](#); [Kurt S. Browning](#); [Christopher G. Williams](#)
Subject: Keeping Longleaf at RRMS/RRHS
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 11:24:01 AM

To Whom it May Concern,

As the parent of a current sixth grade gifted student and an incoming 6th grade gifted student next year I would like to share with you my desire for both of my children to remain at RRMS. We had the choice to "school choice to SSMS for gifted self-contained services but we chose to go to RRMS for our children to remain with their neighborhood peers. Sadly, many of our neighbors ended up electing school choice and our development was split.

We absolutely love the Mrs. Murphy and the rest of the faculty and staff at RRMS. We have been welcomed with open arms and feel strongly that if the other residents in the neighborhood did the same, they too would be happy with school. The curriculum and experience have been very good.

The only problem we parents who sent our children to RRMS encountered all year was a terrible bus that broke down more than 3 times and we never had a permanent bus driver until this week. We and our children were jvery unhappy with this situation especially because the bus that took students to SSMS had both A/C and a permanent bus driver.

I am pleased to inform you that as a result of the our complaints that the district listened and acted in our favor to resolve the awful bus situation we dealt with for the majority of the year and changed our bus and bus driver. A special thank you to Elizabeth Kuhn, the Assistant Superintendent for Support Services, who put the ball in motion to help us get a permanent bus and route. It has made all the difference and we hope that if we are zoned to RRMS next year we will be granted this nice air conditioned bus and permanent bus driver again.

Thank you for all that you do and for taking the time to hear from your constituents.

Sincerely,

Monica Stanton

From: [Alison G. Crumbley](#)
To: [Kurt S. Browning](#); [Raymond E. Gadd](#); [Christopher G. Williams](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Rezoning Longleaf to River Ridge
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 11:44:19 AM
Attachments: [FD59CC7E-81BD-427B-AC25-25BAEB1871D71291.png](#)

Forwarding.....

Alison Crumbley

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From: Melanie Hynes <melanie@hynesite.biz>
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 8:10 AM
To: "Cynthia A. Armstrong" <carmstro@pasco.k12.fl.us>, Allen Altman <alaltman@pasco.k12.fl.us>, Alison Crumbley <acrumble@pasco.k12.fl.us>, Colleen Rene Beaudoin <crbeaudo@pasco.k12.fl.us>, "James S. Luikart" <jluikart@pasco.k12.fl.us>
Subject: Re: Support for Rezoning Longleaf to River Ridge

Good morning School Board Members,

I'm copying my husband's message sent to you yesterday but wanted to add another note this morning after watching the video footage of last night's meeting. As my husband stated we're caught in a difficult place not wanting to speak out against our neighbors.... we still love our neighborhood and have lived here for 16 years. Both daughters age 12 and 9 have numerous friends they've been growing up with some who are still attending SSMS and some who chose to go to RRMS. We made a tough decision last year to go "against" the community majority and send our daughter to RRMS. It just felt right, it felt like the best placement for her so we turned down our placement in the gifted program at SSMS. We couldn't be happier. Our daughter is a very hardworking student, she enjoys being involved in a variety of school and after school programs, dance being a true place she shines from the inside out. I believe our children need these creative outlets along with their academics, we need a place to belong. Our daughter belongs to RR already after not even a full year. She's shining both academically and socially and we would like to see that continue.

We have several friends in the same boat and several new incoming 6th grade families that feel the

same way. We chose not to go to the meeting last night for the simple reason of not upsetting our neighbors. We don't believe any good can come from that. At the end of the day we still live next door and we still want our children involved with their friends and families. We do not want to lose that in a forum where so many emotions are running high. We support our friends in their feelings of belonging too. Hence, the difficult place our neighborhood has been put in. A solution at this point for us would be to re-zone our neighborhood to RRMS/HS allowing those that still want to continue at SS/JWMH that opportunity as well. I believe our neighborhood will see the value in the switch with the new classes coming up but with those already established they're too vested in their school as we are ours.

Please consider the rezone to RR the best solution but also please consider allowing those families that want to stay that opportunity as well. Our neighborhood is split, our neighborhood is in turmoil over this, our children are in the balance, we just wish for this to end.

Thank you for your time,
Melanie Hynes

From: Corey Hynes <Corey.Hynes@learnondemandsystems.com>

Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 1:26 PM

To: "carmstro@pasco.k12.fl.us" <carmstro@pasco.k12.fl.us>, "alaltman@pasco.k12.fl.us" <alaltman@pasco.k12.fl.us>, "acrumble@pasco.k12.fl.us" <acrumble@pasco.k12.fl.us>, "crbeaudo@pasco.k12.fl.us" <crbeaudo@pasco.k12.fl.us>, "jluikart@pasco.k12.fl.us" <jluikart@pasco.k12.fl.us>

Subject: Support for Rezoning Longleaf to River Ridge

Good afternoon,

We are one family of multiple families of Longleaf who support rezoning this community to River Ridge. Our experience at this school has been extremely positive and our 6th grade daughter is excelling, being inducted into the National Junior Honor Society just last night. We, as many others have stated, initially had serious concerns about the logistics of attending a school that is a few miles further away, however these concerns have proven to be unfounded, and the schedule has in fact proven to be highly convenient. The concerns around rezoning have created a contentious environment at times, so we do not generally speak up at public events as we are in a slight minority and would rather provide our feedback to the board through more indirect means. We very much advocate a plan that allows our family (present students and future) to remain at River Ridge through High School.

However...

This should not be done at the expense of those families that are established at Seven Springs. Those families should be permitted to continue to attend that school, along with any siblings, through high school. It would be unfair, disruptive, and simply not right, to force those established families to change schools. For many of these established families, this move will put tremendous stress on their lives and adversely affect their children. This should not be allowed to happen.

Thank you.

Corey J Hynes

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From: [Marianne](#)
To: [Cynthia A. Armstrong](#); [Allen Altman](#); [Alison G. Crumbley](#); [Colleen Rene Beaudoin](#); [James S. Luikart](#); [Kurt S. Browning](#); [Christopher G. Williams](#)
Subject: All for the kids
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 2:39:47 PM

Dear School board members,

I am a resident of Ellington Place that bumps up to Longleaf. (Area 12, Westside) We are our own subdivision. Our entrance is on State Road 54 and you can only exit to the right from our subdivision, towards Little Road. There is a street that connects us to Longleaf as their is a street that connects Fairway springs to Longleaf. This does not make that our entry or exit. But both Fairway Springs and Ellington are used for Longleaf residence to enter and exit their subdivision. Having three teenage children that are very active in our community I will tell you that I maybe exit out Longleaf 1 out of every 10 times merely because our community is the opposite direction. The exit out Longleaf is a four lane road that is extremely busy during peak hours. My 15 year old that's learning to drive hates to even exit that way.

Our schools are SSMS and JWMHS. Our Church is Generations Church across the street from the schools. We shop at Publix, Target and Walmart all on the corner of [54 and Little Road](#). All of these places are within 3 miles from our house. Please just stop for a moment and picture an evening of ours. The high School is having a sports game I drop off my daughter, it's a Tuesday so I then drive across the street to drop my son off at church. I run to the grocery store to pick up milk and a few things after working all day. I drop the groceries off at home and then return to the high school and Church to pick up the children. All the while my husband is coaching our youngest at the Dixie softball fields off Seven Springs Blvd. This is just one example of how tight our time is. This would not be possible if we were rezoned to a school that was 3x farther away from our house.

My next concern is if you approve moving Ellington and Longleaf to River Ridge then you would be leaving only ONE Subdivision from Longleaf Elementary School's feeder pattern going to SSMS and that would be Fairway Springs. Please think of how detrimental it would be for the children to have gone k-5 with their friends and then enter into middle school (the biggest transition year of their life) with a very little amount of friends to even pass in the halls. I don't have all the numbers but from what I've heard there is only 40 or so children in Fairway Springs and and out of 1500 that's all they might know.

Please keep Ellington Place and LongLeaf, Area 12 where they are now. Please don't disrupt or entire life's. Or At minimum let our children in middle and high school continue and graduate from Mitchell like they have planned through choice. Because in 4 years all my children will be graduated but the growth in Pasco will be far from over. Treat our children as if they were your own.

Thank you for your time,
Marianne Pirozzi
Concerned mother of 3

From: [Tammy](#)
To: [Christopher G. Williams](#)
Subject: Re: workshop request
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 5:04:14 PM

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Respectfully,

Tammy Ciske

From: Christopher G. Williams <cwilliam@pasco.k12.fl.us>

Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 2:36 PM

To: Tammy

Subject: RE: workshop request

Ms. Ciske,

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Thank you,

Chris Williams

From: Tammy [mailto:tammystormrn@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 8:27 PM

To: Christopher G. Williams <cwilliam@pasco.k12.fl.us>

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From: [Tammy](#)
To: [Christopher G. Williams](#)
Subject: Fw: workshop request
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 3:01:27 PM

Mr. Williams,

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Thank you!

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Tammy Ciske

From: [Carolyn Deary](#)
To: [Christopher G. Williams](#)
Subject: URGENT!!! New Map for Rezone
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 4:20:42 PM

I attended the board meeting two nights ago and wanted to submit a map proposal after hearing your shared information and the question/answer period.

It was shared by Chris Williams that "Starkey K-8 is on track to open 2021 and will be zoned for only Starkey Ranch and Asturia".

We are aware that Kurt Browning wants to "split the growth", but our question is why? This has not been answered.

My suggestion is since we know the students of Asturia and Starkey Ranch will go together exclusively to Starkey K-8 in two years four months, then why are you not allowing them to stay together now? What difference is two years going to make on SSMS? **This is a sincere question that I would like to formally request be answered.**

In the past, it has been brought up that Asturia was too far of a drive to River Ridge. However, just this morning during school traffic I drove it myself and clocked it. I have attached the photos of my mileage. It is a five minute difference for Asturia to drive to River Ridge schools than SSMS/JWMHS. This was calculated from "sign to sign". It would take them 16 minutes and is a 11.4 mile drive. This distance has been exceeded in the past by Pasco County Schools. For example, when Oak Ridge (West side of Seven Springs Blvd.) attended River Ridge schools. Asturia currently drives 11 minutes (6.9 miles) to SSMS/JWMHS. These figures are legitimate drive time-not google or map quest.

Proposal:

1. Keep Starkey Ranch/Asturia children together.
2. Keep Longleaf, Ellington, Sienna Woods (area 12) in their community.
3. Don't break the feeder pattern of areas 12/13 being split up and have the small area of 13 going to a middle school they do not know anyone at. Under the proposed map, area 13 will go to school with children for 6 years at Longleaf Elementary and then go to SSMS knowing nobody and the rest of their established group of relationships would go to RR schools. This is just wrong.
4. Keep Longleaf, Ellington, Sienna Woods at a school close to home-SSMS/JWMHS (they will have two middle schools within two miles in two years they could attend. Use logical/common sense and let them).
5. Use Starkey Blvd/54 quadrant as a boundary, not the Longleaf Elementary School playground as it is on the proposed map.
6. Don't split new growth.
7. **Do not force students to give up their seats for children that do not exist yet.**
8. Asturia currently only has 15 middle schoolers and 11 high schoolers. Additional children/families would have a choice about the school they would be attending before deciding to build in Asturia unlike area 12.
8. **Longleaf Town Hall has an engraved plaque that states Established 2001 on the front porch. Please do not uproot them from their community school for a development that is not developed.**
9. Do not add new growth to SSMS/JWMHS
10. Longleaf neighborhood 5 proposed growth is only 75 homes (not 80) and is not connected to Longleaf and is gated. Neighborhood 5 has much more of a division than we have from Fairway. The 75 homes could go to RR schools. Neighborhood 4 has not even been bought by a builder yet and has been for sale for ten+ years. It could be another ten years before it is/if ever purchased and could go to RR schools as well. For the record, Pulte homes has pulled out of Longleaf as of a few weeks ago and will not be building in here anymore. It is a long way off before that neighborhood is a thought again. Please do not see Longleaf as a new growth area. It is not.
11. Currently only 54 students total from area 12 are at River Ridge schools per your report online (attached). It states from area 12 only 21 went to RRHS and 41 to RRMS. Then if you subtract the 3 high and 5 middle (per Linda Cobbe's email) that returned to SSMS/JWMHS you really only have the 54 that

ended up at RR total. **Can someone honestly tell me moving these 54 children is worth the headache that all of these children and families are having to live through? Real living breathing children are experiencing grades dropping, they are losing sleep, and they are unable to focus on school. This is another question we would like answered. How is moving these 54 students relieving SSMS/JWMHS? How can we not take this personal?**

12. Wendell Krinn Tech. High is taking 77 students from Mitchell High - another 77 empty seats at JWMHS.

13. Sending Asturia to SSMS/JWMHS now and for the next two years four months is going to lead them to establish their roots in the SSMS/JWMHS community of families/friends/neighborhoods. Then to be moved again with students/relationships they do not have (since they will have never been given the opportunity to go to school with the families of Starkey Ranch) is going to cause an uproar. You will have the Asturia parents sitting in the board meetings telling you they want to stay at SSMS/JWMHS in under two years when the boundary process begins for Starkey K-8. Avoid that now and allow them to start getting to know the families they will be with. Keep the Starkey Ranch and Asturia families together. They are directly next door to each other.

14. Keep the rest of the map as it is (area 30) to allow the west of Seven Springs Blvd. to be slated for PRSMS/AHS if room should be needed in the future at SSMS/JWMHS.

Please do what is right for the community and most importantly these children. Let these children of area 12 have some peace in their lives knowing they did not get removed for children that do not exist yet. The current map is basically the same exact map as the judge voided and frankly does not make any sense. We need leadership in this district to guide/form the boundaries for future growth. Use Starkey Ranch Blvd. as a boundary.

Thank you,
Carolyn Deary

From: [Carolyn Deary](#)
To: [Cynthia A. Armstrong](#); [Allen Altman](#); [Kurt S. Browning](#); [Colleen Rene Beaudoin](#); [Alison G. Crumbley](#); [James S. Luikart](#); [Raymond E. Gadd](#); [Elizabeth P. Kuhn](#); [Tammy Lee Berryhill](#); [Marcy Lynn Hetzler-Nettles](#); [Vanessa Engel Hilton](#); [Monica Lynn Ilse](#); [Linda Cobbe](#); [Kevin S. Shibley](#); [Christopher G. Williams](#)
Subject: pics of mileage
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 4:24:38 PM
Attachments: [for schoolboard.png](#)

Here are the pictures of my drive to both schools.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Deary

From: [Jim Stanley](#)
To: [Christopher G. Williams](#)
Cc: [Linda Cobbe](#)
Subject: ADM projections
Date: Sunday, April 15, 2018 1:55:39 PM

Dear Mr. Williams,

Please provide ADM projections for (i) 2018-2019 (ii) 2019-2020 (iii) 2020-2021 for each of the schools listed below for (i) your proposed map (i.e. map 5x) (ii) Superintendent Brownings proposed map which he recommended to the School Board (iii) the LCRA that we proposed on March 4 that the District said did not provide sufficient relief (iv) the amended LCRA submitted March 16:

- Anclote HS
- Paul R Smith Middle School
- J W Mitchell High School
- Seven Springs Middle School
- River Ridge High School
- River Ridge Middle School

Thank you,

James J. Stanley
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From: [Colleen Rene Beaudoin](mailto:Colleen.Rene.Beaudoin)
To: [Elizabeth P. Kuhn](mailto:Elizabeth.P.Kuhn); [Christopher G. Williams](mailto:Christopher.G.Williams)
Subject: Fwd: Rezoning
Date: Monday, April 16, 2018 7:07:25 AM

Colleen R. Beaudoin
Pasco County School Board Member

Begin forwarded message:

From: Katie Beckett <katie@beckett.net>
Date: April 16, 2018 at 1:51:57 AM EDT
To: carmstro@pasco.k12.fl.us, alaltman@pasco.k12.fl.us,
acrumble@pasco.k12.fl.us, crbeaudo@pasco.k12.fl.us, jluikart@pasco.k12.fl.us
Subject: Rezoning

Dear Pasco County School Board,

With the amount of power you hold over my family's future, I hope you read my letter in it's entirety. This includes what I think is a really great alternative plan! Thank you.

After attending the school board meeting last Tuesday, I have to admit I'm more concerned than ever. I feel incredibly unheard. How can I trust that you are truly listening and trying to understand our situation when the end of the meeting was so obviously choreographed to dismiss any concern we have? If those are the only questions you have, and if the answers you did receive somehow justified this rezone, I'm at a loss. How do you think it feels when we are told that address verification just has too many obstacles for almost two years, but then it was somehow done in a matter of 3 days? Then followed with an explanation that there really needs to be more discussion within the school board if it could continue in the future because it seems unfair to kick out a child that they find is attending school illegally????!! The "small number" of kids they said they did find in a preliminary search is right in line with the number of students you're considering moving from our neighborhoods!!! How is that number of students almost brushed off to be insignificant in that meeting, yet our extremely similar number of kids is so significant, it requires another rezone?? I feel like I'm in the twilight zone. I feel like common sense left the room a long time ago. Did we really need a real estate expert to tell us that homes sold recently had higher prices than homes sold years ago? That is true almost everywhere. I would really like you to look at the number of kids who choiced back in to SSMS/Mitchell. The percentages per grade are the overwhelming majority! The percentages decreasing as grade level decrease is interesting, but they don't take into account a couple of items. High school students would be able to take advantage of School Choice easier just due to their age. These students are of driving age or have friends who can take them to school. This reduces the hardship of needed transportation from

parents. Regardless, the numbers are high for all grades except 6th. When 70-90% of kids choice back in to their schools, that has to send a powerful message. What those numbers don't tell us is how many more applied, but were denied Choice? Those already high percentages would be even higher! I can't tell you the dozens of parents who were beside themselves when they found out we, the choice families, were ultimately able to get a bus because they're kids were unhappy to have been moved, and they either hadn't applied or didn't accept an approval for choice because they just couldn't handle the burden of transportation. The overwhelming majority of our neighborhoods want to stay at SSMS/Mitchell! As for the families who want to stay at River Ridge feeling afraid to speak out, I wholeheartedly disagree. When Cynthia Armstrong visited our neighborhood, we welcomed a RR parent. We welcomed her to speak. We supported her. When the one of two RR parents spoke at the school board meeting, we applauded their speeches. We support one another. We've all been thrown into a super unfair situation through NO fault of any of us! In our neighborhood, we care about one another's children. This commitment to this issue for TWO YEARS is NOT because of some rumors about the school! This commitment to this issue is because the proposed rezone is WRONG!

You may be thinking that maybe voting "yes" to Mr. Browning's plan will ultimately be "okay" because we can all just choice back in again. However, Mr. Browning has made comments multiple times about making massive cuts to Choice. There was an article just last week quoting Browning on this subject. SSMS/Mitchell were on the list of schools he plans to cut. In addition, my daughter is an incoming 9th grader! She's one of the first to be cut because she's seen as starting a new school anyway. Whether or not you reset Choice does not matter in her situation. The incoming 9th graders are in a very lonely spot as they are singled out and not grandfathered anywhere because it's seen as "starting a new school". For these schools, this couldn't be further from reality. These schools are on the same campus! They share their athletic fields, buses, etc..... she already feels like a Mustang! It's not as if there is already a split feeder pattern and some kids just do go to another school. Our very small group of kids will be singled-out and taken from anything familiar to them at what is already a really tough age.

The point made about the feeder pattern at last week's meeting made a giant neon light go off about what makes sense here! If Austoria and Starkey Ranch are slated to go to the new Starkey K-8 in 3 or less years, WHY would we not create continuity in the feeder pattern??? Why would we create a situation where we'll be right back here rezoning people in a couple years??? It only makes sense for Starkey Ranch and Austoria to go to River Ridge. Leave Longleaf and Ellington at SSMS/Mitchell! Longleaf will never attend Starkey K-8. There was talk of the growth within Longleaf. The growth coming from Longleaf will be much less than Starkey Ranch/Austoria, but also much further into the future! It makes sense to send the immediate growth to the schools with the most vacancy right now, which is River Ridge. Also, the least growth (Longleaf) to the schools with the least vacancy! Then, Starkey K-8 will come in 3 short years and the feeder pattern can be maintained there. Meanwhile, we're following the goals stated by the school board, that is splitting the growth (Longleaf's growth) later down the road to SSMS/Mitchell. This also makes sense for so many reasons stated before,

From: [Kurt S. Browning](mailto:Kurt.S.Browning)
To: [Christopher G. Williams](mailto:Christopher.G.Williams)
Subject: Fwd: West side school rezone
Date: Monday, April 16, 2018 9:11:00 AM

FYI

Kurt S Browning
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From: "dinosclan@verizon.net" <dinosclan@verizon.net>
Date: April 16, 2018 at 9:08:43 AM EDT
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Cc: "ksbsos@pasco.k12.fl.us" <ksbsos@pasco.k12.fl.us>
Subject: West side school rezone

Dear Pasco County School Board Members and District Staff,

I attended the special meeting this past week and have a few comments I'd like to share.

Two concepts were repeatedly mentioned, not only in this week's meeting, but also in the boundary committee meetings. Splitting the growth and keeping feeder patterns. It was also mentioned, I believe by Ms. Armstrong and/or Mr. Williams, that the intent of moving Longleaf/Ellington would be something that wouldn't be an immediate fix to the overcrowding, but rather happen slowly once 6th graders start to filter in.

Here is some background information: Longleaf neighborhood 4 is quite a ways out from being developed. There was a contract on the table but the builder Pulte pulled out. This development is slotted to have approximately 387 homes. Longleaf neighborhood 5 is currently building homes and is slotted to have approximately 75 homes. As you know Starkey Ranch and Asturia are much further along in their development. Another fact is that the Starkey K-8 is on track to open in the fall of 2021.

Considering the two concepts of splitting new growth and not breaking up feeder patterns, wouldn't it make sense to pair up Starkey Ranch and Asturia to go to

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I hope that you will consider running the numbers on this idea and gathering some data. It may be a viable solution and keep the children of established communities at their home school while still splitting new growth. It also puts the new growth that is developing the fastest in schools with the most capacity (comparing River Ridge and SSMS/Mitchell, as it is understood that Anclote/Paul R Smith will not be taking any overflow to bring up their numbers).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sent from my Verizon LG Smartphone

From: [Kurt S. Browning](#)
To: [Christopher G. Williams](#)
Subject: Fwd: URGENT!!! New Map for Rezone
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Subject: FW: URGENT!!! New Map for Rezone
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Subject: RE: ADM projections
Date: Monday, April 16, 2018 3:09:56 PM
Attachments: [2018-2019 Projected FREEZE Report.xlsx](#)
[West Side MS 1819 Map 5x.pdf](#)
[West Side HS 1819 Map 5x.pdf](#)
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- i) Maps 5x
- ii) Superintendent's Recommended Maps (Maps 4a2x)
- iii) Maps 0x – since the LCRA did not specifically address changing boundary lines I assumed no change in attendance boundaries (other than Area 30) which is what Maps 0x represent

The amended LCRA proposed to rezone Starkey Ranch from Seven Springs Middle and JW Mitchell High to River Ridge Middle and High. This is in essence Maps 0x with Starkey Ranch rezoned. Starkey Ranch currently has 15 middle school students and 31 high school students. Per our growth table, the 5-year projected growth for Starkey Ranch is 270 middle school students and 355 high school students. So Maps 0x adjusted for Starkey Ranch would lead to a projection in Year 5 (without Starkey K-8) of 1940 for Seven Springs Middle, 2408 for JW Mitchell High, 1380 for River Ridge Middle and 1822 for River Ridge High.

In addition, I have attached the latest ADM projections for all schools for next year based on the most recent information I have available to me.

Chris Williams

From: Jim Stanley [mailto:jjs1791@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 15, 2018 1:56 PM
To: Christopher G. Williams <cwilliam@pasco.k12.fl.us>
Cc: Linda Cobbe <lcobbe@pasco.k12.fl.us>
Subject: ADM projections

Dear Mr. Williams,

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Thank you,

James J. Stanley
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Cc: [Kurt S. Browning](mailto:dalfonso@mclainalfonso.com); dalfonso@mclainalfonso.com; [Christopher G. Williams](mailto:Christopher.G.Williams)
Subject: Response to your request for workshop
Date: Monday, April 16, 2018 3:11:27 PM
Attachments: [Response Letter- T Ciske.pdf](#)

Good Afternoon Ms. Ciske:

Please find the attached as Superintendent Browning's response to your request for a workshop.

A paper copy will be sent via mail.

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From: [Carolyn Deary](#)
To: [Christopher G. Williams](#)
Subject: Re: RE: URGENT!!! New Map for Rezone
Date: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 12:02:22 PM

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8. Longleaf Town Hall has an engraved plaque that states Established 2001 on the front porch. Please do not uproot them from their community school for a development that is not developed.

9. Do not add new growth to SSMS/JWMHS

10. Longleaf neighborhood 5 proposed growth is only 75 homes (not 80) and is not connected to Longleaf and is gated. Neighborhood 5 has much more of a division than we have from Fairway. The 75 homes could go to RR schools. Neighborhood 4 has not even been bought by a builder yet and has been for sale for ten+ years. It could be another ten years before it is/if ever purchased and could go to RR schools as well. For the record, Pulte homes has pulled out of Longleaf as of a few weeks ago and will not be building in here anymore. It is a long way off before that neighborhood is a thought again. Please do not see Longleaf as a new growth area. It is not.

11. Currently only 54 students total from area 12 are at River Ridge schools per your report online (attached). It states from area 12 only 21 went to RRHS and 41 to RRMS. Then if you subtract the 3 high and 5 middle (per Linda Cobbe's email) that returned to SSMS/JWMHS you really only have the 54 that ended up at RR total. **Can someone honestly tell me moving these 54 children is worth the headache that all of these children and families are having to live through? Real living breathing children are experiencing grades dropping, they are losing sleep, and they are unable to focus on school. This is another question we would like answered. How is moving these 54 students relieving SSMS/JWMHS? How can we not take this personal?**

12. Wendell Krinn Tech. High is taking 77 students from Mitchell High - another 77 empty seats at JWMHS.

13. Sending Asturia to SSMS/JWMHS now and for the next two years four months is going to lead them to establish their roots in the SSMS/JWMHS community of families/friends/neighborhoods. Then to be moved again with students/relationships they do not have (since they will have never been given the opportunity to go to school with the families of Starkey Ranch) is going to cause an uproar. You will have the Asturia parents sitting in the board meetings telling you they want to stay at SSMS/JWMHS in under two years when the boundary process begins for Starkey K-8. Avoid that now and allow them to start getting to know the families they will be with. Keep the Starkey Ranch and Asturia families together. They are directly next door to each other.

14. Keep the rest of the map as it is (area 30) to allow the west of Seven Springs Blvd. to be slated for PRSMS/AHS if room should be needed in the future at SSMS/JWMHS.

Please do what is right for the community and most importantly these children. Let these children of area 12 have some peace in their lives knowing they did not get removed for children that do not exist yet. The current map is basically the same exact map as the judge voided and frankly does not make any sense. We need leadership in this district to guide/form the boundaries for future growth. Use Starkey Ranch Blvd. as a boundary.

Thank you,

Carolyn Deary