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Subject: URGENT!!! New Map for Rezone

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 Astoria".

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 Astoria 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 Astoria 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 Astoria 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. Astoria 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,
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