

On Thursday, August 22nd, BCPS Superintendent Dr. Dallas Dance held a Community Stakeholders meeting with some representatives from several neighborhoods in our area to present a plan to deal with overcrowding of elementary schools in the central region. The goal of this meeting was to give meeting attendees information to take back to their communities and solicit feedback.

Slides presented at the meeting are attached and a summary of key points is provided below. Once you have reviewed this information, please provide feedback /questions via email to Aimee Freeman (aimeefree@gmail.com) no later than Friday, September 6th.

Please note that the options listed here are **proposed** and no decision has been made.

Proposal

- Halstead Academy will be closed and the current Halstead population will be moved to a new school built on the old Loch Raven Elementary School property (by the Lowes on Taylor Ave).
- Current Halstead Academy location will become a **magnet** language (likely Chinese) immersion school. This school will not have a boundary area and will be open to all students in Baltimore County.
- 300 seats will be added to Cromwell Valley Elementary and it will become a neighborhood magnet school. It is currently a magnet school that accepts kids from all over Baltimore County. Making it a neighborhood school would require creation of a new boundary area. This school currently sits within the Hampton Elementary boundary.

Additional options mentioned during the meeting

- Halstead remains open and a new school is built on the old Loch Raven Elementary School property.
- Halstead remains open and additions are made to 2 or 3 existing elementary schools in our area. Specific schools were not identified.

Key points

- Redistricting will be required for the proposal and additional options listed above.
- The proposal involving closing Halstead would remove the possibility of our neighborhood being redistricted to an under-performing elementary school.
- A boundary study committee will be established in early Fall 2013

Your feedback is needed for

- The initial proposal, as well as additional options that were mentioned at the meeting
- Additional suggestions/options
- Email feedback and questions to Aimee Freeman (aimeefree@gmail.com)