

## FairfaxCAPS Requests Participants in School Boundary Oversight Committees

FairfaxCAPS is establishing two School Boundary Oversight Committees to serve as watchdogs for upcoming boundary studies for two new elementary schools:

- **Coppermine Elementary School** – potential elementary schools that could be included in this study are Floris, Oak Hill, Fox Mill, McNair, Herndon and Hutchison. The Department of Facilities and Transportation has also NOT RULED OUT middle school boundary adjustments as part of this study.
- **Laurel Hill Elementary School** – Potential elementary schools that could be included in the study are Silverbrook, Halley, Newington Forest, Lorton Station and Gunston.

**Last year's West County boundary study was flawed**, according to FCPS School Board members. During the school board's February 28 meeting, School Board members Tina Hone, Jim Raney, Philip Niedzielski-Eichner, and Elizabeth Bradsher stated that the process was flawed, *even though several of them voted for it!* [Click here](#) to view their comments.

**How has the flawed process been changed?** IT HASN'T. The School Board has made no changes to its admittedly flawed process.

**The process of selecting the schools to be included in the Coppermine and Laurel Hill boundary studies has already begun.** Principals are meeting to discuss which schools should be involved in the boundary studies. Last year's process left out schools that should have been included in the process, such as Langley High School.

Last year, FCPS viewed the boundary study from one dimension - capacity. FairfaxCAPS analyzed the boundary study from multiple dimensions - educational programs, capacity, and financial. FairfaxCAPS offered solutions to the capacity problem that would provide more educational options to all students.

The FairfaxCAPS watchdog committees will consist of volunteers from the affected communities. These committees will research and analyze FCPS data, educate the public about the boundary studies, and monitor all FCPS activities related to the boundary studies. We would like each committee to have ten volunteers who can dedicate about 3 hours a week on the boundary study.

Please let me know if you would like to participate on one of these committees by sending an email to [info@fairfaxcaps.org](mailto:info@fairfaxcaps.org).

Thank you,  
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