Crozet Attendance Boundary Changes

The Crozet area is one of the designated high-growth areas for Albemarle County, and is experiencing current and projected population growth. To accommodate these additional students into our Western Feeder Pattern schools, an addition was built to J.T. Henley Middle School in 2006, and an addition to Brownsville Elementary is currently underway, which will be ready to house students for the 2009-2010 school year.

Crozet Elementary School is currently over its capacity of 380 students, while Brownsville’s addition will allow them to accommodate more students as our community continues to grow. To relieve the over capacity at Crozet and plan for future growth in both school districts, we estimate that 90 to 100 students will need to be moved from Crozet to Brownsville Elementary beginning next year.

We recognize that any change in attendance boundaries is a sensitive topic for families, and we value feedback from our community members about the four proposals detailed here (link). You may leave feedback on our website (link) or contact Ms. Karen Marcus, principal of Crozet Elementary, or Ms. Jo Vining, principal of Brownsville Elementary. You may also reach Dr. Carole Hastings in our division of support services, who is leading this attendance boundary plan at (434) 296-5887 or via email at hathings@k12albemarle.org.

Attendance Boundary Change Timeline

By April 30: Staff will notify Brownsville and Crozet Communities of the timeline and date of first informational meeting. (link to pdf (update #1)

By May 15: Staff will host an informational meeting to explain options under consideration. (link to document explaining the four options – see below)

May 12 – October 15: Comments may be posted on the website (link to the comment form).

September 29, 6:30 p.m.: Staff will host another informational meeting to detail the recommendation (make “recommendation” a link to that document – see below) that will be submitted to the Superintendent.

By October 3: Staff will present final recommendations to the Superintendent.

By October 31: Staff and Superintendent will finalize the plan to submit to the School Board.

November 6: Staff will present recommendations to the School Board at their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the County Office Building auditorium.

November 6: The School Board will set dates for a public hearing and approval of the boundary changes.
Four Attendance Boundary Change Options for Crozet & Brownsville Elementary Schools

In February of 2008, Albemarle County Public Schools began planning attendance boundary changes for Crozet Elementary School to Brownsville Elementary School for the fall of 2009.

During a meeting on May 7, 2008, at Crozet Elementary School, staff explained 4 options that are under consideration depending on the numbers of students that are desired to be moved. Originally, the intention was to move approximately 90 students from Crozet to Brownsville and leave room at both schools for growth.

Division staff worked to develop options with the following considerations in mind:

• The options will be within the scope of the Division’s Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and budget.
• The options will take into consideration existing enrollment capacity at the elementary schools, student enrollment growth projections for each school, related planned campus expansions, and additional proposed residential developments.
• The options will take into consideration distance to each of the elementary schools, and contiguous areas that meet the required number of students that will need to be moved.

The following four options will were considered for redistricting from Crozet Elementary School to Brownsville Elementary School. The options considered are outlined below:

1. “Highlands/240”: Moving students from the Highlands area including the Highlands subdivision, Beaver Hill MHP, Church Plains, Three Notch’d Road between Rockfish Gap Turnpike and Crozet Avenue, and Old Three Notch’d Road area. (designated purple area on the map—link to map)
2. “Claudius”: Westhall subdivision, Parkside Village, Sneads MHP, Brookwood, Tabor Street, and Park Road. (designated green area on the map-- link to map)
3. “Grayrock”: Includes Grayrock, Bargamin Park, Waylands Grant, Jarman Gap Estates, and the south side of Jarmans Gap Road from Lanetown Road to Orchard Drive. (designated orange area on the map-- link to map)
4. “Orchards”: Includes Grayrock North, Orchard Acres, Crozet Crossing, Lanetown Road, Jarnams Gap Road from Crozet Avenue to Orchard Drive to include Blue Ridge Avenue, and Carter Street. (designated orange area on map – link to map)

The recommendation to the Superintendent is “Grayrock” (link to recommendation page)

Recommendation to the Superintendent for Crozet Attendance Boundary Changes

In August 2008, a committee met to determine which of the four options would go forward as the recommendation to the superintendent and the Albemarle County School Board. The group selected Option #3, “Grayrock,” (link to option page) as the best choice to meet the goals of the program. This option was selected because:
It reaches the desired quantity of students to be moved
It is the most efficient for transportation routing and budget purposes
These homes are physically closer to Brownsville Elementary School
It includes neighborhoods in a contiguous area.

This recommendation will be presented at a meeting on Monday, September 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Crozet Elementary school. Community members will have the opportunity to ask questions about that plan at that time. Crozet Elementary families were notified of this option and this meeting via a letter mailed September 22 and sent via email on September 19.