



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Redistricting Plan
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The Montgomery County Board of Education (Board) **Supports** the Montgomery County Board of Education Residence Districts Redistricting Plan.

The Montgomery County Board of Education supports the redrawing of the five Board of Education districts according to the results of the 2020 Census to conform with the requirement that “each district shall be substantially equal in population”¹. The Board met on July 7, 2021 and recommended the districts be redrawn in a way that would keep school clusters intact as much as possible and follow all legislative requirements.

After sharing their priority of keeping clusters intact as much as possible, the MCPS Division of Capital Planning and Real Estate worked with the Geographic Information System (GIS) to create four options for the Board to review. Those options were presented to the Board in public session on October 5, 2021. The Board unanimously supported “Option B”.

Option B uses the pre-existing BOE election district lines with some modifications to bring the district populations closer to the target population. (The target population for each district is 1/5 of the total population of the county). The modifications consist of D2 annexing portions of D3 and D5 annexing portions of D4. With the modifications, the maximum deviation is 1,784 and minimum is -619 totaling 2,403 which produces a deviation of 1.1% well below the 10% Deviation Population Threshold.

For these reasons, the Board **Supports** this legislation and urges a favorable report.

¹ Section 3-901(a)(2) of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.