

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Board of Education of Kent County

Proposed School Closure and Boundary Adjustment Plan

The following Board of Education of Kent County school closure and boundary adjustment plan is being proposed for the school year commencing August, 2017.

Proposed School Closures:

Millington Elementary and Worton Elementary

Proposed Boundary Adjustments:

Elementary Schools: Garnet Elementary, Galena Elementary, Millington Elementary, Rock Hall Elementary, and Worton Elementary

Public Hearing on the Superintendent's Final Recommendation To the Board of Education of Kent County

Date: February 27, 2017

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm.

Place: Kent County High School Auditorium

For the public hearing on February 27, 2017 the doors will be open to the public one hour prior to the hearing times. Boundary maps based on the recommended school closures will be on display for public viewing and are available on the Kent County Public Schools website – www.kent.k12.md.us.

Oral testimony at the February 27, 2017 public hearing will be limited to two minutes per speaker in order to allow as many individuals to speak as possible. Individuals wishing to speak must submit a public comment card, which will be available at the door prior to the hearing. Speakers shall not defer their comment time to other individuals.

Written testimony and/or data may be submitted to the Board of Education at the address below in conjunction with the testimony or in lieu of an oral presentation. Any written testimony and/or data should be postmarked no later than March 10, 2017, so that it may be considered by the Board of Education. Written testimony and/or data may also be submitted to the Board of Education electronically using the following email address: pyiannakis@kent.k12.md.us

Special Board Meeting

The Board of Education will conduct a special meeting at the Board of Education Building located at 5608 Boundary Avenue, Rock Hall, MD 21661 on March 20, 2017 with public session beginning at 6:30 p.m. Members of the public will also be permitted three minutes per person to speak, or present written testimony or data, at this meeting prior to the Board's final vote. Public comment will begin at 6:30 p.m. for a period of 30 minutes. The Board's vote will be taken at approximately 7:00 p.m.

The Board of Education will, at a minimum, consider the following factors before rendering a final decision: (1) student enrollment trends; (2) age or condition of school buildings; (3) transportation; (4) educational programs; (5) ethnic and racial composition of the student body; (6) financial factors, (7) student relocation; (8) impact on community; and (9) such other data, analysis, and factors enumerated by the Superintendent in her final recommendation. The final decision will include contemplation of these factors and public input, and will set forth the rationale for the Board's decision to close or not close the school. If the Board's final decision is to close one or more schools, the rationale for the Board's decision shall address the impact of the proposed closing on the factors listed above. The final decision will be made in writing and announced no later than April 30, 2017. If the Superintendent's final recommendation is approved, Millington Elementary School and Worton Elementary School will be closed. Affected Millington Elementary School students will be transferred to Galena Elementary School in August of 2017, for the 2017-2018 school year. Affected Worton Elementary School students will be transferred to Galena Elementary School, Rock Hall Elementary School and Henry Highland Garnet Elementary School in August of 2017, for the 2017-2018 school year.

For additional information:

Visit the Consolidation Tab of the Board of Education's website at www.kent.k12.md.us

Or

Contact the Superintendent's Office at 5608 Boundary Avenue, Rock Hall, MD 21661