

Brunswick County Schools, NC Redistricting Study Phase 2

Public Information 2 Session Survey Results

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Online Survey Results

Introduction

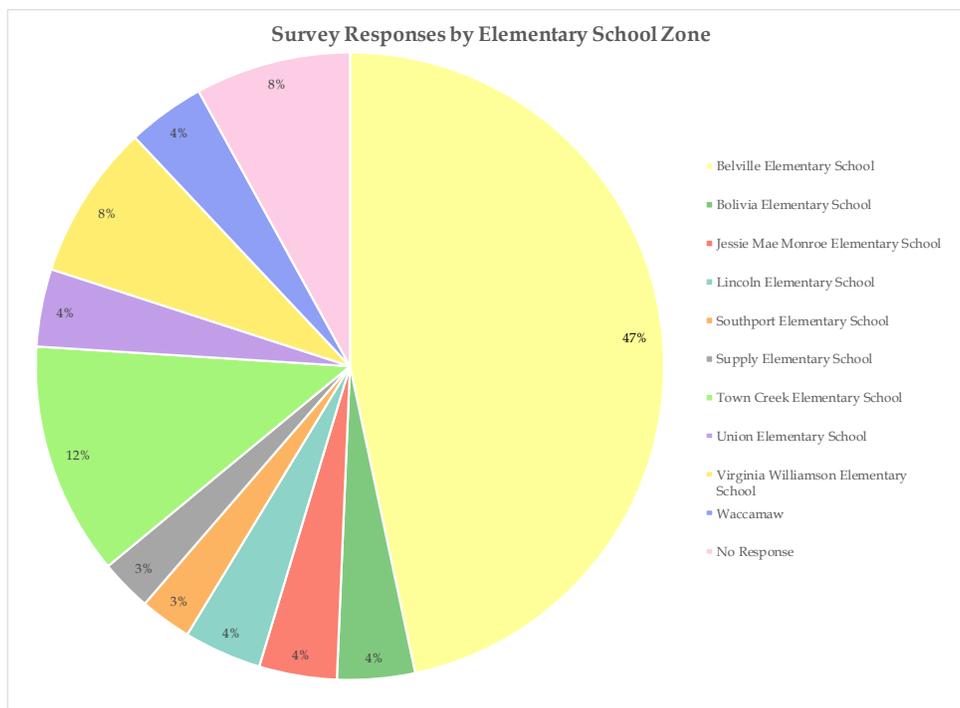
The Brunswick County Schools hosted a public information session on December 1st, 2020. Cropper GIS facilitated the meeting and shared information about the committee goals, guidelines, and process and introduced three options that help to meet the redistricting study goals. The public was then encouraged to participate in an online survey related to the three options presented. Approximately 10 members of the public attended the meeting.

Online Survey

Seventy-five (75) respondents participated in the online survey that was available to the public from December 1, 2020 until December 13, 2020. The survey asked respondents to provide their thoughts, observations, and overall opinion toward the three options that were presented at the December 1, 2020, information session and posted on the BCS web site. The data – aggregated, summarized and reported below – is intended to be used by school administrators as a tool to help facilitate their deliberation and decision-making regarding the redistricting process. The results of the survey alone do not constitute a decision regarding a boundary change and are not intended to be used in the decision-making process independent of other information, discussion, and deliberation.

In order to gain a better understanding of where the majority of the respondents are coming from throughout the district, the respondents were asked “In which Elementary School Zone do you live for the current (2020-21) school year?”

Live-In Elementary School Zone	Responses	Percentage of responses
Belville Elementary School	35	47%
Bolivia Elementary School	3	4%
Jessie Mae Monroe Elementary School	3	4%
Lincoln Elementary School	3	4%
Southport Elementary School	2	3%
Supply Elementary School	2	3%
Town Creek Elementary School	9	12%
Union Elementary School	3	4%
Virginia Williamson Elementary School	6	8%
Waccamaw	3	4%
No Response	6	8%
Total	75	





Option Opinion Summary Tables for All Submitted Comments

The following provides a general summary on the community’s overall opinions related to the options. Important points to consider as you read this set of tables:

1. The majority of responses that are submitted are typically in regard to the most suitable option for their particular neighborhood / subdivision.
2. The administration needs to maintain focus on building a solution that best meets the redistricting study objectives and considerations.

Options Opinion Summaries

The tables below summarize overall opinions toward each of the options:

Options Opinion Summary						
Option Attitude	Option A		Option B		Option AB-1	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Approve	33	44.0%	21	28.0%	7	9.3%
Like	2	2.7%	3	4.0%	4	5.3%
Neutral	24	32.0%	27	36.0%	18	24.0%
Dislike	7	9.3%	7	9.3%	8	10.7%
Oppose	2	2.7%	9	12.0%	35	46.7%
No Response	7	9.3%	8	10.7%	3	4.0%
Total	75		75		75	

Primary Concerns Summaries

The tables below summarize primary concerns about each of the options:

Elementary School Options Primary Concern						
Primary Concern	Option A		Option B		Option AB-1	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Demographics Concern	1	1.3%	1	1.3%	1	1.3%
Feeder Pattern Concern	1	1.3%	0	0.0%	3	4.0%
Neighborhood Concern	0	0.0%	2	2.7%	10	13.3%
Transportation Concern	6	8.0%	10	13.3%	25	33.3%
Utilization Concern	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	1.3%
N/A	43	57.3%	38	50.7%	27	36.0%
No Response	24	32.0%	24	32.0%	8	10.7%
Total	75		75		75	



Options Opinion Summary by Respondents Live-In Elementary School Zone

The tables below show the options opinion summaries broken down by the live-in zones of the survey respondents.:

Option A Opinion Summary by Respondent Live-In Elementary School Zone									
Live-In ES Zone	Approve	Like	Neutral	Dislike	Oppose	No Response	Total	Percent Approve	Percent Oppose
Belville Elementary School	20	1	13	1			35	57.1%	0.0%
Bolivia Elementary School			3				3	0.0%	0.0%
Jessie Mae Monroe Elementary School		1	2				3	0.0%	0.0%
Lincoln Elementary School				3			3	0.0%	0.0%
Southport Elementary School	1			1			2	50.0%	0.0%
Supply Elementary School	2						2	100.0%	0.0%
Town Creek Elementary School	2		5		1	1	9	22.2%	11.1%
Union Elementary School	1		1		1		3	33.3%	33.3%
Virginia Williamson Elementary School	5			1			6	83.3%	0.0%
Waccamaw	2			1			3	66.7%	0.0%
No Response						6	6	0.0%	0.0%
Total	33	2	24	7	2	7	75	44.0%	2.7%

Option B Opinion Summary by Respondent Live-In Elementary School Zone									
Live-In ES Zone	Approve	Like	Neutral	Dislike	Oppose	No Response	Total	Percent Approve	Percent Oppose
Belville Elementary School	17	1	15	2			35	48.6%	0.0%
Bolivia Elementary School			3				3	0.0%	0.0%
Jessie Mae Monroe Elementary School		1	2				3	0.0%	0.0%
Lincoln Elementary School			2	1			3	0.0%	0.0%
Southport Elementary School				1	1		2	0.0%	50.0%
Supply Elementary School	2						2	100.0%	0.0%
Town Creek Elementary School	2	1	4		1	1	9	22.2%	11.1%
Union Elementary School					3		3	0.0%	100.0%
Virginia Williamson Elementary School			1	2	3		6	0.0%	50.0%
Waccamaw				1		2	3	0.0%	0.0%
No Response					1	5	6	0.0%	16.7%
Total	21	3	27	7	9	8	75	28.0%	12.0%

Option AB-1 Opinion Summary by Respondent Live-In Elementary School Zone									
Live-In ES Zone	Approve	Like	Neutral	Dislike	Oppose	No Response	Total	Percent Approve	Percent Oppose
Belville Elementary School	1		3	5	26		35	2.9%	74.3%
Bolivia Elementary School	1		2				3	33.3%	0.0%
Jessie Mae Monroe Elementary School		1	2				3	0.0%	0.0%
Lincoln Elementary School			2	1			3	0.0%	0.0%
Southport Elementary School			1		1		2	0.0%	50.0%
Supply Elementary School	2						2	100.0%	0.0%
Town Creek Elementary School	2		3	1	2	1	9	22.2%	22.2%
Union Elementary School			2		1		3	0.0%	33.3%
Virginia Williamson Elementary School	1	3	2				6	16.7%	0.0%
Waccamaw				1		2	3	0.0%	0.0%
No Response			1		5		6	0.0%	83.3%
Total	7	4	18	8	35	3	75	9.3%	46.7%



Conclusion

To summarize, the data presented in this summary report will be utilized as a tool to help school administrators assess the options. However, the results of the public information session should not be the only deciding factor when reviewing the options due to the uneven distribution of respondents across the district.

Thoughts and Observations

The following section contains all of the responses to the question “What are your thoughts/observations as they relate to each individual Option?”

DRAFT Option A

DRAFT Option A Thoughts and Observations
Mallory Creek residents should not be asked to drive on 133 (especially student drivers) for over an hour round trip. This option keeps their feeder pattern from LMS -> NBHS. Please don't separate just our kids!! PLAN AB
We were told that feeder schools to the high school would not change, but high school AB would take all of Mallory Creek AWAY from their feeder peers
Much more appropriate split based on location.
Dont like any options. Put them back in school full time.
LMS kids should be able to go to LMS when they live within a mile of the school.
My child would attend Cedar Grove middle and then South Brunswick high. Most kids at VWES (where she is) would go to cedar grove and West. Meaning she would have to leave her friends when she starts high school.
My son would be closer to home going to Southport elementary
I'm not affected
Don't think be good .
I like how the St. James area will be incorporated into Southport area schools as it really is in the Southport area, not the Virginia Williamson area. I wish that the crowded Union School area could be alleviated by the Option B Plans to move students into Jessie Mae Monroe. I love how some of the Jessie Mae Area kids will go to Waccamaw for all of K-8 and not just move there for middle school and not go on with their friends to Shallotte MS. My daughter went to Waccamaw and unfortunately the new Jessie Mae kids coming into Waccamaw in 6th grade created a lot of problems. The kids didn't mesh, were territorial and there were lots of fights.
My son would be closer to home going to Southport elementary
Waccamaw is k-8 and kids develop relationships with staff and students. It creates problems and a divide when new students enter for the middle school year only.
I do not understand of the need to switch the locations up on the children in the middle of the school year.
Waccamaw is k-8 and kids develop relationships with staff and students. It creates problems and a divide when new students enter for the middle school year only.
Young drivers traveling on 133 which has high volume and occurrence of car crashes
True districting makes sense. Bussing kids all over to get more even numbers demographically is costing a fortune and has not proven to be anymore successful than neighborhood schools.
Does not affect me
I want my children to continue to attend South Brunswick Middle School. If option B is approved, we will move from Brunswick County altogether rather than attend Cedar Grove Middle.



DRAFT Option B

DRAFT Option B Thoughts and Observations
Mallory Creek residents should not be asked to drive on 133 (especially student drivers) for over an hour round trip. This option keeps their feeder pattern from LMS -> NBHS. Please don't separate just our kids!! PLAN AB
We were told that feeder schools to the high school would not change, but high school AB would take all of Mallory Creek AWAY from their feeder peers
Absolutely terrible split for St. James students.
Dont like any options. Put them back in school full time.
LMS kids should be able to go to LMS when they live within a mile of the school.
The change doesn't affect me at this time
I'm not affected
I don't kid be happy move new school.
There is room to grow at North, there is land in front of the school, allow that to happen instead of shipping the students 30 miles down the road. Being on a bus for 75 minutes is ridiculous.
A primary objection is to splitting the island of Ocean Isle Beach and sending the west end students to JMMES and the end end students Union. The island is a neighborhood and Option B splits it right down the middle of Causeway Drive.
I love the Waccamaw/Jessie Mae changes. I like how the overcrowding at Union School is alleviated by sending some kids to Jessie Mae. I don't like how the St. James kids stay at Virginia Williamson. If there is overcrowding there, I like Option A, for sending the St. James area kids to Southport schools.
I do not understand of the need to switch the locations up on the children in the middle of the school year.
There doesn't appear to be a better option
It's not a wise decision to try to rezone anyone in Union's school zone. That is where you will find the most push back.
It is not an option for our family. We will not send our kids to Cedar Grove Middle instead of South Brunswick Middle. Too far and no kids from Southport Elementary, where our children attended.
We live in St. James and are concerned with how long it would take to transport. We have two EC kids that don't do well on the bus, and two working parents. Commute time is a huge concern. In addition, our kids have been hone all year and miss their friends. Starting a new year in a new school without any of their friends would be an emotional crisis for our two EC kids. Please don't move us.

DRAFT Option AB-1

DRAFT Option AB-1 Thoughts and Observations
Mallory Creek is 25 minutes from South Brunswick. 133 is already a dangerous and very busy two lane road. Asking high schoolers to drive that distance each day from Mallory Creek is unsafe.
Transportation AND feeder pattern. This would be a disaster for Mallory Creek residents who have chosen the area in order to stay at NBHS. Student drivers on 133 would put our drivers at high risk as this highway is completely unsafe- fast, people passing, difficult to see in the dark. This area stayed in the Belville/LMS and should stay with their peers, since it should not greatly affect numbers. I cannot even fathom this change to be a 30 min drive each way.
Not an option. Build a new school.
I live in Mallory Creek to have teenagers DRIVING down river RD or bussing over 45 minutes is absolutely ridiculous. Not to mention it will KILL my property value!!
Not a good idea for all these teenagers to be driving that far to school- and the bus ride would be ridiculous!



DRAFT Option AB-1 Thoughts and Observations
It is inappropriate for high school families who pay taxes to Leland, though live in Winnabow zip code (Mallory Creek) to travel to Southport for school. It is not in our district. Route 133 is unsafe for highschoolers to travel on twice a day. I will move before I accept this.
I live in Mallory Creek and find it unacceptable to send my child that far to High School. They will be driving themselves for half of the years they attend and this is an unnecessary risk to make them drive that far, especially with how easily the roads flood. Car accidents are the #1 cause of traumatic injuries and trauma related deaths. Young, inexperienced drivers from the neighborhood making the long drive when it's rainy, foggy, and even dark are dramatically increasing their chances of an accident. I know this all to well because I am and traumatic injury analyst and see young people at a much higher rate in fatal accidents due to the reasonings mentioned above. This seems unreasonable when there is another option much closer. Please consider not allowing this option. Thank you.
It's not safe for teenagers to drive that route to school from Mallory creek. Parents can't get to there kids school , when they work in the opposite direction School sports would not be safe for Mallory creek kids to drive home from
Mallory creek should not be converted to south brunswick!!! Please keep them at North or consider building a new hs to keep up with growing community.
It's completely illogical to propose re-districting that causes high school students to drive that far down 133 to go to South Brunswick High School. It's also detrimental to students who have gone to school with the same people from K-8th grade and have to adjust in what is already a difficult adjustment from middle school to high school. This is yet another way commissioners show favoritism to South Brunswick. If you put more students in the school they automatically get more money, more support which leads to more parent involvement and community support. It's furthering to take away support and resources from North Brunswick. It's shameful to even be considering this.
It is absolutely ridiculous to redistribute Mallory Creek to south especially with students going to Leland middle. All the reasons above are why I oppose it.
Going through redistricting was already a stressful process. We were told that LMS and most of TCMS would feed into NBHS, which is with their peers ans 10 mins from Mallory Creek. The board would be very wrong to do this to our kids. Leave the feeder pattern alone, PLEASE!
Too dangerous for kids to drive from Mallory creek to SBHS. Plus, it's a long drive for parents who drop off kids. Especially if the kids are in elementary/ middle and high school.
The geographic location of Mallory Creek is appropriately placed in North Brunswick High School. Sending them to South Brunswick will add extensive transportation time and stress to the lives of these children/young adults, as well as to the lives of their parents. This proposal is ridiculous and I would strongly encourage the board to reconsider this option.
Sending Brunswick Cove neighborhood students 20-30 minutes to school is not okay
It is clear the historical solution to increased growth in the Leland area has been to add on to existing schools. This has been a poor solution, leading to inefficient and inconvenient transportation patterns. TCES and TCMS are poorly situated in comparison to the population centers that feed those schools. Busing MC students to SBHS will result in a 3x drive distance for those students. This is a new era for BCS Board. I pray we have elected forward-thinking leaders who will communicate with the County Commissioners and local leaders to fully fund and build NEW SCHOOLS that are centered within the student population they serve. High-performing schools and high-paying jobs go hand-in-hand. A major reason BC cannot attract businesses is because of the reputation of our schools. Our school performance will increase if we limit the school size.
You need to just build a new high-school. There is no way that kids will be able to play sports after school and get home in a reasonable time to eat dinner and do homework and get to bed before 9.
Splitting my kids between Leland Middle and South Brunswick High is ridiculous. Sending kids to SBH from Mallory Creek an hour round trip is extreme.
My concern is high school students driving down 133. That is a 25 min drive and in terms of feeder school doesn't make sense to me. Also I think the northern part of the county will continue to grow and



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this is a temporary fix. With the developments in the Leland area I think the discussion needs to move towards adding another high school and elementary school. If you build a new high school it needs to be in the northern part or near Town Creek. This option will result in redistricting again when I think you need more schools or you will need to add into North again.
Dont like any options. Put them back in school full time.
Mallory Creek is too far to bus kids to south when they are closer to North than Brunswick Forest. Most of these kids have been together since Elementary school and the last 4 years they have been looking forward to, you want to split them up. They have enough going on in 2020 to have to worry about this next year. They need a year of normalcy.
Doesn't affect me at this time.
Regardless of the redistricting plans, anyone who lives in winding River plantation would go to Cedar Grove middle and South high and have to leave most of their friends after middle school which is tough especially with Covid right now. I prefer south for high school but would have to see if my daughter would prefer to go to south middle and then petition for that? Or keep her at cedar grove and petition for west. Just trying to keep her with the same kids for middle and high school - we just moved here (she's in 5th grade) and with Covid it has been a tough transition for her.
My child is in elementary school
I dont think kids like move new school.
SBHS has always been considered the "premier" high school in the district. South offers a more advanced course selection, their parent involvement has always been greater and the athletics have been better. Leland's demographics is finally starting to change; we have more parental and community participation at the high school, parents and students are demanding a higher level of education so more advanced courses are being offered and there is a since of community here. If the board continues to move "higher end" neighborhoods away from NBHS then North will struggle.
Better school for my kids
Why can't you just take the kids that would be freshman and start with just them in 2023 instead of moving all grades where you have juniors and seniors finishing their last two years at a new school.
This option would make my. Holden have to commute from Mallory creek to Southport, which is over a 40 mile round trip which is too long and creates too much liability
This would be a very long commute on top of an long school day.
Why can't you just take the kids that would be freshman and start with just them in 2023 instead of moving all grades where you have juniors and seniors finishing their last two years at a new school.
I don't know the area with the change, but it seems logical that North Brunswick will see more enrollment in the future based on home sales near Wilmington/Leland. It looks like a good idea to move that particular neighborhood to South Brunswick. As a parent, I would demand my child be allowed to finish their HS years at whatever school they started though. So the year it changes over, it should apply to new freshmen coming in and any upper classmen that voluntarily want to make the change.
Mallory Creek needs to stay with NBHS. Why would parents want to be sent all the way to SBHS if they didn't want to attend TCMS due to distance concerns? That doesn't make any sense at all. If that truly was the concern with TCMS, wouldn't that be the concern attending SBHS since it is much further?
I do not understand of the need to switch the locations up on the children in the middle of the school year.
I don't feel high school students in Mallory Creek should be sent further away for school, have to travel potentially more dangerous roads as teenage drivers, participate in school sports further away, etc. It is a major inconvenience for working parents (and likely others too). Logistically I don't feel it makes sense, and adds no true benefit to our children.
I live in Mallory Creek I am concerned about my future high school student having to travel so far to SB I prefer that she go to NB.
My son is disabled and he will be in the 12th grade next year I do not want him to have to change schools. My son needs to stay at NBHS the only school he knows and that knows him with his disability



DRAFT Option AB-1 Thoughts and Observations
Terrible idea. That takes only ONE neighborhood and changes the feeder pattern from going to NBHS to SBHS. Only one neighborhood, and the numbers are not shown to go above 1400. Just no.
Mallory Creek students appear to go to Belville Elementary, Leland Middle, both North Brunswick feeder schools. To switch these students for High School to South Brunswick contradicts everything you have set up and goes against your other plans, which keep feeder schools uniform.
<p>The statistics being used are based upon 19-20 & 20-21 enrollment data. When will consideration be given to the HUNDREDS IF NOT THOUSANDS of apartment units being built in and around Leland. Apartment complexes are being built on Village Road, Waterford Commercial Area, Seagate Area (near and behind Walmart).</p> <p>When these apartments are complete, the numbers you are using today will quickly be obsolete.</p>
Please include options and recommendations for a new /additional high school in the northern part of the county. This may be in the Town Creek complex area or other location near the growth that does not seem to be considered. Simply transporting students to an existing building is not going to be a viable option.
Make it happen
Mallory Creek is 10 mins from North and almost 30 from South. Bussing, parent drop off/pick up, student drivers would be affected. Also, rising 9th graders would be pulled out of their feeder high school after 2 years, if they say 2023/2024. Numbers are not shown to increased over 1400, per the projection.
We live at the beginning of Mallory Creek and my daughter is in 10th grade. We live so much closer to North Brunswick than South Brunswick and up rooting her and other kids from where they are used to going is not a good idea. And then the driving down 133 is dangerous enough and then add more cars more student drivers is just too dangerous. Seems like as much as Leland is growing would make more sense to build another high school around the town creek area.
I don't think Mallory Creek will like it but the south end needs more students and the north end is growing super fast!
That would put mine or my child's drive to 30 minutes down a busy 2 way road. It defies the neighborhood concept of schools and is frankly concerning enough I would probably move I planned on spending my Children's entire school age career in Brunswick County but this would change my mind. If new schools need to be built then so be it but the school district needs to quit trying to draw these crazy lines that effects people in way they don't care about because it doesn't effect them
Would prefer the county not have that many students from such a long distance away from South Brunswick High assigned to the school.
Don't feel strongly one way or another.