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Subject: [External] Redistricting 2023 Re: Owen Brown Community
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Hello Board Members,

I am finally getting around to watching the board meeting from September 21st, and am extremely frustrated to hear Ms. Mosley has proposed to possibly move the Owen Brown community that was JUST redistricted to Atholton in 2019 (after being a polygon that was not even originally on the plans to be moved) to be moved AGAIN back to Oakland Mills. The community does NOT want to be moved again, not to High School 13 (which seems ridiculous considering [REDACTED] in relation to HS 13) or back to Oakland Mills.

What was so frustrating with the last round of redistricting were all the last minute changes that weren't even provided in the feasibility study, and were just thrown in there last minute. With Ms. Mosley's suggestion, this would be occurring AGAIN. The community has spoken, and they do NOT want to have a major redistricting happen again. If moving this polygon is going to be proposed, I would suggest getting community feedback. All of the neighbors I know, from [REDACTED] to the families I know who live in the Hopewell community, are all happy to be attending Atholton High School and do not want to move.

I can see how the Elkridge Community would not want to move to HS 13 as the commute is long - but please, consider moving a separate neighborhood that was not redistricted in 2019 into Oakland Mills.

Thank you,

Catherine Muzzatti

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Dear Board Member,

Attached please find the Owen Brown Village Board testimony regarding the Attendance Area Adjustment Plans.

Thank you,

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September 7, 2022

Howard County Board of Education

RE: Attendance Area Adjustment Plans

Dear Board Member:

As you discuss the options for attendance area adjustments to accommodate the opening of High School 13, we ask that you consider input from Owen Brown. Specifically, we ask that you do not make any changes to the school's our children are currently assigned to.

Owen Brown is one of the ten villages that make up Columbia and has a population of roughly 12,000 people. We are in southeast Columbia, roughly between Farewell Lane on the north, Oakland Mills Road on the east, Snowden River Parkway on the south, and Broken Land parkway on the west. Our village is divided into three neighborhoods: Dasher Green, north of Cradlerock Way; Elkhorn, between Lake Elkhorn and Cradlerock; and Hopewell, south of Lake Elkhorn. For most of the last thirty years, our entire village attended Oakland Mills High School but our Elkhorn and Hopewell neighborhoods were recently reassigned to Atholton.

As you choose how to adjust attendance area boundaries for the next school year, we ask that you make no changes to Owen Brown's assignments, keeping Dasher Green assigned to Oakland Mills and Elkhorn and Hopewell assigned to Atholton. This would mean that you not select one of the four scenarios (option C) made available for public consideration. We have several reasons for this:

- Our neighborhood, village, and Columbia community is important to us. We want our children to attend Columbia schools. Atholton and Oakland Mills are Columbia schools. High School 13 is not.
- While walking or biking to Atholton from our village is impractical on a daily basis, it is possible. Walking or biking to High School 13 would be impossible.
- These neighborhoods were recently reassigned and should not have any more changes to their school assignments.

Importantly, we want to ensure our community is not broken into small fragments. We are disappointed that all three of our neighborhoods do not attend the same high school; however, we are at least unified at the neighborhood level. Some scenarios proposed during the last redistricting effort would have broken Owen Brown into multiple tiny fragments. We are opposed to any plan that breaks our community into small fragments.

Thank you for your consideration,

Owen Brown Village Board of Directors