

To: Washingtonian Woods HOA members
From: The Fields Road Elementary Community Advocacy Team
RE: Update regarding Superintendent's Boundary Recommendation
Date: 2/15/2026

Dear Washingtonian Woods HOA members,

Thank you for lending your voices and time throughout the boundary study advocacy process. On February 5th, Superintendent Dr. Taylor recommended to the Board of Education (BOE) that Fields Road Elementary students articulate to Frost Middle School and then to Crown High School beginning in fall 2027. Dr. Taylor's recommendation, which many are calling a "modified Option H," also moves Wootton High School into Crown HS, along with those in the surrounding neighborhoods, such as ours.

The BOE is scheduled to vote on the Superintendent's recommendation on March 26th.

We are elated that Dr. Taylor recommended that Crown HS be a permanent school serving nearby communities rather than as a temporary holding school for other schools undergoing renovation. This decision prioritizes stability for students and allows the Crown HS community to hopefully grow as strong as the one we value at QO.

In explaining his recommendation, Dr. Taylor emphasized fiscal responsibility and acknowledged that MCPS's failure to invest in maintenance leaves many schools in need of basic repairs (like HVAC, plumbing, etc.), depleting any funding for broader revitalization projects like those previously planned for Wootton and Magruder. (The current Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funds a new roof and ADA compliance at Wootton, which would likely enable MCPS to use Wootton as a holding school if that need arises.)

We know that some families feel trepidation after seeing social media commentary from a vocal few outside our community. What has set us apart in this process, however, is our commitment to inclusion and our openness to change. We look forward to welcoming new families and were also encouraged by comments from BOE Vice President Brenda Wolff following the recommendation. She stated:

I've seen how well meaning programs originally conceived, based on an antiquated idea of integration, resulted in segregation within our schools. These have become intractable barriers to access for the vast majority of our students. But over the years, every time there's been an attempt to expand access, it has been met with opposition from those advantaged by the status quo. This system has bowed to the pressure. You've set a clear vision for a truly equitable system... I'm happy to see MCPS make this commitment to moving to a model of abundance where opportunity isn't reserved for just a few...

If you feel moved to do so, we encourage you to share your support of the recommendation with Board members and thank them for centering stability, equity, and community in their decision making. Thank you for showing up for our kids and for one another.