

## Received Written Comments About Elementary Boundaries

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- 1) *Move Ginger Woods and Amlie Apartments to JB Nelson*
- 2) *Move #1 and #16 to HCS (reference to map)*
- 3) *Move 12 & 40 to Gustafson (reference to map)*
- 4) *Leave everyone else where they are.*

*-I live in Fox Trail and I would hate to move from LWS. It is a wonderful school with great teachers.*

*-My children attend Louise White & we live in Savannah. I drive my children & have no problem continuing to do so. I do not want my kids to be moved.*

*-My wife and I have been quite pleased with the quality of the teachers at Louise White School. We have concerns about the quality of education at other schools. We live in Savannah. Thank you!*

*-8 years ago we bought our new Savannah home. We were told they were building a new school closer. Then our two children were at JB. Somehow we were chosen to be pulled out of a school we loved and go further away (Louise White) just because Rosalie Jones said we were an island and had to be bused no matter what. I strongly disagree with this. I don't like driving all the way across town to volunteer at school, drop off a forgotten lunch, pick up my sick child, pick up my child after girl scouts or drive my child/children if they miss the bus. It is almost impossible to get myself and younger children up, dressed, in the car and fight the morning traffic to race them all the way to Louise without being late at 8:55. I dread when my child misses the bus. I would gladly welcome a move back to JB Nelson it is much closer than Louise White (due to Wilson & Prairie traffic) or event better yet a move to Hoover Wood which I can practically see if the trees weren't in the way. Move Savannah Please!*

*-Mr. McCloud – call if you want some important feedback on your plan! I don't envy you. This will be a challenging task. I would love to help you if you need it. I went through the GBM \_ HWS redistricting pretty painlessly and my last child will be a 5<sup>th</sup> grader next year so I think I could be pretty impartial.*

*-We live in Savannah. We used to be at JB Nelson. We would gladly be willing to move to JB Nelson or Hoover Wood. It would be so helpful to be much closer to school. I hope you consider moving Savannah!*

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*-I'd like to see our neighborhood moved to Gustafson. The families who live in our downtown neighborhood value the ability to walk to the library, downtown, the park district – and we'd love to walk our kids to school. We'd also like our kids to have the chance to make friends with the kids in walking/biking distance.*

*- Of course I would prefer my kids to be able to stay at LWS since they have already established roots there. However, I understand that moves are sometimes necessary. So if my subdivision boundaries need to be changed, it would make more sense to be moved to a grade school closer to our house, not just 6 blocks from LWS. We love LWS and their teachers, so if no change for our kids could be possible we would be grateful. I just hope people's location and proximity to the schools is considered when making the new boundary proposal.*

*-My concern is for the elementary boundaries east of Randall Road and west of the river. We are in a position now where we live 3 blocks from Storm school, yet the kids are bused to Mc Wayne. Wilson is a busy street but I think it would cost much less to employ crossing guards at the 4 way stops at Van Buren and Lincoln than to bus the kids out. If the neighborhood schools model is truly being considered, the children in our area should be moved to Storm school, which is within a walkable distance. Thank you.*

*-While I understand the need to make changes and realign the boundaries for the elementary schools, I'm frustrated by this. It is a change that is difficult to explain to children, and they do not understand why it is important. They simply see it as taking their friends and teachers away because the numbers do not mean anything to them. I went through a school boundary change as a child, and it's one thing I distinctly remember from my elementary school days. I went to one school through 3rd grade, to a different school for 4th grade and then back to my original school for 5th and 6th grade. And what is ironic about it is that my own daughter is now in 3rd grade, and will likely be at a new school for 4th grade since we live in the Ginger Woods subdivision.*

*Our daughter has really enjoyed her experience at Louise White and will be very upset to find out she may have to go to another school. Her friends are scattered around the Louise White boundary area with most of them within walking distance of the school or in the Savannah subdivision. I understand that the number of*

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*students from Ginger Woods makes it a prime candidate to go to another school, but I really don't want to see the change.*

*Our youngest child will start Kindergarten in the 2008 - 09 school year, and I want him to have the same positive experience our daughter has had. The frustration with the change is that we are established within the school community, and starting over leaves many unknowns. We have been fortunate to have wonderful and caring teachers (and staff) at Louise White, and we know the rules and guidelines. I'm sure there is a good staff at JB Nelson; however, there is greater sense of security for parents and a child starting Kindergarten knowing that he is doing what his big sister did at the same school.*

*My other concern is losing our bus driver. Probably sounds silly, but our bus driver, Trudy, is the best! She takes great care to ensure the children are safe, and the children love her. I've had other parents comment on how lucky we are to have her as our bus driver. One friend participated in a field trip where Trudy drove, and she couldn't believe how good she was.*

*I realize that my comments are more of an emotional nature, but this is an emotional issue. Keeping Savannah and Ginger Woods going to Louise White maintains a neighborhood together, and allows the children to continue to go to school with their favorite playmates. It keeps an excellent bus driver within Ginger Woods. It also allows my youngest child to have an opportunity to have some of the great teachers my daughter has had. And as a working parent, I don't have to start over to build a network within the school. Please do not move the Ginger Woods subdivision from Louise White to JB Nelson. I do not like seeing my children get caught up in a numbers issue.*

*Thank you for your time and consideration.*