

Timestamp	Select campus you would like to provide feedback on	Comments and Questions
1/30/2019 15:52	Baranoff Elementary	<p>My comment/complaint is about redistricting my neighborhood, Brodie Springs, out of Baranoff and into Kocurek. My 2 children currently attend Baranoff, a school that we love.</p> <p>The community of Brodie Springs is very small, 114 homes. The emotional impact of moving the few children from our neighborhood into a different school should be considered. The relief for Baranoff by redistricting us is negligible. The stress for our children is concerning.</p> <p>My other concern about Kocurek is that it doesn't meet the same level of education provided by Baranoff. Kocurek's performance numbers are weak. Many of us moved to Brodie Springs b/c of the school. This will affect our children, our property values and our faith in the public schools, which we have chosen above private school. I don't believe anyone in our neighborhood will agree to be moved to Kocurek.</p> <p>Please consider the small impact of our neighborhood on the numbers compared to the very large impact on our children's well being and education.</p>
1/31/2019 21:33	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Dear Members of the Boundary Advisor Committee;</p> <p>We live in a neighborhood called Brodie Springs, which is a community of only 114 homes on Brodie Lane abutting to Shady Hollow. We are exactly 2.25 miles from Baranoff, which is also just off Brodie Lane, and less than 1 mile from Bowie High School. Like many of our neighbors, we moved here precisely to be within the boundaries of these schools so our children can attend. (redacted)</p> <p>Geographically speaking, it makes no sense to send the children of this neighborhood further away to other schools. And because of the small number of homes in Brodie Springs, our child population will have very little impact on your quota either way.</p> <p>We ask you to please leave Brodie Springs within Baranoff / Bailey / Bowie's limits, as we are located closest to these schools and are our children are already deeply embedded in the community.</p> <p>Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.</p> <p>Regards, (redacted)</p>

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2/2/2019 11:31	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hello,</p> <p>My family lives in a neighborhood called Brodie Springs, which is a community of only 114 homes on Brodie Lane right next to Shady Hollow. We are approximately 1.5-2 miles from Baranoff and Bailey, and 1 mile from Bowie High School. Like many of our neighbors, we built a house in this neighborhood explicitly so our children could grow up within the boundaries of our neighborhood's schools. We have four children, one currently in Bailey, one moving up to Bailey next year and two that will remain at Baranoff. There are many reasons why it would be harmful to rezone our small neighborhood to schools other than the current Baranoff, Bailey and Bowie. Socially and geographically speaking, it's harmful to send the children of Brodie Springs to schools outside of their neighborhoods. Doing so severs our close involvement and connection to this community south of Slaughter, and creates needlessly longer bus routes as the kids graduate to middle and high school further away. If it just comes down to sheer numbers, our small child population will have very little impact on the quota either way. In summary, homes along Brodie Lane that are south of Slaughter Lane should be prioritized, as they are in close proximity, are deeply embedded in the school's community, and have the best access.</p> <p>Please do not include Brodie Springs in rezoning.</p> <p>Regards, (redacted)</p>
2/3/2019 21:34	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I can't imagine you would re-district children who are already established on the street we live (Brodie) and have already attended school on Baranoff. We live in the neighborhood Brodie Springs on Brodie Lane, and have 2 kids at Baranoff who already feel they are part of Bailey and Bowie as well. We live within blocks of Bowie and Bailey so to redistrict them to other schools seems both needless and harmful. Please keep Brodie Springs neighborhood zoned on the street we live and where we planned for years for our kids to attend: Baranoff, Bailey and Bowie. Thanks in advance!</p>
2/12/2019 16:41	Baranoff Elementary	<p>We live in a neighborhood called Brodie Springs, which is a community of only 114 homes on Brodie Lane right next to Shady Hollow. We are approximately 2 miles from Baranoff and Bailey, and 1 mile from Bowie High School. Like many of our neighbors, we moved here explicitly so our children could grow up within the boundaries of our neighborhood's schools. Our twins are 1st graders at Baranoff. I think it would be detrimental to send the children of Brodie Springs to schools outside of their neighborhoods. Doing so severs our close involvement and connection to this community south of Slaughter, and creates needlessly longer bus routes as the kids graduate to middle and high school, each school being further away than the prior one. If it just comes down to sheer numbers, our small child population will have very little impact on the quota either way. In summary, homes along Brodie Lane that are south of Slaughter Lane should be prioritized, as they are in close proximity, are deeply embedded in the school's community, and have the best access. For the reasons stated above. we ask you to please advocate for leaving the Brodie Springs within Baranoff / Bailey/ Bowie's boundary limits.</p>

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4/3/2019 13:54	Baranoff Elementary	<p>The proposal is on the table to transfer my small community that has 35 kids from Baranoff to Kocurek. I live in Brodie Springs. (redacted)</p> <p>This change would hurt the emotional well being of our children. It also is in direct contrast to the goals that AISD has set. Maintaining safe walkability and biking for children and the use of major roads as subdivisions. We live south of Slaughter, walking & biking distance to Baranoff. Our kids can't cross or walk down slaughter. There aren't sidewalks from our community.</p> <p>Our community wants to be heard. our 35 students aren't tipping the scales at baranoff and we live right on top of Bowie. Our children are established at Baranoff. My emerging second grader is so stressed about this move that I'm truly worried.</p> <p>The proposed change doesn't make sense for our community, our kids or even align with the stated goals of AISD.</p>
4/4/2019 19:14	Baranoff Elementary	<p>As a resident of Oak Parke with four children I am concerned about relocating our kids to a school other than Baranoff. Our kids have attended Baranoff for several years now and we have established a real connection with the campus and staff. Altering boundaries would disrupt this relationship to the detriment of Oak Parke, it's residents, and it's children. The Baranoff community has shown it can accommodate overcrowding for a long time now, and the new SW elementary school will provide measurable relief, but relocating Baranoff kids to another existing school would be detrimental to Oak Parke residents. I urge the AISD decision makers to maintain Oak Parke's connection to the Baranoff campus going forward. Thank-you</p>
4/4/2019 22:35	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I would like to understand what proposed transportation plans are part of the Baranoff "relief" map options presented at the BAC tonight. The options presented do not seem to follow the secondary criteria listed as being part of the consideration - 1) maintain walkability/biking (not possible across Brodie and Slaughter) 2) Use major roads and subdivisions as boundaries. The options ignored Slaughter as a major route and sliced off part of Shady Hollow along with Brodie Springs to redistrict to Kocurek. 3) Carefully consider transportation routes. Currently my children have option to be bused to Baranoff given we are just past the 2 mile marker yet if rezoned to Kocurek we are not past 2 miles so would busing be offered given there are no sidewalks or bikeable or walkable routes to get to that school?</p> <p>My other question is about feeder plans- my neighborhood would still feed into Bailey and Bowie and yet rezoning our Elementary to Kocurek would put our kids with others that would feed into Paredes so goes against the ideal of keeping like feeders together.</p> <p>Id also like to see a map option drawn out without having Brodie Springs and Oak Parke rezoned to Kocurek. There must be other geographic areas that make more sense to rezone to Kocurek regarding major roads, proximity, neighborhood divides and transportation routes that also get to the objective of boosting Kocurek enrollment.</p>
4/5/2019 8:58	Baranoff Elementary	<p>We are residents of Oak Parke with no elementary aged children anymore however I would strongly encourage oak parks to continue to feed into Baranoff to keep these kids aligned with kids who will then go to Bailey and Bowie. Also, transporting kids via bus south on Brodie (making a right turn out of our neighborhood) is safer then traveling on slaughter and passing through the slaughter/Brodie intersection. Thank you.</p>

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4/5/2019 9:50	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I am concerned about my children attending Kocurek from Baranoff. We would, theoretically, provide 2 children per classroom (on average due to our low numbers). That leaves 2 children with a much higher level of education in a classroom with children that are struggling, academically. Teachers are amazing, but there is no way that the level of education can compare to that of which my children were receiving at Baranoff. In order for this to function properly, we would need the lines redrawn so that a much larger percentage of educationally advantaged kids to attend Kocurek.</p> <p>My neighborhood is Brodie Springs. My children are at Baranoff. They are doing well. They are in a school that performs exceptionally well. Your new boundary lines will send my children to a struggling school with a 70% test passing rate. AISD cares so much about testing and staar and yet continues to watch this school fail. Numerous schools in AISD are failing while others are soaring.</p> <p>These new boundary lines do not make any sense. You are sending a neighborhood of 32 children from a exemplary school to a school that is consistently under performing.</p> <p>I realize it's about numbers, but to change Baranoff's numbers, more drastically, you can send Olympic Heights to Menchaca ES, which vertically makes more sense. Olympic Heights tracks to Akins, not Bowie. This would also be a more comparable school switch for students.</p> <p>The switch from Baranoff to Kocurek is incredibly drastic and it seems no one is looking at this. Whomever draws these boundary lines only seem to care about numbers. We need to look at the educational difference here.</p> <p>Thank you for your time (redacted)</p>
4/5/2019 13:27	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I am an Oak Parke resident with two young children. I am extremely concerned about the stress to my children in them having to be uprooted and moved to a different school away from their friends and trusted teachers part way through their elementary education. I am also afraid that the redistricting could financially devastate my family. Kocurek is a considerably lower performing school than Baranoff and redistricting all of Oak Parke is very likely to cause an entire neighborhood of young families to have underwater mortgages. Students can't be successful without consistency and stability in their homes and educations. We have such a community connection to Baranoff and would be broken-hearted to leave. It seems that the new Avana school could easily provide relief for overcrowding at Baranoff and Kiker. In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider moving Oak Parke residents from their beloved school.</p>

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4/5/2019 14:26	Baranoff Elementary	<p>My wife and I moved to Austin in 2016 from Maui due to the school systems on island and specifically selected the Oak Parke neighborhood based on the school results at Baranoff. We could easily paid less for a house more east in a different school tract, but based on those school performances they were exactly why we moved from Maui. We have a 1st grader and have a second child going into kinder at Baranoff. We absolutely love the school, the teachers and the community Involvement there. We are very concerned about the school changes the school boundaries that would move us into Kocurek school. Not only is that school under performing compared to Baranoff, but there is a lack of special programs at that school. The two schools can not be compared apples to apples. There is also a major concern that the Oak Parke neighborhood is considered a safe walking school by the transportation board. Brodie and Slaughter is a very busy and dangerous intersection and it blows my mind that there is an expectation that this is a safe intersection for elementary children to cross. Another concern that we have by the boundary change is the affect it may have on our property values. Again we paid more to be where we are at based on Baranoff being the school for our neighborhood. I know I am not the only one to have these same concerns in our neighborhood.</p> <p>One thing I wound take into consideration is the affect that it may have to force families to sell and move to a neighborhood in a better school tract or to send their kids to a private school. I can tell you my wife and I and neighbors across the street have already had conversations about both of us selling our house and moving to circle c to ensure our children end up in the good schools that we had purchased with this neighborhood.</p> <p>So with that being said what would be gained by changing the boundaries only to force families to move and add to the high populations or to lose those kids to private schools.</p> <p>Thank you for listening to my feedback. (redacted)</p>
4/5/2019 15:12	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hello there,</p> <p>My name is (redacted), and my husband (redacted) and I moved to the Oak Parke neighborhood about two years ago. We had a two year old, and I was 35 weeks pregnant with our second son at the time. We have three children now, ages four, two, and six weeks old. We specifically moved to the Oak Parke neighborhood from Cherry Creek because of the school track (Baranoff - Bailey - Bowie), and the proximity to these schools. I know I speak for several of our neighbors by saying that it would be heartbreaking if Oak Parke gets re-zoned to a different elementary school. Re-zoning our elementary school will cause us to relocate our family again, which will be a larger burden to take on than it was just two years ago.</p> <p>After studying the maps and the numbers, it looks like the new southwest school will accommodate enough children from Baranoff Elementary to address the issue of overcrowding. Please do not do any additional rezoning to this area.</p>
4/5/2019 20:25	Baranoff Elementary	<p>We chose where we bought our house based on many criteria. #1 was the schools our children would be attending. We can't afford to move..... please don't make us.</p>
4/5/2019 23:20	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Please do not change the boundaries such that Oak Parke students are taken out if Baranoff Elementary.</p>
4/6/2019 15:27	Baranoff Elementary	<p>The Oak Parke neighborhood should remain zoned to Baranoff. This community has attended Baranoff for many years and will suffer a severe negative impact if rezoned to Kocurek. The community will be organizing to fight any changes to the boundaries that take us from Baranoff to Kocurek.</p>

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4/6/2019 17:44	Baranoff Elementary	We moved to Oak Parke to be in the great AISD schools - Baranoff, Bailey, and Bowie. We specifically moved out of Tanglewood Forrest so that our children could attend top rated schools. I'm concerned that all proposals move Oak Parke out of Baranoff, and there has been no consideration to keep us at Baranoff. Kocurek and Baranoff are not equal schools, and this is not a fair proposal. I urge you to keep our small community in Baranoff.
4/6/2019 20:16	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I live in the Oak Parke neighborhood and am very disappointed to hear of the plans to change the boundary of Baranoff Elementary School so that we no longer fall into it's catchment. One of the primary reasons we moved to the neighborhood is the schools into which it feeds.</p> <p>The proposed change from Baranoff to Kocurek will impact my children's development, their safety and the value of my home. It is currently a simple journey from my neighborhood down Brodie Lane to Baranoff, but the proposed change will mean the journey to school will have to negotiate the busy Slaughter Lane and Brodie Lane intersection.</p> <p>There must surely be other alternatives available? The Castlewood Forest neighborhood is in walking distance to Kocurek.</p>
4/7/2019 7:49	Baranoff Elementary	Please do not split the Shady Hollow neighborhood and send some families to Kocurek. Please choose map 5 and 6, keeping our close-knit community and neighborhood together. Thank you for considering our concerns.
4/7/2019 7:55	Baranoff Elementary	Please do not choose the version that splits our neighborhood of Shady Hollow, these kids and families chose this area as we did for the community that Shady Hollow has and for the long standing relationships of the families that have been here for years.
4/7/2019 8:11	Baranoff Elementary	I am against the rezoning of Shady Hollow - baranoff school. We have lived in Shady Hollow for 5 years and my husband grew up here. The rezoning would relocate our friends and neighbors. The feel of shady Hollow is still small town with baranoff and our community, even as austin grows. This rezoning would relocate half of our neighborhood and change it for the worst! Please reconsider this rezoning and keep Shady Hollow community together.
4/7/2019 8:21	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I understand the need for new boundaries to ease enrollment at Baranoff.</p> <p>We have such a strong neighborhood community. I feel strongly that all of Shady Hollow should stay together at Baranoff. It is so important that the oldest section of Shady Hollow, section 1, including Shady Valley, need to stay in the same attendance zone as the rest of the neighborhood.</p>
4/7/2019 8:25	Baranoff Elementary	I hope that the committee chooses a plan that keeps our neighborhood (shady hollow) together in one school. We are a close community and the kids benefit from that support both in and out of school.
4/7/2019 8:27	Baranoff Elementary	Please keep shady hollow intact for boundary changes. This will affect Bailey middle school in a negative way as well. We bought our house in shady hollow for the baranoff/Bailey/Bowie track.
4/7/2019 9:00	Baranoff Elementary	It doesn't make sense to break up a neighborhood (i.e. Shady Hollow) for school boundaries. BUT something needs to be done to alleviate the overcrowding. I don't understand why breaking up SH was the only solution to this besides the new SW elementary. As a parent that's not affected by this change, I support plan 1 and 2 to alleviate overcrowding at Baranoff.
4/7/2019 9:19	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I'm highly concerned at the recently proposed boundary lines for Baranoff and Kocurek elementary schools. We live at (redacted) and based upon the map, would be sending out girls to Kocurek, thereby splitting up our HOA and neighborhood. All the friends they have on their swim team, neighborhood events, etc would be divided. It doesn't make sense. We are part of the Shady Hollow community and HOA.</p> <p>This is a horrible proposal, lacking empathy for community and I can guarantee you the neighborhood won't stand for it. We will make our voices heard.</p>

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4/7/2019 9:22	Baranoff Elementary	PLEASE leave Shady Hollow residents in Baranoff boundaries. Plan 1 & Plan 2 both take a corner of our neighborhood away. It just isn't fair. Plan 5 & 6 keeps our neighborhood children together. Why break up neighborhoods?!?
4/7/2019 9:23	Baranoff Elementary	Baranoff, Bailey and Bowie are the reasons my family and hundreds of others moved to Shady Hollow. To provide stability and a sense of community in friends and neighbors who attend the same schools from K-12th grade. We pay a premium in housing costs to live here for that exact reason. Re-zoning children from their own neighborhoods is not the way to solve problems but it is a way to cause a lot more. Be ready, Shady Hollow residence will be coming out strong at the meeting this week to oppose this absurd idea.
4/7/2019 9:25	Baranoff Elementary	Please do not move children in Oak Parke subdivision to Kocurek Elementary. Allow our children to remain at Baranoff Elementary. This is very important to us and our neighbors.
4/7/2019 9:45	Baranoff Elementary	My family is adamantly not in favor of the rezoning for Shady Hollow kids to Kocurek Elementary. We specifically moved to this area for our children to attend Baranoff Elementary. Splitting the neighborhood to two different schools is bad for the cohesiveness and collaborative environment of our parents, families, and children. Putting parents in the position of questioning whether to move our kids out of the AISD school district to private and charter schools is worse for all parties. Moving these boundary lines would give us no choice but to pull our kids out of the district entirely. Please consider the permanent damage to public schools if these boundary lines are passed.
4/7/2019 9:57	Baranoff Elementary	I live in the beautiful Shady Hollow. We love that our children are part of a community. They swim together on swim team, play together, go to school together. Many times the bus ride, or at school is where children meet their neighborhood friends. Please keep Shady Hollow children "all" in one school. Please.
4/7/2019 10:01	Baranoff Elementary	We are concerned about the proposed boundaries- and specifically oppose maps 1 & 2. We moved to this neighborhood for the schools and are a 5 minute drive from Baranoff. We are currently right on the border of the proposed split. Having our children and neighborhood friends attend the same school is important to create a sense of community in the neighborhood. Additional concerns about traffic increased commute times for Shady Hollow residents should also be taken into account. We are much more comfortable with maps 5/6 and hope that the committee will choose to keep Shady Hollow residents zoned for the same neighborhood schools- Baranoff, Bailey, and Bowie.
4/7/2019 10:02	Baranoff Elementary	We are concerned with rezoning proposals that would split Shady Hollow. One of the maps drawn up split it right down the middle of original Shady Hollow. We are an HOA community, our kids are on swim team and go to Baranoff, I can't imagine there would be any reasonable reason to make a split in the middle of a tight knit neighborhood, community and HOA organization.
4/7/2019 10:14	Baranoff Elementary	When considering boundary changes for Baranoff, please do not divide the Shady Hollow neighborhood. This destroys community. Map 1 & 2 are not considerate of the neighborhood kids staying intact at Baranoff. I can only support the maps that keep our neighborhood together.
4/7/2019 10:16	Baranoff Elementary	We live in the heart of Shady Hollow (Reynosa Dr) and moved here just to have our 3 kids attend Baranoff. Please do not split up our community.
4/7/2019 10:35	Baranoff Elementary	I think it's important we keep neighborhoods zoned to schools that have sidewalk access, especially elementary schools. I think moving Olympic Heights away from Baranoff causes more transportation issues and adds congestion to an already congested area. Olympic Heights students easily walk to and from school helping relieve street congestion. Thank you for your consideration.

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4/7/2019 10:54	Baranoff Elementary	I understand keeping enrollment within range is a primary concern and keeping neighborhoods together secondary. However, we are in the part of Shady Hollow that would be sent to Kocurek instead of Baranoff, and as a mother of three (one in kinder at Baranoff) we would be devastated we were no longer able to attend our wonderful neighborhood school which is merely one mile away. One of the reasons we moved to Shady Hollow was the schools. Please don't change the boundary and split Shady Hollow in two!
4/7/2019 11:14	Baranoff Elementary	Please do not split up Shady Hollow! We live close enough for my son to ride his bike to school. This makes no sense!
4/7/2019 11:19	Baranoff Elementary	My children go to Baranoff and according to the rezoning maps, they will no longer be zoned to go to Baranoff. This is a huge problem. My children are(redacted) and this change would not be ok. They can ride their bike to school without crossing any busy streets. It makes zero sense to move them to another school.
4/7/2019 11:29	Baranoff Elementary	The Boundary Advisory Committee drew up new plans for Baranoff and I strongly oppose breaking up Shady Hollow into two elementary schools. From the website maps, I strongly recommend maps 5 & 6, which will allow the children in our tight-knit community stay together in school. Shady Hollow is an active and tight-knit community, where the children are on the same swim team, send summers together at camps and the local pool, have one boy scout troop, and play together in our many community events. Please do not move ahead with breaking this awesome community up! Thank you.
4/7/2019 11:48	Baranoff Elementary	I am writing to request that you do not divide Shady Hollow to send some neighborhood students to Kocurek. This seems very strange, as the neighborhood surrounds Baranoff and is the oldest neighborhood serving that school. Instead, please consider sending those students in newer, further neighborhoods to another school, since the distance will not change much for them and they aren't even in the neighborhood Baranoff is in. This could be Olympic Heights, Brodie Springs, or Oak Parke.

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4/7/2019 12:36	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I am a resident of Oak Parke subdivision, I STRONGLY OPPOSE the proposed boundary maps currently presented that would re-zone our neighborhood from Baranoff to Kocurek. Below is a list of concerns I have;</p> <p>1) Transferring overcapacity of Baranoff to Kocurek. Kocurek is; currently a underperforming school, an older & smaller facility, and is receiving 1/3 of the bond improvements that Baranoff is. The most troubling result of the rezoning is you are pushing the capacity problem from one school to another. All proposed boundaries plans have Kocurek over capacity, around 110%, while Baranoff levels off to 100% or BELOW. How can a currently and historically underperforming school under these circumstances improve its education performance taking on an over capacity. You have highlighted that the new SW school will help alleviate capacity at Baranoff, you are planning on 80% utilization in the new SW school but now moving our children from Baranoff and putting them right back into an overcapacity situation in an underperforming school.</p> <p>2) With a rezone from Baranoff to Kocurek we have been taken out of a school (Baranoff) that we specifically moved into this neighborhood to attend. Baranoff's current school rating; Greatschools 9/10 & School Digger 5/5, rank of 312 of 4359 to Kocurek a school with Greatschools 4/10 rating and 2,779 of 4379 rank in the State. We and many other families have chosen to move to this neighborhood based on the schools our children would go through. We've made significant family and financial decisions based on these school and the subdivisions we ultimately decided to move to. We are VERY concerned over the quality of education our child will receive if they are rezoned to Kocurek. This proposed rezone will, and already has, cause both emotional and financial stress to our family.</p> <p>3) Lastly, the proposed impact on our Property values will be negatively impacted. Schools play a major role in where people decided to live and has a direct impact on the price and value of a home. With the proposed changes Oak Parke would take a huge hit in desirability for families, resulting in lower property and resale values. Purchasing a home is the number one investment anyone makes in their lives and this change drastically negatively affects that investment. We decided to move to Oak Parke when our child was born based on the schools they would go through. We most definitely paid a premium based on the great ratings the school system, which included Baranoff. The impact of being rezoned to an under-performing school with a low rating may affect our ability to financially support this decision in the long run.</p>
4/7/2019 14:06	Baranoff Elementary	I understand that two of the maps move certain sections of Shady Hollow from Baranoff and to Kocurek. We work very hard to keep Shady Hollow together as a community and part of that is having our children attend the same schools. I request that you keep all Shady Hollow residents in the Baranoff, Bailey, Bowie vertical team.
4/7/2019 14:26	Baranoff Elementary	Keep Shady Hollow together at Baranoff! We are very close in proximity to Baranoff, we have many different community activities that we share together outside of school. Keep us together as we are a family!
4/7/2019 14:58	Baranoff Elementary	Please keep all of Shady Hollow together and at Baranoff.
4/7/2019 15:48	Baranoff Elementary	Please keep Shady Hollow apart of Baranoff. This is the sole reason we have moved to Shady Hallow. Rezoning this area will greatly affect my childs future if chosen to go to a different school.

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4/7/2019 16:24	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Please do not split up the northern boundaries of Shady Hollow, Oak Parke, and Palomino Park from Baranoff.</p> <p>In order to really lower the percentage at Baranoff, please keep your boundaries at busy streets and larger neighborhoods. Those neighborhoods have been zoned to Baranoff longer than Olympic Heights and Bear Creek, which have larger amounts of kids at Baranoff. Please re-evaluate your zoning based on the tenure of neighborhoods and the number of families it affects.</p> <p>Palomino Park is tiny and the movement only affects 5 families versus the large number of families at Bear Creek and Olympic Heights.</p>
4/7/2019 17:12	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Regarding the proposed draft boundary maps for Baranoff Elementary, I support the scenarios where the subdivision of Shady Hollow is kept whole, maps 5&6. This is in alignment with both criteria and the recommendations of the Baranoff CAC asking that neighborhoods not be split up. Even though these scenarios provides less relief for Baranoff, it's only 44 students or 6% difference. At 109%, Baranoff would still function very well.</p>
4/7/2019 19:12	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hello,</p> <p>Please keep Shady Hollow zoned to Baranoff. My four kids gone there and it will be in their detriment to change schools.</p>
4/7/2019 19:14	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Dear Boundary Advisory Committee Member,</p> <p>I strongly urge you to support Plan 5 or 6 for the southwest elementary boundary changes which affect Baranoff and Kiker Elementary. The Shady Hollow residents are against Plans 1 and 2 as these break up our neighborhood subdivision and result in Shady Hollow neighborhood children attending multiple schools.</p> <p>Plans 5 & 6 both:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fulfill the primary criteria of the BAC, ensuring enrollment at Baranoff and Kiker is between 75-115% of a school's permanent capacity. 2. AND fulfill the secondary criteria of the BAC and the recommendation of the Baranoff Campus Advisory Council, by keeping neighborhoods united and using major roads and subdivisions as boundaries. <p>Plans 1 and 2 do NOT fulfill the secondary criteria of the BAC nor fulfill the recommendations of the Baranoff Campus Advisory Council.</p> <p>Please keep our neighborhood united and vote for Plan 5 or 6.</p> <p>Sincerely, (redacted)</p>

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4/7/2019 20:29	Baranoff Elementary	<p>As a long time resident of Shady Hollow, I have loved living in this connected, cohesive neighborhood. I think AISD should make every effort to avoid breaking up neighborhoods when drawing school zones. This encourages support of the neighborhood school and connections between parents and students. Please don't break up Shady Hollow!!</p>
4/7/2019 20:36	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Thank you for taking the time to build out all 6 proposals for SW Austin. All 6 maps look great!</p>
4/7/2019 21:15	Baranoff Elementary	<p>When I moved into Shady Hollow, it was largely because it was zoned for Baranoff, Bailey, and Bowie. Please keep our elementary school-aged kids at the same school, and do not disrupt their educational continuity by moving them to a different school. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
4/7/2019 21:30	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Dear Boundary Advisory Committee Member,</p> <p>I strongly urge you to support Plan 5 or 6 for the southwest elementary boundary changes which affect Baranoff and Kiker Elementary. The Shady Hollow residents are against Plans 1 and 2 as these break up our neighborhood subdivision and result in Shady Hollow neighborhood children attending multiple schools. Our neighborhood community is a tight-knit group who play together, swim together, compete together, and would like to stay together.</p> <p>Plans 5 & 6 both:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fulfill the primary criteria of the BAC, ensuring enrollment at Baranoff and Kiker is between 75-115% of a school's permanent capacity. 2. AND fulfill the secondary criteria of the BAC and the recommendation of the Baranoff Campus Advisory Council, by keeping neighborhoods united and using major roads and subdivisions as boundaries. <p>Plans 1 and 2 do NOT fulfill the secondary criteria of the BAC nor fulfill the recommendations of the Baranoff Campus Advisory Council. Please keep our neighborhood united and vote for Plan 5 or 6. Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely,(redacted)</p>

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4/7/2019 21:49	Baranoff Elementary	<p>We just closed on a home In Shady Hollow because of wanting our son to attend Baranoff Elementary!!! How can you change the boundaries in a single neighborhood? Shady Hollow should all stay together!</p>
4/7/2019 22:56	Baranoff Elementary	<p>As a Brodie Springs parent I am desperate to stop this rezoning to send my kids to Kocurek. Wit this rezoning we will have to cross not only Brodie but also Slaughter to get to school. For elementary grade this is a serious safety hazard. Currently my kids can bike to school without having to cross Brodie. The serious demotion in quality of education is undeniable. The main reason we chose this neighborhood was based on Baranoff being the elementary school for our (redacted) girls. We moved from Chicago to avoid the poor public schools and now despite the high property taxes we are paying, yet again I find myself being slapped in the face by AISD sending my kids to a horribly rated school. Austin may soon experience what Chicago has with mass exodus of those of us that contribute to city taxes yet get nothing for it.</p>
4/7/2019 22:59	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I am very concerned about the Boundary proposal for my neighborhood (OakParke). We moved here for the excellent schools that we are zoned to. This was a key factor. Rezoning us will change our schools and devalue our property should we decide to move. If our neighborhood is rezoned we may be forced to move before the rezoning occurs. This would devastate our family to move from our beloved neighborhood.</p> <p>Concerned Family - (redacted) Oak Parke Neighborhood</p>
4/7/2019 23:17	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Though I have not personally seen the drafts for the new Baranoff Boundaries, I am disheartened to hear that 2 of the proposed maps cut parts of Shady Hollow out of Baranoff. I would think that if you are using major roadways and subdivisions as guidelines that anything that qualifies as Shady Hollow would be kept together. I moved to this community so that my children would live and play in an area with their friends, it was my primary reason for not choosing to send my children to charter schools. I hope you will reconsider any plans that divide Shady Hollow as a community.</p>

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4/7/2019 23:35	Baranoff Elementary	I am opposed to any plan which divides the Shady Hollow neighborhood between 2 elementary schools. All of our children should be eligible to attend Baranoff which is located in the neighborhood. Any students in Shady Hollow who would be shifted to Kocurek would definitely not be in walking or biking range of the school. In fact, their commute would be much more difficult and dangerous.
4/8/2019 8:22	Baranoff Elementary	Please consider keeping Brodie Springs a Baranoff community. We have 30 students at baranoff and the projected numbers are not any greater. This small of a number does not benefit or hinder a school one way or another. This is approximately 1.5 classrooms. There are many other communities in the Baranoff district that have higher numbers that could solve the overcrowding at Baranoff and help Kocurek. Oak Parke, for instance, has 50 children. They also have an entrance on Slaughter, making transportation easier for that neighborhood instead of having buses travel south on Brodie and north again. The Buda commuters all use Brodie to travel north. If you haven't been on Brodie at 7a on a weekday, you're missing out on something special. I'd also be willing to give up our bus from Brodie Springs to Baranoff if you keep Brodie Springs as a Baranoff community. Thank you for your time and consideration, (redacted)
4/8/2019 8:56	Baranoff Elementary	Please go through with these changes to alleviate overcrowding at Baranoff. The school is having to sacrifice all kinds of space to make extra classrooms for its growing student population. The current cafeteria and gym cannot come even close to hosting a school-wide event without being packed in like sardines . Last year when I went to my child's musical performance (mind you, first grade ONLY), there was not even adequate room for the parents of all the first graders, and not enough room for the 100's of 1st graders up on stage either. Short of building an addition that doubles the size of this school there is simply not enough space for the number of students that currently attend. Please, cut this area in half in any which way you can to alleviate this congestion!
4/8/2019 9:07	Baranoff Elementary	I'm a parent of several children at Baranoff. Please go through with Plans 1 or 2 to help with crowding at this school.
4/8/2019 9:24	Baranoff Elementary	Hello, I'm a homeowner in Oak Parke Subdivision. I don't understand why the boundary lines would change for elementary school or middle school. My kids attended Baranoff, Bailey and Bowie and it was a BIG part of why we bought in Oak Parke. They flourished at these schools and I always recommend newcomers in buying in this area so their kids can attend these schools. And although my kids have graduated high school, the change would impact our property values. Going from a school that is 250th in the state to one that 2,400th in state is going to matter to new buyers. Please let me know what I do to stop this change. thank you....
4/8/2019 9:34	Baranoff Elementary	Greyrock Ridge residents would like our children to go to the new SW elementary school in the Avana neighborhood rather than have to travel up to Slaughter, over to Brodie, and down to Baranoff, which is extremely far.
4/8/2019 9:38	Baranoff Elementary	I am 100% AGAINST Oak Parke students having boundary changes that would make them go to Kocurek Elementary. Not only is Kocurek a very under performing school, this change would very much impact the property values of Oak Parke. Baranoff Elementary has always been the home school for Oak Parke kids and it needs to remain this way. Sending our kids to a school that ranks 2779th out of the state and has a 2 star rating is completely unacceptable on every level! If you want to change boundaries, send the students in Olympic Heights to Kocurek. Please highly consider what your boundary changes could do to hard-working students and their parents that have chosen Oak Parke to live due to being in Baranoff.

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4/8/2019 9:40	Baranoff Elementary	The residents of Brodie Springs want to remain in the Baranoff Elementary attendance zone. Our omission from Baranoff would be devastating both for the school and for the children who live in Brodie Springs. While the size of our population (about 30 elementary-age students) makes a minimal impact on the overall population of Baranoff, the commitment and dedication of our residents to improving the school are extremely impactful.
4/8/2019 10:01	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Dear Boundary Advisory Committee Members,</p> <p>I strongly urge you to support Plan 5 or 6 for the southwest elementary boundary changes which affect Baranoff and Kiker Elementary. The Shady Hollow residents are against Plans 1 and 2 as these break up our neighborhood subdivision and result in Shady Hollow neighborhood children attending multiple schools.</p> <p>Plans 5 & 6 both:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fulfill the primary criteria of the BAC, ensuring enrollment at Baranoff and Kiker is between 75-115% of a school's permanent capacity. 2. AND fulfill the secondary criteria of the BAC and the recommendation of the Baranoff Campus Advisory Council, by keeping neighborhoods united and using major roads and subdivisions as boundaries. <p>Plans 1 and 2 do NOT fulfill the secondary criteria of the BAC nor fulfill the recommendations of the Baranoff Campus Advisory Council. Please keep our neighborhood united and vote for Plan 5 or 6.</p> <p>Sincerely, (redacted)</p>
4/8/2019 10:34	Baranoff Elementary	<p>My wife and I are (redacted) and our son attends 1st grade at Baranoff Elementary. We moved into the Oak Parke neighborhood last summer so that our son could attend Baranoff. He is thriving largely due to the amazing (redacted) services he receives from Baranoff. (redacted). but we are truly concerned by the consequences of removing him from Baranoff. Please do not remove Oak Parke from Baranoff's district. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to advocate for my concerns in other ways or to other audiences. Thank you for your time and consideration!</p>
4/8/2019 10:39	Baranoff Elementary	<p>The current rezoning plans for Baranoff/Kocurek adversely effect Oak Parke kids. If you are going to rezone neighborhoods to new schools, there should be some attempt to make the move fair for the children in the neighborhood. Kocurek currently offers far less academic support for its attendees than Baranoff. It would be better for the kids to attend overcrowded classes at Baranoff than to attend smaller classes in Kocurek. Oak Parke families will suffer greatly not just in terms of direct effects on the kids, but also in terms of property values due to the vast difference in the two schools. If rezoning like this is seriously being considered, then there needs to be significant effort put into a plan to alleviate the academic disparity between the two schools.</p> <p>Oak Parke is a very small neighborhood that is not going to be growing in size, rezoning it will have negligible effects on Baranoff enrollment. It will also force kids to cross through the very dangerous Brodie/Slaughter intersection (we have had multiple fatal accidents here in the past year alone). This is NOT a walkable route for <10 year olds!!!</p> <p>PLEASE RECONSIDER THIS!!! I understand population growth is expanding rapidly south of Oak Parke but it is not fair to punish (and this would definitely be considered punishment!!) established Austin families because new developments for families moving in from outside the city.</p>

4/8/2019 11:33	Baranoff Elementary	<p>There is a lot of concern from the neighbors of Oak Parke subdivision being rezoned from Baranoff to Kocurek. Why is Oak Parke being zoned out of the Bowie vertical when there are Akins subdivisions still attending Baranoff? Have the boundaries of Menchaca, Casey and Kocurek been evaluated to relieve overcrowding at Menchaca and supplement Kocurek? Baranoff is projected to drop below the overcrowding threshold based on AISD predictions, with the current boundaries in place, within the next 3-5 years. The proposed boundary change has put Baranoff in a jeopardized state so much so that they are opening Pre-K to keep numbers up. If Baranoff is so over crowded that Oak Parke is being zoned out why is a Pre-K program being implemented?</p> <p>Oak Parke children are currently attending a school that, according to AISD numbers, has an average overall STAAR score of a 98. AISD plans to rezone our children to a school with an average STAAR score of 68, again per AISD numbers. In public school, the teacher must teach to the majority. The majority of Kocurek is not performing at the same level as Baranoff. Therefore, the teachers will be teaching below the level of the rezoned Oak Parke students - this is not setting up these currently thriving students for success – it will be detrimental to their learning. Kocurek also does not have the programs in place to ensure the success and meet the needs of the incoming students because their current student base does not require the programs to be there. A change of such grandeur will cause AISD to lose more children when the district is already losing kids at an alarming rate.</p> <p>Education and community is the main concern of current and future Elementary parents; property value is the main concern that the entire Oak Parke neighborhood shares. The schools that a neighborhood has access to is a high selling point for creating a thriving community within the neighborhood. The boundary change would be a hit to Oak Park property values that would take many years to recover from, if at all.</p> <p>AISD is making a huge mistake in the proposed changes they are presenting. There are other ways and broader scopes that could be used to achieve the same goal.</p>
4/8/2019 11:35	Baranoff Elementary	<p>The proposed changes to district lines would potentially divide the Shady Hollow community. The neighborhood is a community with shared community resources through our HOA. Our kids live together, play together and go to school together. Please do not consider dividing a tight knit community because a road makes a easy dividing line on a map. Please consider our community that has been in existence for 45+ years. Shady Hollow will be adversely affected if the community is divided into separate school districts. Thank you for your consideration of this plea when making important school district decisions.</p>

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4/8/2019 11:35	Baranoff Elementary	<p>To Whom it</p> <p>The Community of Oak Parke is strongly opposed to the draft boundaries that would rezone our students from Baranoff to Kocurek Elementary for the following reasons, among many others:</p> <p>Efforts have already begun to relieve overcrowding at Baranoff with the opening of a new Southwest Elementary school and several bond measures passed in recent years. Shouldn't we see follow-through before making more changes?</p> <p>The population of Baranoff is already steadily trending down. Once Greyrock Ridge leaves for the new school, the numbers will drop even further. Moving the few children from Oak Parke will not make a significant difference to the population at Baranoff. Where are the enrollment projections which include the new school?</p> <p>The Boundary Advisory Committee has a stated commitment to the fidelity of vertical teams - in this case, Baranoff > Bailey > Bowie. Why are all public options in direct conflict to this laudable goal?</p> <p>We feel we have been denied the opportunity to weigh in on the Committee's efforts to date. We were handed 3 bad choices and need time to research the information received and respond to it. Why is the committee rushing this decision at this time?</p> <p>We respectfully ask the BAC to not push this redistricting at this time. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Best - (redacted)</p>
4/8/2019 12:56	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Baranoff was not built for 1,100 students. We need relief. The building, playground, cafeteria and parking were not designed to handle this load and it's affecting all our children. The safety for everyone is compromised due to the insane amount of cars coming here twice daily. Parking lots & streets running alongside the school are packed that cars spill out onto adjoining streets. Cars park illegally, ignoring signs and red-painted curbs. They block private driveways and move our trash cans. It gets worse every year as attendance numbers rise. Boundary Committee, we thank you for your volunteer work on this tough issue. Boundary changes will never be popular among the affected minority. But the *majority* of Baranoff attendance zone say THANK YOU and support the "most relief" map option!!</p>
4/8/2019 13:17	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I am asking you not to re-zone the Brodie Springs Neighborhood elementary school.</p> <p>By asking our elementary aged children to go to Kocurek you are asking them to cross Slaughter Lane at the height of traffic. They will never be able to walk or bike to school.</p> <p>Additionally, most of the students at Kocurek will go to Akins High School. Our kids will go to Bowie. My dad said this happened to him, he went to high school with only 3 kids in his class from elementary school. He described it as, "devastating." High school is hard enough, please do not make it devastating.</p> <p>Thank you, (redacted)</p>
4/8/2019 13:29	Baranoff Elementary	<p>In addition to my previous comments, has AISD conducted an audit and verification of school enrollment for Baranoff and Kiker since the enrollments are so high?</p>

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4/8/2019 13:38	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hello. I am a home owner in the Oak Parke neighborhood for almost the past 9 years. I purchased my home in the neighborhood in part because of the great schools as I have 3 children. My oldest attended Bailey MS and Bowie HS till graduation. My middle son attended all 6 years at Baranoff Elem and attends the Green Tech Academy at Small MS. He was accepted into LASA but chose Bowie HS over LASA because of the proximity to our home. My youngest son is about to complete 3rd grade at Baranoff Elem. Again, this is a big reason of why I bought a home in this neighborhood. We love the school, teachers, leaders and the culture. I am concerned that my neighborhood will become less desirable and affect my home value as Baranoff Elem ranks higher in TEA categories in most areas than Kocurek Elem. I am NOT in favor for moving forward with a boundary change for the Oak Parke neighborhood to move us away from Baranoff Elem. Please take this into consideration.</p> <p>Best regards, (redacted)</p>
4/8/2019 13:43	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I am requesting a formal audit to be conducted to verify all enrolled kids st Baranoff Elementary do in fact reside in the existing boundaries. No way, you can move my neighborhood (oak Parke) from an A rated school to a C rated school when I know there are families not living in the approved boundaries.</p> <p>If Baranoff is so overcrowded, why in the works are they offering a pre-K program next year? None of this makes sense. I sure hope this data is looked at.</p> <p>Thank you, (redacted)</p>
4/8/2019 14:21	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Shady Hollow is a very close-knit community. Our children swim together on the Shady Hollow Stingrays, attend family events at our community center, and participate in many neighborhood gatherings, ie. Fourth of July Celebration, Polar Bear Swim. It is important for our small neighborhood to go to school together and not be split up and sent to different schools just because of where our streets are located. We are a neighborhood. Please keep our children together!</p>
4/8/2019 14:29	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Please consider auditing current Baranoff students to ensure they are actually still living in the zoned boundaries for Baranoff. This may alleviate some need for rezoning if there are a significant number of students attending who are not entitled to due to living outside of Baranoff boundaries.</p>
4/8/2019 15:47	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Dear Boundary and Advisory Committee,</p> <p>I strongly urge you to keep not only Shady Hollow, but also Oak Parke, Wyldwood, Kellywood, Brodie Springs and all other neighborhoods along the Brodie corridor in the Baranoff school district. If those neighborhoods were rezoned to Kocurek, they would be sending little elementary school kids up Brodie & down Slaughter Ln in rush hour traffic every day. That intersection is dangerous already. No option to walk or bike, either because there's not even a sidewalk on our neighborhood side of Brodie.</p> <p>Please consider other rezoning options such as sending all Olympic Heights neighborhood to Menchaca Elementary as Olympic Heights is currently split.</p> <p>Another option would be to conduct an audit and verification of school enrollment for the more crowded schools (those who are closed to transfers, for example)? You may be able to find the reduction in enrollment you are looking for by just doing that. Seems like an easier step rather than disrupting current boundaries and families.</p>

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4/8/2019 17:28	Baranoff Elementary	Please keep our entire area of Shady Hollow zoned to Baranoff, Bailey, Bowie! Baranoff is centrally located to these neighborhoods along Brodie, it makes no sense as to why some of our kiddos would have to travel to Kocurek (even MORE traffic issues on Brodie) UUGGH, this makes my heart hurt for all of the families, new homeowners that have moved into this area specifically for the schools, and the kids who would be tossed aside....there has to be a better way.
4/8/2019 17:59	Baranoff Elementary	We live on Wyldwood Rd just south of Oak Park and just north of Shady Hollow. We are a small street that connects with Kellywood and we aren't technically Shady Hollow. There are very few houses on our street, and probably not more than 10 families on our street that would be affected. However, I know I speak for many of us, that we have always felt apart of the Baranoff, Bailey, Bowie community. My family and I went to Bailey and Bowie, and this will be our 7th continuous year at Baranoff with our kids. We have one that graduated and is a 7th grader at Bailey, one that will graduate this May, and one scheduled to graduate 2021. Our youngest will be going in to 5th grade in 2020, the year this change is supposed to take place. She has been at Baranoff since Kindergarten and it would be so awful if she had to change schools for her final year. If one of these new maps does go into effect, will there be a grandfather program for those who are entering into 5th grade to finish at the school they have attended since kindergarten?
4/8/2019 18:58	Baranoff Elementary	<p>To Whom it May Concern,</p> <p>We are residents of a small street/community in the Baranoff Elementary boundary. We are in between Oak Park and Shady Hollow on a street called (redacted). We are greatly disheartened to find out that the new proposed boundaries put us directly on the cutoff line and now would be in the Kocurek boundary. My family has been on this street for generations. My grandfather, my father, and now my family. We have been a member of this street/small community for well over 50 years. We were here before way before Oak Park was built, and way way before Brodie Springs was built and we have always felt apart of the Shady Hollow community.</p> <p>I would love for everyone on Brodie to be in the Baranoff school district, but I know that some tough decisions will have to be made. We are writing you now and speaking for all the families on our small street, with very few families with school aged children (maybe 10 with school aged kids), and desperately asking you to include our street of Wyldwood/Kellywood in the revisions of place 5 and 6.</p> <p>We personally have three children, one that graduated from Baranoff and is currently a 7th grader at Bailey, one that is currently a 5th grader at Baranoff, and one who is a 3rd grader at Baranoff. Our youngest will be going into 5th grade the year this is supposed to take affect.</p> <p>So again, we plead with you to include our small street into a revisioned plan 5 or 6. Our street has been members of the Shady Hollow community before much of the area was ever developed. We have always felt a part of the Shady Hollow community and don't want to be split up!</p> <p>Thank you for your understanding!</p>

4/8/2019 21:23	Baranoff Elementary	<p>We would like to share our situation and voice our opinion. The proposed changes would be very disruptive and have a negative impact on our family for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It took us many years to be able to afford moving into this neighborhood . Had we known that our children could end up attending a less than comparable school district than the one they currently have, we would have opted for an alternative many years ago. We have been contributing to Baranoff with our property taxes not only because we believe in public education but also because we expected our kids to go to an exemplary school. - The safety of our neighborhood children is being jeopardized. The proposal assumes that the new school is within walking distance. In Austin, however, weather conditions are very variable. Moreover, there are two major intersections, making it clearly unsafe for elementary school children to get to school. - The addition of the new school is supposed to help with overcrowding. The projections are that they will. Is it necessary, however, to have our kids go through such a drastic change without first assessing whether the new school will be enough to help reduce the size of the student population at Baranoff? Moving the few children that live in Oak Parke to a school other than Baranoff will hardly make any significant difference in terms of the population at Baranoff. <p>Finally, we would like to highlight that the affected parties have not been given the opportunity to review the proposals and find a suitable alternative for our families.</p> <p>We request that we are given more time to address these proposals.</p> <p>Thanks (redacted)</p>
4/8/2019 22:59	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Baranoff was not built for 1,100 students. We need relief. The building, playground, gym, cafeteria and parking were not designed to handle this load and it's affecting all our children.</p> <p>My 9-yr old daughter eats breakfast at 6:45am and does not get to eat lunch until 1:10pm because of the cafeteria being strained. When a choir performance for just ONE grade level is held, there is not enough seating room for parents. My kids never get a turn on the swings for the playground being so crowded. The village of giant portable buildings take up valuable outdoor play space. An entire grade level is in portables, requiring little 1st graders to bring umbrellas for walking from their classroom to the gym/library/cafeteria. The library is overtaxed, too.</p> <p>But most importantly the safety for everyone is compromised due to the insane amount of cars coming here twice daily. Parking lots & streets running alongside the school are SO packed that cars spill out onto adjoining streets. Cars park illegally, ignoring signs and red-painted curbs. They block private driveways and move our trash cans. They even block crosswalks & sidewalk ramps, affecting safe sight lines for ALL walkers & drivers. It gets worse every year as attendance numbers rise.</p> <p>Boundary Committee, we thank you for your volunteer work on this tough issue. Boundary changes will never be popular among the affected minority. But the *majority* of Baranoff attendance zone say THANK YOU and support the "most relief" map option!!</p>

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4/8/2019 23:37	Baranoff Elementary	Please stand firm in providing Baranoff needed relief from overcrowding. We sympathize with affected families who would have to switch schools. But they are technically closer to Kocurek than they are to Baranoff. They are too far from Baranoff to walk or bike anyhow. It especially makes more sense for those on the east side of Brodie to make right-hand turns onto Brodie to go to Kocurek, instead of the current problem of them turning left onto Brodie against morning rush hour traffic. Oak Parke has direct access to Slaughter to get to Kocurek. They will complain they don't want to add to the Brodie/Slaughter intersection but that intersection is not the problem. I commute this route daily and I can tell you the real problem is the capacity of Brodie Lane south of the Capistrano light. I feel these proposed changes will be positive for taking cars off that portion as they would no longer be traveling south to Baranoff and then back north. Also, the infusion of new students to Kocurek will bring more PTA money, more energy and more leadership and I have no doubt they will make it into a great school.
4/9/2019 8:17	Baranoff Elementary	Please put the draft boundary map on your website. Not all parents have a work schedule which allows them to attend your meeting times in person. Thanks!
4/9/2019 9:31	Baranoff Elementary	Do not resolve Oak Parke and Brodie Springs to Kocurek!
4/9/2019 9:42	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I myself am not affected by these boundary changes but the Shady Hollow Community is. Our community is a strong one and the safety and security of our children is very important to us. Our children do not need to be traveling down busy Slaughter Lane and Mopac unnecessarily and need to be in school with their neighbors. I strongly urge you to support Plan 5 or 6 for the southwest elementary boundary changes which affect Baranoff and Kiker Elementary.</p> <p>The Shady Hollow residents are against Plans 1 and 2 as these break up our neighborhood subdivision and result in Shady Hollow neighborhood children attending multiple schools.</p> <p>Plans 5 & 6 both:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fulfill the primary criteria of the BAC, ensuring enrollment at Baranoff and Kiker is between 75-115% of a school's permanent capacity. 2. AND fulfill the secondary criteria of the BAC and the recommendation of the Baranoff Campus Advisory Council, by keeping neighborhoods united and using major roads and subdivisions as boundaries. <p>Plans 1 and 2 do NOT fulfill the secondary criteria of the BAC nor fulfill the recommendations of the Baranoff Campus Advisory Council. Please keep our neighborhood united and vote for Plan 5 or 6.</p> <p>Thanks for your consideration (redacted)</p>
4/9/2019 9:43	Baranoff Elementary	KEEP SHADY HOLLOW TOGETHER. We dont want to be the " step child of Shady Hollow" . I am a baranoff Sponsor. And as a real estate agent-- it makes no sense to split up the neighborhood. This is important for the neighborhood.

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4/9/2019 9:51	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Dear Boundary Advisory Committee,</p> <p>I respectfully implore you to reconsider re-zoning the Baranoff Community. All of the Brodie neighborhoods south of Slaughter need to remain together. We are ONE STRONG UNITED COMMUNITY and breaking it apart is an awful solution for all of us. We thought that the building of the new Southwest School would alleviate pressures on Baranoff, no one would have voted or supported such a school had the question of breaking up Baranoff's zoning been part of the decision making. Furthermore, why was the new school only created for 500 students? I am not an expert on any of these matters but as a non-expert, it seems, perhaps, that it would have been wiser to create a larger campus as the areas surrounding it will only increase and it seems to me that overcrowding at the new campus will happen sooner rather than later.</p> <p>Again, I am not an expert, but I am a proud parent of Baranoff Elementary and a proud community member and we beg you to keep our amazing community together. We are better together and this should not be the solution to overcrowding.</p> <p>Sincerely and respectfully, (redacted)</p>
4/9/2019 10:54	Baranoff Elementary	<p>My family moved to our home in the Baranoff district from out of state 4 years ago due to the great school system. Now AISD is considering moving our Brodie Springs children to a low performing Kocurek school. I find this troubling as my children will not only move to a much lower performing school but will need to cross dangerous Brodie and Slaughter roads to do so (they can walk or ride their bikes to Baranoff without crossing any major roads). I am also concerned they may be forced to then track to Aikins HS in the future even though Bowie HS is less than a mile from our home. Please reconsider moving our children from their group of friends they've gone to school with for years and think of the safety issues of such a move.</p>
4/9/2019 11:36	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I am very disappointed in the new proposed boundaries. My wife and I purchased our home in Oak Parke less than three months ago, in part because of the excellent public school feeder system we were going into. We are planning a family soon, and I would without question look for better options than send our kids to a low-performing school.</p>
4/9/2019 12:31	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Good afternoon,</p> <p>I have seen the proposals for new boundaries for Baranoff elementary and would like to offer a suggestion to consider keeping our neighborhood (Shady Hollow) together by not cutting one or two streets out of the boundary area. Our community shares more than just schools. We come together for various different functions and I feel it would benefit all of us to have our children attending the same schools if possible. I know Baranoff has suffered overcrowding for a number of years now so we welcome any relief you can offer our kids, but we would love to stay together as a community as well at the same schools. Thank you so much for your time!</p> <p>(redacted)</p>
4/9/2019 13:17	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Please keep Shady Hollow together.</p> <p>Many residents (myself included) moved to our neighborhood specifically for Baranoff, Bailey and Bowie.</p> <p>Thank you, (redacted)</p>

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4/9/2019 14:35	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I strongly urge support of Plan 5 or 6 for the southwest elementary boundary changes which affect Baranoff and Kiker Elementary. Plans 1 and 2 are unacceptable for many reasons. They break up Oak Parke/Shady Hollow and result in Shady Hollow neighborhood children attending multiple schools that ultimately feed into different middle and high schools. Transporting our children across Slaughter Lane at rush hour to a school that is nowhere near either Oak Parke or Shady Hollow is contrary to the idea of neighborhood schools for elementary age students and erodes the momentum for parental involvement that is generated when these children are able to go to schools in their communities.</p> <p>Plans 5 & 6 both:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fulfill the primary criteria of the BAC, ensuring enrollment at Baranoff and Kiker is between 75-115% of each school's permanent capacity AND 2. Fulfill the secondary criteria of the BAC and the recommendation of the Baranoff Campus Advisory Council, by keeping neighborhoods united and using major roads and subdivisions as boundaries. <p>Plans 1 and 2 do NOT fulfill the secondary criteria of the BAC nor do they coincide with the recommendations of the Baranoff Campus Advisory Council.</p> <p>Please keep our neighborhoods together and support Plan 5 or 6.</p>
4/9/2019 15:36	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I am very concerned and strongly oppose the rezoning that is being considered for Brodie Springs. We support our school and do not have children at home any longer. We specifically purchased our home to be able to help support this school and our community. This action will negatively impact our neighborhood children, our home values and our community. We donate funds on a regular basis.</p>
4/9/2019 17:16	Baranoff Elementary	<p>We recently moved into the area ONLY because I wanted my child to attend Baranoff elementary.</p> <p>We are currently feeding into that school and I would like to provide my kid with proven quality education. She starts 2020/2021 school year.</p> <p>I understand overcrowding is a problem at the school but have you considered investing more into the remaining schools in the area to close the gap?? Also, looking at attendance projections for the next 5-7 yrs, looks like Baranoff student body will drop into more normal ranges.</p> <p>Please don't divide neighborhoods and don't make people leave the district.</p>

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4/9/2019 17:16	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Dear Boundary Advisory Committee Member,</p> <p>I strongly urge you to support Plan 5 or 6 for the southwest elementary boundary changes which affect Baranoff and Kiker Elementary. The Shady Hollow residents are against Plans 1 and 2 as these break up our neighborhood subdivision and result in Shady Hollow neighborhood children attending multiple schools. Our schools are community based schools and should remain that way.</p> <p>Plans 5 & 6 both:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fulfill the primary criteria of the BAC, ensuring enrollment at Baranoff and Kiker is between 75-115% of a school's permanent capacity. 2. AND fulfill the secondary criteria of the BAC and the recommendation of the Baranoff Campus Advisory Council, by keeping neighborhoods united and using major roads and subdivisions as boundaries. <p>Plans 1 and 2 do NOT fulfill the secondary criteria of the BAC nor fulfill the recommendations of the Baranoff Campus Advisory Council. Please keep our neighborhood united and vote for Plan 5 or 6.</p> <p>Thankfully, (redacted)</p>
4/9/2019 17:17	Baranoff Elementary	I am opposed to Rezoning the Shady Hollow, Oak Park and Brodie Springs area to another School other than Baranoff and the High School on Slaughter Lane.
4/9/2019 21:23	Baranoff Elementary	I just wanted to take the time to say that I for one support the changing of boundaries for barnoff elementary. These kids are drowning simple in the numbers that school currently has to support. I understand this is a hard decision to make but I do believe both schools and all the children that attend both of these schools will benefit from the change in the long run. Thank-you for all your hard work on this matter.
4/9/2019 21:28	Baranoff Elementary	Our neighborhoods along both sides of Brodie Lane south of Slaughter consider ourselves one neighborhood when it comes to where our children go to school. Please allow all of us to continue the Baranoff-Bailey-Bowie track. Thank you.
4/9/2019 22:03	Baranoff Elementary	Keep Oak Park and Brodie Springs as part of Baronoff, please!
4/9/2019 22:48	Baranoff Elementary	I advocate for "relief" at Baranoff. We are an overcrowded campus. I am a former Baranoff parent and a current Baranoff teacher. The overcrowding causes us to house permanent classrooms in "temporary portables" in less than desirable classroom spaces. We are bursting at the seems and the boundary changes will help remedy our overcrowding issues.

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4/9/2019 22:55	Baranoff Elementary	We bought our house based on the great schools our children would be able to attend. My daughter is 3.5 years old and I was so excited about her going to Baranoff and not having to pay for daycare/school anymore . We are extremely saddened of the news that our neighborhood, Brodie Springs may be rezoned to a different school with such low performance. I don't believe you can address the poor performance of another school by moving over kids that go to Baranoff. If anything it would be a difficult change for our kids and any improvement would not last long term. I am very worried about the poor performance and would not feel comfortable sending my child to Kocurek and I know many of my neighbors feel this same way. We back up to a street we share with the shady hollow neighborhood and would move there in order to make sure our daughter is able to attend Baranoff. I hope you will reconsider and not force all of us to move across the street just to stay in the Baranoff school district. We are only concerned with the well-being and development of our kids! They are not an experiment and we only get once shot at raising them right and providing the best possible education! Thanks for reading!
4/9/2019 23:32	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I am thankful and appreciate all the hard work the BAC has put into trying to relieve the overcrowding of our school. I realize there is no easy solution to this problem and there are lots of moving parts. I personally have 6 children who will all eventually attend Baranoff. One who is currently at Bailey, three who currently attend Baranoff, and two who will eventually attend Baranoff. I am thankful for administration and faculty at Baranoff who run our school very efficiently despite the overcrowding. That said I believe there is untapped potential the school has because of the overcrowding issue. A few examples; the time and logistics it takes cycling 48 classes through the cafeteria (some eat very early or very late consequently), to lacking a smaller community feel, lack of parking, not having enough seating at the many class programs, and less safe drop off and pickup procedures due traffic.</p> <p>No matter how well the school handles the population it will always come at a cost merely because it was not designed to function at its prime with the number of students it is forced to serve. Please help us serve our students well by dealing with this issue. Overcrowding will always come at a cost to students, faculty, administration and community. If AISD is to achieve its goals already set out overcrowding has to be dealt with sooner than later.</p>
4/10/2019 7:29	Baranoff Elementary	Sending current Baranoff students to Kocurek would adversely affect our entire community. Property values would decrease significantly putting thousands of people at a financial loss. Families move to Shady Hollow and the surrounding areas for the wonderful opportunities it presents for their children. Taking these students out of their current school and bussing them down Slaughter to a poorly performing school would be a massive disservice to them. The kids are settled and thriving at Baranoff. Please don't disrupt their education by forcing them to move.
4/10/2019 7:42	Baranoff Elementary	I support relieving overcrowding at Baranoff and Kiker. The traffic around Baranoff within the Villages of Shady Hollow during school drop off and pick up is horrendous, not to mention the impact on Brodie lane during the morning commute.

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4/10/2019 8:17	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I support the boundary changes being made regarding Baranoff Elementary School. The school is overcrowded and overcrowding leads to larger class sizes, teachers who are unable to offer adequate attention to all learners, and resources stretched too thin to appropriate support learning objectives. All of these factors contribute to a less than desirable education for all students from high-achievers to those who need extra help in the classroom.</p> <p>AISD's objective should be to provide all learners with an equitable education no matter their learning level or learning style. This occasionally means drawing new school boundaries when it becomes clear, as it has now, that Baranoff has exceeded its enrollment capacity. Kocurek Elementary School has a much lower enrollment and can accommodate the additional students being re-directed from Baranoff Elementary School. Not only would this alleviate overcrowding, but the communities that would now attend Kocurek Elementary would bring new perspectives, experiences, and resources to Kocurek which enriches everyone's educational experience.</p> <p>As a homeowner and member of this community, I am concerned about sky-high enrollment at Baranoff. I want to see the boundaries re-drawn to alleviate unnecessary pressure on the already limited resources. Teachers are stretched thin, administrators are stretched thin, facilities are stretched thin. Before long, this will lead to students not receiving the best possible education available. I SUPPORT THE PROPOSED PLAN TO ALLEVIATE OVERCROWDING AT BARANOFF BY RE-DRAWING THE BOUNDARY AND SENDING STUDENTS TO KOCUREK ELEMENTARY. I SUPPORT ALL PROPOSED PLANS THAT PROVIDE THE MOST RELIEF TO BARANOFF AND KIKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.</p>
4/10/2019 9:00	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Our school, Baranoff Elementary needs relief. Our school is too overpopulated. Our neighborhood streets around the school, cannot support the traffic and parking during school dropoff and pickup times. People park in crosswalks, labelled no parking zones, block sight lanes at intersections then add in the parents with students who cross in the middle of the street in traffic instead of using the crossing guards. It's dangerous!</p>
4/10/2019 9:13	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Please go with option 1 or 2. Baranoff is ridiculously overcrowded!!!</p>
4/10/2019 9:15	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Baranoff was originally designed for 800 students yet houses over 1100 with no sign of relief. Since the new school being built isn't going to help with Baranoff's crowding, I strongly support Option 1 or 2 to ease the number of students.</p>

4/10/2019 9:55	Baranoff Elementary	<p>TO: AISD Boundary Advisory Committee (BAC) FROM: Oak Parke Residents DATE: April 8th, 2019 RE: Petition to reconsider the proposed draft boundary maps that impact Oak Parke</p> <p>Oak Parke residents are strongly opposed to the draft boundary maps proposed by the BAC that would re-zone our students away from Baranoff. We respectfully request the BAC to reconsider boundary maps that would satisfy primary and secondary criteria in a way that benefits more schools and limit disruptions to Vertical Teams.</p> <p>Our primary reasons for opposing the current plans are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Efforts have already begun to alleviate Baranoff that have not been given time to have an effect and are not accurately reflected in the BAC population projections. 2. The current plans do not fulfill the BAC primary criteria in the best manner for as many elementary schools as possible. 3. None of the secondary criteria developed by the BAC are satisfied for 197 students out of 275 Baranoff students affected by these plans (including Oak Parke students). 4. The expedited BAC timeline and rushed decision to rank the proposed plans have not allowed the community sufficient time to conduct our own due diligence to provide the feedback BAC is mandated to seek. 5. We question the accuracy of the population data, as it appears to overestimate student enrollment as well as student numbers in affected neighborhoods, including Oak Parke. These inaccuracies are overestimating the easements to Baranoff's capacity. <p>Please refer to the OAK PARKE SUPPORTING EVIDENCE section attached for details of our arguments. We strongly oppose the current boundary maps, which would displace our students from their Vertical teams, cause undue risk and burden to our students' commutes, and be the result of a rushed decision that may lack all necessary data. We believe there are other solutions, some already underway, to the overcrowding of Baranoff that should be considered first, because they better satisfy the primary and secondary criteria of the BAC than the current proposed plans. We are happy to discuss these options further with the BAC.</p> <p>Respectfully, Oak Parke Residents OAK PARKE SUPPORTING EVIDENCE</p> <p>A Boundary Advisory Committee (BAC) was formed by AISD as an advisory body to the Superintendent to assist in developing recommendations for the creation of, and adjustments to, school attendance area boundaries. The BAC is responsible for developing criteria for evaluating boundary proposals, engaging the community for feedback on such proposals, and providing final recommendations to the Superintendent.</p> <p>Recently, the BAC has been evaluating changes to the boundaries of Baranoff, Kocurek, Cowan, Boone, and Kiker elementary schools to accommodate the new southwest elementary and to potentially alleviate over enrollment in Baranoff, Cowan, and Kiker. A summary of the target criteria for making these decisions are:</p>
4/10/2019 11:21	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I support each of the boundary changes. As the parent of a Baranoff student, we are in desperate need of overcrowding relief. Thank you.</p>
4/10/2019 11:52	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hi, I would like to see Shady Hollow kids stay at Baranoff. Shady Hollow is a close knit community. It would be a shame if the kids were split up. (redacted)</p>

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4/10/2019 12:43	Baranoff Elementary	Please keep all of Shady Hollow students in the Baranoff Elementary attendance zone.
4/10/2019 13:38	Baranoff Elementary	I strongly oppose Plans 1 and 2 which take a portion of Shady Hollow from Doe Run to Brodie Springs out of the Baranoff boundaries. Splitting the neighborhood splits the community and unnecessarily stresses the children. We all bought in that neighborhood because of the schools -- quality, proximity, community. You are also changing traffic patterns on an already heavily traversed and dangerous street. You are adding to the congestion at Brodie and Slaughter, and asking parents to drive through some of the worse traffic in South Austin twice a day. Keep our kids out of that traffic. Please leave our neighborhood intact. Please. My 9-year-old daughter is stressed out enough that some of her friends are moving to new schools. If she finds out she may be too, she will be even more upset. That school and the kids in our neighborhood are like family. Please don't split us up.
4/10/2019 14:19	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hello,</p> <p>My name is (redacted). I am a resident of Oak Parke and am writing to express my strong opposition to rezoning our neighborhood away from Baranoff Elementary. My oldest son is currently a third grader at Baranoff Elementary School.</p> <p>Our primary reasons for opposing the current plans include:</p> <p>Efforts have already begun to alleviate Baranoff that have not been given time to have an effect and are not accurately reflected in the Boundary Advisory Committee (BAC) population projections.</p> <p>The current plans do not fulfill the BAC primary criteria in the best manner for as many elementary schools as possible.</p> <p>None of the secondary criteria developed by the BAC are satisfied for the 197 students out of 275 Baranoff students affected by these plans (including Oak Parke students).</p> <p>The expedited BAC timeline and rushed decision to rank the proposed plans have not allowed the community sufficient time to conduct our own due diligence to provide the feedback BAC is mandated to seek.</p> <p>We question the accuracy of the population data, as it appears to overestimate student enrollment as well as student numbers in affected neighborhoods, including Oak Parke. These inaccuracies are overestimating the easements to Baranoff's capacity.</p> <p>We absolutely love Baranoff. The principal, the teachers, the staff and counselors have created an environment where our son has grown. His love of learning, and learning to love others is nurtured daily at our school. Bottom line is that Baranoff is a good fit for our family.</p> <p>I appreciate your consideration of this matter and respectfully request the Boundary Advisory Committee reconsider boundary maps that would satisfy primary and secondary criteria in a way that benefits more schools and limit disruptions to Vertical Teams.</p> <p>Respectfully, (redacted)</p>

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4/10/2019 15:06	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hello! As a parent of a pre-K student about to begin attending Baranoff, I'm concerned about the new zoning proposed for the Oak Parke neighborhood.</p> <p>My primary reasons for opposing the current plans are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Efforts have already begun to alleviate Baranoff that have not been given time to have an effect and are not accurately reflected in the BAC population projections. 2. The current plans do not fulfill the BAC primary criteria in the best manner for as many elementary schools as possible. 3. None of the secondary criteria developed by the BAC are satisfied for 197 students out of 275 Baranoff students affected by these plans (including Oak Parke students). 4. The expedited BAC timeline and rushed decision to rank the proposed plans have not allowed the community sufficient time to conduct our own due diligence to provide the feedback BAC is mandated to seek. 5. We question the accuracy of the population data, as it appears to overestimate student enrollment as well as student numbers in affected neighborhoods, including Oak Parke. These inaccuracies are overestimating the easements to Baranoff's capacity. <p>It is also my understanding that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Enrollment at Baranoff has already begun to decrease. Baranoff staff confirmed via phone call on April 8th, 2019 that current enrollment is 990 for 2018-2019. The population data indicates an enrollment of 1,104, a difference of more than 10% from actuals. b. Opening of the new southwest elementary school will encourage further easements to Baranoff and Kiker, and these easements have not been factored into the baseline population data being used by the BAC to create the boundary map plans. <p>I truly appreciate your time and thought on this matter and hope that you will reconsider the zoning maps currently being proposed, and will consider keeping Oak Parke students at Baranoff.</p> <p>Sincerely, (redacted)</p>
4/10/2019 15:28	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I have a 2 children at Baranoff and I support the boundary change to help with the over crowding. The teachers are over taxed with the larger class sizes, and trying to watch my kindergarteners little choir performance was bonkers. The line went out the door and around the building (just to get in) and there were zero seats, it was like a Black Friday nightmare people rushing in and grabbing seats.</p>
4/10/2019 17:31	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I urge you to include Shady Hollow, Brodie Springs, Oake Parke Kellywood, Palomino Park and any other subdivisions South of Slaughter off Brodie in the Baranoff Boundary. We are and have been a community for years and all consider each other neighbors. Our kids have grown together and are deeply rooted in making Baranoff a successful school. Academic programs offered In the boundary proposal do not offer the same programs that Baranoff offers, that our essential to some students learning. There's also traffic concern, as Brodie and Slaughter is an extremely busy intersection, especially during peak hours. The extra traffic from these houses will only exacerbate the traffic. I thank you for taking the time to review this comment as well as all other comments and taking them into consideration when finalizing the proposals.</p>
4/10/2019 18:26	Baranoff Elementary	<p>What does AISD intend to do about rezoning children from a 90% staar passing rate school to a 60% staar passing rate school? How will tracking for high school be impacted by the rezoning and why is it not a primary criteria?</p> <p>The current plan options, as presented, are unacceptable, and create even more problems than they fix.</p>

4/10/2019 19:29	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I am surprised to hear that parts of Shady Hollow are being considered to be rezoned from Baranoff Elementary to Kocurek Elementary. In looking at the limited amount of information provided and the maps that were posted, neither community input nor the impact of the disruption on the students in changing schools was considered, only numbers. We have lived in Brodie Springs for 6 years, but my children were born and raised in Shady Hollow. We moved to Brodie Springs to stay in the same community, with the same neighbors and the same schools. Most of my children's friends live in Shady Hollow, as do mine.</p> <p>My understanding is that the Baranoff CAC last year considered all the relevant factors, including community input, site visits, and the numbers. It determined that Baranoff could safely and confidently accommodate present and future enrollment projections, which includes the approximately 30 elementary age children in Brodie Springs. However, that recommendation from members of the entire Shady Hollow community has been ignored, even though the Boundary Advisory Committee is supposed to consider input from the Campus Advisory Committees.</p> <p>Baranoff's state accountability rating for 2017-18 was a 93, while Kocurek's was a 74. That is significant! You are making a significant impact these children's education by pulling them from a high performing school into a low performing school. Baranoff offers important resources to the students not offered at Kocurek, such as STEAM and language therapists. Also, more money is being spent per student at Kocurek, but the academic performance is still lacking. I do not know the teachers or administration at Kocurek, but this is not acceptable and is extremely disruptive to the learning process.</p> <p>I have watched several of these attempts at rezoning play out, and I am most frustrated that in other similar circumstances, such as when Gorzycki MS was opening, residents were successful in arguing that tracking and performance rates were significant factors to be considered, and they were considered. With the rezoning for Gorzycki, the maps were redrawn several times. However, both performance and tracking have been pushed aside here. Shady Hollow has always tracked from Baranoff, to Bailey, and to Bowie. That is not the tracking of Kocurek, as they track to Akins. Therefore, it not only disrupts them now, moving to a new elementary school, but in middle school also.</p> <p>Safety is a concern that should be taken seriously by the BAC, and it is also a stated goal of the committee. There is no sidewalk on Brodie Lane in front of Brodie Springs. However, you can walk and bike to Baranoff using neighborhood streets. As I stated, friends live in Shady Hollow, near Baranoff, and they bike back and forth, without having to use a major road. However, now we would have to travel on SLAUGHTER LANE! Have you been to Brodie Lane and Slaughter any time of day? Visit at 7:30a.m. or 3:00p.m. – I would not feel comfortable travelling on bike or walking (I even try to avoid driving it). There have been countless accidents, including a school bus recently. There are also plans to expand Slaughter Ln to 3 lanes in each direction.</p> <p>Additionally, one of the stated goals of the BAC is to use major roads and subdivisions and boundaries. Brodie Springs, though only a name and only 114 houses, is part of Shady Hollow, with 2 of its entrances on Squirrel Hollow, one of the original Shady Hollow streets. Several of the residents off Squirrel Hollow and connecting streets use Brodie Springs to get to Brodie Lane.</p> <p>We love Baranoff and our community, and we ask that you reconsider the current zoning maps, that ignored community input and the stated goals, and go back to the drawing board. This is not just a numbers game, but one significantly impact both the education and the community.</p>
4/10/2019 19:52	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Please keep Shady Hollow together. Some children get rides home with kids whom are not affected by the potential rezoning. This cannot happen if our children are at another school. Some of these pickups are our children's caregivers until parents arrive back from work. This includes rides to our neighborhood swim team practice during the school year, rides home from the same school. These are built friendships in our section since the birth of our children. Please consider maps 5 & 6 heavily and please keep Shady Hollow United! Thank you so much for your time and consideration.</p>
4/10/2019 21:06	Baranoff Elementary	I feel that baranoff is overcrowded and will continue to be overcrowded unless we receive relief.

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4/10/2019 21:24	Baranoff Elementary	Rezoning is a tough hill to climb. With that being said, communities/neighborhoods should remain intact. My child plays with the kid across the street. Yes they are best friends and I don't want some line drawn to tear them apart. Thank you
4/10/2019 21:52	Baranoff Elementary	Please reconsider not zoning Brodie Springs kids to Kocurek Elementary. Shady Hollow and Brodie Springs are considered one large community. It would be a shame to split the two when they are side by side.
4/10/2019 21:53	Baranoff Elementary	I don't understand why the new elementary school being built isn't enough relief for Baranoff and Cowan? Isn't that the reason for a new school? Why rezone others to different schools besides the new one?
4/10/2019 22:18	Baranoff Elementary	We support rezoning to reduce overcrowding at Baranoff.
4/11/2019 9:50	Baranoff Elementary	As a father of students at Baranoff, the overcrowding has become unsustainable. We desperately need a change in boundaries to lighten the load. My wife and I are strongly in support of the proposed option that removes as many students from Baranoff as possible. Thank you for allowing those with a vested interest in our students, rather than any perceived impact on property values, to have our voices heard. And thank you for your consideration in this matter.
4/11/2019 10:28	Baranoff Elementary	I am writing to you today to voice my strong opposition to the proposed boundary changes involving moving children in the Oak Parke neighborhood from Baranoff to Kocurek Elementary. I understand that Baranoff is currently over capacity but its population is trending down and the overcrowding will be further alleviated when the new elementary opens in Southwest Austin next year. Moving the small number of children from the Oak Parke neighborhood that attend Baranoff will not make a significant difference in the school's population. While I know longer have children in grades K-12, I am a taxpayer who has paid taxes to AISD for more than 33 years. In fact, I have paid taxes on two properties for the last 24 years. I am disappointed that I only heard about this through neighbors at what appears to be the tail end of the discussions. I strongly urge AISD to consider options to inform entire affected populations of these significant proposed changes in the future. You have our information from the tax rolls. Again, let me stress my total opposition to moving Oak Parke neighborhood children from Baranoff to Kocurek Elementary.
4/11/2019 10:53	Baranoff Elementary	I strongly urge you to support Plan 5 or 6 for the southwest elementary boundary changes which affect Baranoff and Kiker Elementary. The Shady Hollow residents who share the same HOA are against Plans 1 and 2 as these break up our neighborhood subdivision and result in Shady Hollow neighborhood children attending multiple schools. Plans 5 & 6 both: 1. Fulfill the primary criteria of the BAC, ensuring enrollment at Baranoff and Kiker is between 75-115% of a school's permanent capacity. 2. AND fulfill the secondary criteria of the BAC and the recommendation of the Baranoff Campus Advisory Council, by keeping neighborhoods united and using major roads and subdivisions as boundaries. Plans 1 and 2 do NOT fulfill the secondary criteria of the BAC nor fulfill the recommendations of the Baranoff Campus Advisory Council. Please keep our neighborhood united and vote for Plan 5 or 6.
4/11/2019 10:57	Baranoff Elementary	I want all children of Shady hollow to attend Baranoff elementary. We want our children have the programs provided by Baranoff elementary

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4/11/2019 12:27	Baranoff Elementary	<p>The Shady Hollow residents are against Plans 1 and 2 as these break up our neighborhood subdivision and paying HOA members and result in Shady Hollow neighborhood children attending multiple schools.</p> <p>Plans 5 & 6 both:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fulfill the primary criteria of the BAC, ensuring enrollment at Baranoff and Kiker is between 75-115% of a school's permanent capacity. 2. AND fulfill the secondary criteria of the BAC and the recommendation of the Baranoff Campus Advisory Council, by keeping neighborhoods united and using major roads and subdivisions as boundaries. <p>Plans 1 and 2 do NOT fulfill the secondary criteria of the BAC nor fulfill the recommendations of the Baranoff Campus Advisory Council.</p> <p>Please keep our neighborhood united and vote for Plan 5 or 6.</p>
4/11/2019 12:30	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Please strongly consider map 5/6 for Baranoff rezoning. This will fulfill criteria and keep Shady Hollow community and all HOA paying members united in the same school!</p> <p>Thank you for your kind consideration</p>
4/11/2019 13:15	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I think Baranoff has been able to run smoothly with the over crowdedness but it still comes at a toll. To the teachers, admin, students and the building. Emotions are running high. But logically, to fix the problem a line has to be drawn somewhere. There is no reason our families cannot remain a solid community of the boundary separates us. Please rezone and give relief to Baranoff.</p>
4/11/2019 13:52	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Our neighborhood is being rezoned. I live in Shady Hollow, Southwest Austin. My child goes to Baranoff. I moved to this neighborhood and pay more for my home to attend this school. You are dividing a great community. I support my neighbors and they support me We know each other because our kids go to school together. If you move part of a neighborhood, you are dividing a community. Baranoff attendance is slowly declining already. A new school opens in Circle C and will take several kids out of this school. Do not divide us.</p>
4/11/2019 14:04	Baranoff Elementary	<p>It is imperative that the neighborhood of Shady Hollow be kept intact. With the rezoning options removing the northern portion to Kocurek instead of Baranoff, our entire community will be devastated by this division. Friends and family live in the community for our togetherness and we will all fight this rezoning. Keep our Shady Hollow/Brodie Springs intact!</p>
4/11/2019 14:04	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I support proposed maps 5 or 6.</p>
4/11/2019 14:23	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I'm hoping you will consider supporting proposed map 5 or 6. Please keep all of Shady Hollow together. I moved here from the Koureck district specifically so my daughter could go to Baranoff/ Bailey/ and Bowie. Please do not divide our community. Find a different way to solve Koureck's attendance problem. Dividing our neighborhood is a very poor solution. You will be hurting middle class families who have done everything possible so our children can go to the school we want them to. Moving the boundary will not work. You will not retain any of these folks until you improve the school rating. None of these people will stay in AISD if you try to force this new boundary on them. We will send our kids to private schools or just move to another district with better schools. This needs to be fixed internally at Koureck, not by destroying our community in Shady Hollow. We all have sacrificed time and money to live here and to be a part of this community. Do not destroy our community and my property value with it. I do not have a pension to fall back on. I need my property value to stay where it is and I need my daughter to have a stability at school. Splitting our neighborhood to solve this attendance issue is a terrible plan and absolutely will not work.</p>

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4/11/2019 14:28	Baranoff Elementary	Baranoff has too many students right now. Changing the zones of who attends baranoff would be a great relief to the overcrowded school. Rezone Oak Parke, the Brodie Springs subdivision, and the bridges of bear creek.
4/11/2019 14:45	Baranoff Elementary	As a parent of students at Baranoff, my husband and I are strongly in support of the boundary change that results in the greatest reduction of the student body at Baranoff. This is in the best interest of the students, even those that will be moved to a new school.
4/11/2019 14:48	Baranoff Elementary	We have been told the primary reason a boundary change for Baranoff is required is to relieve overcrowding, yet the principal at Baranoff has recently announced the development of a pre-K program to attract more students! This action by AISD invalidates the entire premise that overcrowding at Baranoff is a problem and is causing great anger in parents with kids who would be affected by a boundary change. AISD must prioritize existing students at Baranoff before establishing any new programs designed to attract more students. This is grossly unfair to existing students who love and support their school.
4/11/2019 17:03	Baranoff Elementary	I completely oppose all of the map options that have been presented. I am a resident of Oak Parke and in full disclosure, an employee at Baranoff elementary. My son went all six years at Baranoff and my daughter is currently in 4th grade. We love our Shady Hollow greater community. Oak Parke residents have been building Baranoff up since the doors opened in 1999. Our neighborhood deserves and has earned its forever home at Baranoff. Even though we are not technically in Shady Hollow, we are one community and one neighborhood in our eyes and hearts. Please reconsider all of these options as it will greatly affect so many people who have dedicated their time, money and hearts into our WHOLE SW Brodie community.
4/12/2019 7:10	Baranoff Elementary	For the sake of using common sense, please do not split up Shady Hollow when considering boundaries. I live just a few blocks away and have been in the neighborhood before the school was built. The school was built to service the neighborhood. To now consider penalizing parts of the neighborhood to accommodate others outside of the neighborhood is ridiculously irresponsible. This is elementary at best. No pun intended.
4/12/2019 10:17	Baranoff Elementary	Please help Baranoff with its over crowding by moving some kids to Kocurek. There is a map that suggests the neighborhood of Shady Hollow can be kept together while moving all neighborhoods north to Kocurek. I am in favor of this for many reasons. Shady Hollow HOA does a lot together so we want all of Shady Hollow kids at the same schools. The neighborhoods north have their own events. It's not true that kids from Shady Hollow play with kid from Brodie Springs, Oak Parke, or Palomino Park unless they already know each other. It's my concern that those who don't want to move are using every excuse to get out of it for their property values, but that's not more important to the rest of us than the safety and well being of all children. Please make that a priority when making your decision. Baranoff has been overcrowded for too long! We need some relief.

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4/12/2019 14:40	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Many residents in our neighborhood are truly concerned about the proposed realignment for school boundaries between Baranoff and Kocurek. Without a doubt, many homeowners made their buying decision based on school boundaries and changing it without regard to the impact it will have on their kid's education or home value is irresponsible. I fortunately live in Villages of Shady Hallow and will not be impacted by this decision but empathize with these residents. I would hate to find myself on the other side one day with rumors that AISD is considering cutting out Shady Hallow out of Bowie's boundary lines in the future. My children are 7 & 8 years old right now, but we 100% bought our home with the idea they would be zoned to Bowie. I hope if/and when that day comes our residents will fight that decision as well.</p> <p>Regarding the matter at hand, please reconsider your current position as these parents/homeowners are desperately worried about their situation and children's education.</p>
4/12/2019 21:59	Baranoff Elementary	<p>After this week's meeting, there is chatter about the possibility of Olympic Heights being rezoned. Please do not rezone Olympic Heights to another elementary school. Baranoff is safely walkable for us, and any other school would require putting our children on buses, which would also add to the budget. The edge of our neighborhood share a fence with the school, rezoning us didn't seem like the reasonable decision. We have no walkable or safe passage to either Menchaca or Kocurek. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
4/13/2019 11:05	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I had a chance to review the suggested changes to SW AISD. Olympic Heights must stay within the Baranoff alignment. My daughter walks to school approx 3 days a week with a group of her friends. There is no way they can cross Frate Barker, and there are no sidewalks leading to Menchaca Elementary.</p> <p>If she is realigned, there are 3 days a week she won't be able to make it to school safely.</p> <p>I understand no one will be pleased with any realignment, but the purpose isn't to make adults happy--it's to keep children safe.</p> <p>I cannot fathom AISD putting my child in danger.</p>
4/13/2019 12:44	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I have been told that there is an option to refine the community of Olympic heights to Manchaca elementary.</p> <p>I would like to communicate several concerns I have :</p> <p>The district's first priority is to alleviate overcrowding, followed by creating and preserving walkability to elementary schools. Olympic Heights is extremely walkable to Baranoff and is close enough that buses will not need to be provided. If rezoned, our students would most likely be put on buses, adding costs to the AISD budget and the current budget shortfall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If rezoned to Menchaca, this is not walkable as there are no safe routes. Manchaca Rd has no sidewalks and very tiny shoulders. This is a danger and goes against the district's secondary criteria, that of providing safe passage to campuses. • If rezoned to Kocurek, AISD would have to add a bus route, which is currently not needed as we are walkable to Baranoff. This also goes against the secondary criteria and adds to the budget. • The Oak Parke/Brodie Springs neighborhoods are already on a bus route to Baranoff as those subdivisions fall outside the 2 mile corridor. It makes financial sense to change where the bus goes and direct it to Kocurek. This does not alter the cost of the route. <p>Please consider these points and keep Olympic heights children in Baranoff.</p> <p>Thank you (redacted)</p>

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4/13/2019 12:57	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hi There,</p> <p>In light of the recent discussions and those forthcoming, I wanted to share a few of my concerns regarding the proposed boundary changes as it relates to my neighborhood of Olympic Heights. I have outlined a few bullet points below for your consideration which I fully support. I strongly propose that we remain within the Baranoff district boundaries based on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are walkable to Baranoff and are close enough that buses will not need to be provided. If rezoned, our students would most likely be put on buses, adding costs to the AISD budget and the current budget shortfall. • If rezoned to Manchaca, this is not walkable as there are no safe routes. Manchaca Rd has no sidewalks and very tiny shoulders. This is a danger and goes against the district's secondary criteria, that of providing safe passage to campuses. • If rezoned to Kocurek, AISD would have to add a bus route, which is currently not needed as we are walkable to Baranoff. This also goes against the secondary criteria and adds to the budget. • The Oak Parke/Brodie Springs neighborhoods are already on a bus route to Baranoff as those subdivisions fall outside the 2 mile corridor. It makes financial sense to change where the bus goes and direct it to Kocurek. This does not alter the cost of the route. <p>Thank you in advance for your for your thoughtful consideration of the above.</p>
4/13/2019 13:06	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I live in Olympic Heights. I'm disturbed to hear there is a map considering removing Olympic Heights from Baranoff. Olympic Heights is walkable to Baranoff unlike many other neighborhoods. My house is so close to Baranoff that I can hear the children playing outside during the day. It does not make sense to deprive children the opportunity to safely walk/bike to school and for the district to incur the cost of busing the children along a dangerous corridor. The children of Olympic Heights cannot walk/bike Manchaca or 1626. Other students from further away neighborhoods already being bused to Baranoff will not lose the opportunity to safely walk/bike to school. It would also be bad Public Relations for the district to bend to the will of more wealthy neighborhoods and only consider redistricting more affordable neighborhoods. I don't see why AISD needs to change the district lines. If the new SW school will relieve some of the overcrowding.</p>
4/13/2019 13:21	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I currently live in Olympic Heights and am concerned about the most recent map which shows our neighborhood being rezoned out of Baranoff. This seems crazy when we are less than one mile and walkable to this school. If we get zoned to Manachaca, will there be a bus route? If not, this will cause a lot more traffic on Manchaca Road during drop off and pick up times, as it's not walkable. If we get zoned to Kocurek, than there would definitely need to be additional bus routes, causing the AISD to spend unnecessary funds. My understanding is enrollment is down and will continue to decline so this boundary adjustment may not truly be needed. I understand that Shady Hollow folks believe their neighborhood should not be split up, but I dont find this to be a valid argument. Olympic Heights is currently split in regards to high school, the far west streets go to Bowie while the rest of the neighborhood goes to Akins.</p>
4/13/2019 14:00	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hi, I am a homeowner in Olympic Heights. I would like to address possible rezoning from Baranoff to Manchaca or Kocurek. Right now Olympic Heights students can walk to Baranoff and do not require busing, but if we are rezoned to either of the other schools our children would require busing. This would add additional expense to the school district. It seems like a better solution would be to change communities north of shady hollow which already require busing to Kocurek, which would not alter the cost to bus children.</p>

4/13/2019 16:31	Baranoff Elementary	<p>My name is (redacted). I am a parent, homeowner and board member of the Shady Hollow Homeowners Association. I request that our children continue to be afforded the opportunity to attend and continue to attend our neighborhood school-Baranoff Elementary. Specifically, I make the following requests of the Boundary Advisory Committee (BAC).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Immediately vote against Boundary Proposal Plans 1 & 2. Boundary Proposal Plans 1 & 2 do not fulfill either secondary criterion of the BAC nor the recommendation of the Baranoff Campus Advisory Council, which is to keep neighborhoods united and use major roads and subdivisions as boundaries. Boundary Proposal Plans 1 & 2 break up the Shady Hollow Neighborhood subdivision into two different elementary attendance zones and send a portion of the Shady Hollow children to Kocurek Elementary (these include the Shady Hollow neighborhood streets: Apache Forest Drive, Denbar Court, Doe Run, Indian Point, Shady Hollow Drive, and Shady Valley Drive being rezoned to Kocurek Elementary). 2. Support Boundary Proposal Plans 5 & 6 in order to keep the neighborhood of Shady Hollow united. <p>I request that the BAC support a plan that fulfills the primary criterion of the BAC and the secondary criterion of the BAC. Boundary Proposal Plans 5 & 6 include the complete neighborhood of Shady Hollow in the Baranoff Attendance Zones. Boundary Proposal Plans 5 & 6 both :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Fulfill the primary criterion of the BAC, ensuring enrollment at Baranoff Elementary is between 75-115% of a school's permanent capacity. b. AND fulfill the secondary criterion of the BAC and the recommendation of the Baranoff Campus Advisory Council, to keep neighborhoods united and use major roads and subdivisions as boundaries. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. I support a revision of Boundary Proposal Plans 5 & 6 to include additional neighborhoods along Brodie Lane to be included in the Baranoff Elementary attendance zones. <p>The current boundary proposal plans are insufficient and should be revised as set forth above:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The current boundary proposal plans do NOT result in Baranoff Elementary fulfilling the 110% enrollment requirement to be closed to transfers. The displacement of our children from Baranoff Elementary to other elementary schools will result in the campus being open to transfers. <p>Forcing students to move to another elementary school creates undue</p>
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4/13/2019 17:14	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I am a homeowner and resident of the Olympic Heights neighborhood.(redacted) When my wife and I purchased our home 5 years ago we struggled to find an affordable home within the city limits with walkable access to highly ranked elementary school for our son. Luckily, Olympic Heights fit this bill perfectly, and we have always felt lucky to have such a great school only a few blocks from home that our son can attend. If Olympic Heights is rezoned, this will add an unnecessary and additional bus route to an already strained budget. Yet there are already several neighborhoods currently zoned for Baranoff which have bus routes that can simply be redirected to another school with no additional costs and minimal impact. Being rezoned will likely force my family to move, and because of the rising housing costs within the city limits, we will be forced out of Austin and outside AISD boundaries, which would be extremely disappointing and disheartening to me and my sense of community.</p>
4/13/2019 17:31	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I am a homeowner and resident of the Olympic Heights neighborhood. (redacted) When I purchased my home 3 years ago I struggled to find an affordable home within the city limits with walkable access to highly ranked elementary school for the children I plan to have here. Luckily, I found Olympic Heights, and I have always felt lucky to have such a great school only a few blocks from home. If Olympic Heights is rezoned, this will add an unnecessary and additional bus route to an already strained budget. There are already several neighborhoods currently zoned for Baranoff which have bus routes that can simply be redirected to another school with no additional costs and minimal impact. Being rezoned will likely force me to move, and because of the rising housing costs within the city limits, I will likely be forced out of Austin and outside AISD boundaries altogether, which would be extremely disappointing and disheartening to me and my sense of community.</p>
4/13/2019 17:58	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Proposed changes to Olympic Heights subdivision from Baranoff Elem to Manchaca. If AISD wishes to know why their enrollment is declining, it is issued such as these. Proposing a change to our neighborhood school that is less than a mile and that my children can walk or bike to, to one that will require bussing and/or parent driving is senseless.</p> <p>Just a few points to consider:</p> <p>Olympic Heights is walkable to Baranoff and is close enough that buses will not need to be provided. If rezoned, our students would most likely be put on buses, adding costs to the AISD budget and the current budget shortfall.</p> <p>If rezoned to Menchaca, this is not walkable as there are no safe routes. Manchaca Rd has no sidewalks and very tiny shoulders. This is a danger and goes against the district's secondary criteria, that of providing safe passage to campuses.</p> <p>If rezoned to Kocurek, AISD would have to add a bus route, which is currently not needed as we are walkable to Baranoff. This also goes against the secondary criteria and adds to the budget.</p> <p>The Oak Parke/Brodie Springs neighborhoods are already on a bus route to Baranoff as those subdivisions fall outside the 2 mile corridor. It makes financial sense to change where the bus goes and direct it to Kocurek. This does not alter the cost of the route.</p>
4/13/2019 18:23	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I'm an Olympic Heights neighborhood owner and parent. We live 4 neighborhood blocks from Baranoff Elementary and are considered close enough if the district needs to minimize bus routes.</p>

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4/13/2019 18:30	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I ask you please consider keeping Olympic Heights zoned to attend Baranoff.</p> <p>We are walkable to Baranoff and are close enough that buses will not need to be provided. If rezoned, our students would most likely be put on buses, adding costs to the AISD budget and the current budget shortfall.</p> <p>If rezoned to Menchaca, this is not walkable as there are no safe routes. Manchaca Rd has no sidewalks and very tiny shoulders. This is a danger and goes against the district's secondary criteria, that of providing safe passage to campuses.</p> <p>If rezoned to Kocurek, AISD would have to add a bus route, which is currently not needed as we are walkable to Baranoff. This also goes against the secondary criteria and adds to the budget.</p>
4/13/2019 18:36	Baranoff Elementary	<p>We (Olympic Heights) are walkable to Baranoff and are close enough that buses will not need to be provided. If rezoned, our students would most likely be put on buses, adding costs to the AISD budget and the current budget shortfall.</p> <p>If rezoned to Menchaca, this is not walkable as there are no safe routes. Manchaca Rd has no sidewalks and very tiny shoulders. This is a danger and goes against the district's secondary criteria, that of providing safe passage to campuses.</p> <p>If rezoned to Kocurek, AISD would have to add a bus route, which is currently not needed as we are walkable to Baranoff. This would add costs to the budget.</p> <p>Please keep our kids at Baranoff for their safety and to avoid increasing costs for bus transportation.</p>
4/13/2019 18:40	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I'm hearing that Olympic Heights neighborhood may be moved to Menchaca Elementary. I'm hoping this is incorrect as it does not make any geographical or financial sense. Olympic Height is walking distance to Baranoff elementary school. If Olympic Heights is rezoned it will only add cost to the AISD budget as students will likely be put on buses in Olympic Height to reach Menchaca school. Menchaca is not walkable from our neighborhood as there are NO safe routes. Manchaca road does not have sidewalks and the shoulders are very tiny, this would put our children in harms way. The Oak Park and Brodie Springs neighborhoods already use a bus route to get to Baranoff as those subdivisions fall outside the 2-mile corridor. It makes more financial sense to change where the bus goes and direct it to Kocurek. This will not alter the cost of the route.</p>

4/13/2019 18:42	Baranoff Elementary	<p>My wife and I recently purchased a house (redacted) in the Olympic Heights neighborhood that hugs Baranoff Elementary. We did so because of the schools that our neighborhood is zoned for. We have a 7 year old daughter who is a first grader at Baranoff and an 11 year old son who is a 6th grader at Bailey Middle School. Both of our kids love their schools because of everything they have to offer; namely the teachers and their friends from our neighborhood who they walk to school with in the case of our daughter, and ride the bus with in the case of our son at Bailey. But since this feedback form is for the purpose of Baranoff, I will elaborate more on why I am advocating for why my neighborhood, Olympic Heights, NEEDS to continue to be attached to Baranoff Elementary.</p> <p>The neighborhood/community of Olympic Heights literally hugs Baranoff. There is no house in Olympic Heights that is far enough away to warrant a bus to bring kids to the school. In other words, we in Olypic Heights are not just less than two miles from the school, most of us are within a half mile to the school. We love that we can walk or ride bikes to school. Although our daughter is not old enough to walk home on her own, in a few years she will be able to do so. Baranoff is truly OUR neighborhood school. And while my daughter has only been at Baranoff for a short time, tearing her away to another school that is NOT walkable, and sending her away to another school away from so many friends she's made, would have a negative impact on her social and emotional growth. And it would definitely hurt all other Olympic Heights kids who have been at Baranoff for a longer amount of time. The safety of our children is a top priority, and sending our daughter to our neighborhood school, where we can walk or bike down little streets is wonderful. We feel safety would become a concern having to traverse to a much farther school down larger congested streets like Manchaca or Slaughter.</p> <p>Olympic Heights is closer to Baranoff than most of Shady Hollow and the other neighborhoods that feed into Baranoff. If there is one neighborhood that needs to be at Baranoff, it's Olympic Heights.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
4/13/2019 18:44	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Dear Sir or Madam:</p> <p>My email concerns with the 11th proposed map that rezones Olympic Heights residents to Menchaca Elementary. I am a resident of Olympic Heights. My home is about 400ft away from Baranoff Elementary School's boundary and is currently zoned for Baranoff. I have two little kids and my family purchased this house 4 years ago solely with the intention of putting my kids to Baranoff.</p> <p>I am trying to teach my kids the importance of living a greener life by walking as much as we can. Most of the residents from Olympic Heights, either walk, skate or let their kids go on a bicycle. I also intend to do the same. My kids will attend 7 years in an elementary school. By rezoning this community to such a far school (Menchaca), you would not only be affecting the convenience of parents and kids but also contributing more towards global warming (7 years of driving 5 miles per day). This is wasteful in terms of time, and resources.</p> <p>- The newly proposed school is not within walking distance. In fact, even if we wanted to walk to Menchaca School, there are no safe walking routes.</p> <p>I urge you to reconsider your proposal and leaving the current set of schools for Olympic Heights as it is.</p> <p>If you have any questions for me, please feel free to email me at (redacted)</p> <p>Thank you, (redacted)</p>

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4/13/2019 18:46	Baranoff Elementary	Hello. We are Olympics Heights residents who's kindergartener is currently attending and thriving at Baranoff. I'm writing to express my concerns about the possibility of being rezoned to an elementary school that is no longer walkable for our child to attend. Manchaca has no sidewalks, small shoulders, and is a very busy street, and rezoning to Manchaca would put my child and the children in our neighborhood at unnecessary risk. Currently, we do not have to leave neighborhood streets for our child to attend Baranoff, thereby making sure we can walk to school safely without the need for additional bus routes or any added expense to AISD. Please consider these priorities and the safety of our children as you continue looking at rezoning options. Thank you.
4/13/2019 18:48	Baranoff Elementary	Hi, I am a resident in Olympic Heights. There is a notice about rezoning Olympic Heights to the Manchaca. Elementary or Kocurek Elementary. I am not sure what the reasons are behind this proposal. However, I strongly disagree with it. Baranoff is walkable for the kids who live in Olympic Heights. Neither Manchaca nor Kocurek provide a safe way for students/adults to walk to the school. If we put our students on buses because of the rezoning, it is going to add cost to the AISD budget. As a property tax payer, I don't want to see my money being spent like that. It is totally a waste. What is wrong with the current zoning ? What do we need to spend extra money on something that doesn't have any good for us ? Given the above facts, it can't convince me that the proposed rezoning is a good plan for the residents in Olympic Heights. I strongly suggest that keep Olympic Heights to Baranoff. Thanks (redacted)
4/13/2019 18:56	Baranoff Elementary	We would like to keep our neighborhood, Olympic Heights assigned to Baranoff Elementary. We are within walking distance of the school. It does not make sense to make it more complicated for the kids to get to school.

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4/13/2019 19:09	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I'm sending my opinion about the boundary for baranoff. I'm currently a Olympic height resident and have kids that attend the baranoff district.</p> <p>We are walkable to Baranoff and are close enough that buses will not need to be provided. If rezoned, my kids would most likely be put on buses, adding costs to the AISD budget and the current budget shortfall. If rezoned to Manchaca, this is not walkable as there are no safe routes. Manchaca Rd has no sidewalks and very tiny shoulders. This is a danger and goes against the district's secondary criteria, that of providing safe passage to campuses.</p> <p>Please consider my opinion for my kids education and safe walk route.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
4/13/2019 19:09	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hello! My children attend Baranoff Elementary, and have done so for the past few years. We have just been informed of the new option, and find it extremely frustrating. We walk to school every day. Should we be rezoned, that will no longer be able to walk to school. We have sidewalks the entire way, door to door. Walking to Manchaca is not a possibility at all, and AISD will have to use finances to add bus routes. That would add costs to the AISD budget, which makes absolutely no sense.</p> <p>If rezoned to Manchaca, this is not walkable as there are no safe routes. Manchaca Rd has no sidewalks and very tiny shoulders. This is a danger and goes against the district's secondary criteria, that of providing safe passage to campuses. If rezoned to Kocurek, AISD would have to add a bus route, which is currently not needed as we are walkable to Baranoff. This ALSO goes against the secondary criteria, and ALSO adds to the budget.</p> <p>The Oak Parke/Brodie Springs neighborhoods are already on a bus route to Baranoff. Those subdivisions fall outside the 2 mile corridor. It makes financial sense to simply change the bus route and direct it to Kocurek. This does not alter the cost of the route. Geographically and financially, if rezoning must take place, those neighborhoods should be attending Kocurek Elementary.</p>
4/13/2019 19:22	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Thank you for considering so many options for the school realignment in Southwest Austin. It's not easy, and I know not everyone will be happy with the outcome.</p> <p>I had a chance to review several of the proposals, and it's clear Olympic Heights needs to stay with Baranoff.</p> <p>Reducing the walkability factor goes against the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan. We'll end up with more cars on the road, additional buses on congested roads, and reduced pedestrian options.</p> <p>There are a lot of emotions involved, so the decision must remain logical, with a clear goal. Keeping Olympic Heights with Baranoff is what works in the long-term.</p>
4/13/2019 19:29	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Keep our kids at Baranoff. People have moved here specifically for the school district.</p>

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4/13/2019 19:34	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Just heard that there is potential that Olympic Heights may be rezoned out of Baranoff school district and we are very unhappy with this news. We have a 3 year old and moved to this neighborhood so she could be in walking distance to Baranoff. Below are some reasons it does not make sense to rezone Olympic Heights:</p> <p>We are walkable to Baranoff and are close enough that buses will not need to be provided. If rezoned, our students would most likely be put on buses, adding costs to the AISD budget and the current budget shortfall.</p> <p>If rezoned to Manchaca, this is not walkable as there are no safe routes. Manchaca Rd has no sidewalks and very tiny shoulders. This is a danger and goes against the district's secondary criteria, that of providing safe passage to campuses.</p> <p>If rezoned to Kocurek, AISD would have to add a bus route, which is currently not needed as we are walkable to Baranoff. This also goes against the secondary criteria and adds to the budget.</p> <p>The Oak Parke/Brodie Springs neighborhoods are already on a bus route to Baranoff as those subdivisions fall outside the 2 mile corridor. It makes financial sense to change where the bus goes and direct it to Kocurek. This does not alter the cost of the route.</p> <p>Please keep this in mind when making your decisions. Appreciate your consideration.</p> <p>Thank you, (redacted)</p>
4/13/2019 19:58	Baranoff Elementary	I live in Olympic heights sub division and would like this area to stay zoned to Baranoff elementary. Baranoff is within walking distance of our home and any change would require busing which would add cost to the district.
4/13/2019 20:41	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I live in Olympic Heights, Baranoff is less than 1 mile away from my home. It is around 0.6 miles away from my house. I think distance should be one of the main considerations to determine the school district. I don't even have to drive, we are going to take the bikes to school, therefore we do not need to drive and cause more traffic, we do not need to use additional resources like school bus. I find it absurd that you are even considering not including one of the closest neighbors like Olympic Heights as part of Baranoff, it does not make geographical or financial sense. I purchased the house close to the school because I wanted to be walking distance from school.</p> <p>We are very committed parents like my neighbors who are very involved and are a big support to the school.</p>

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4/13/2019 20:44	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I was just informed a meeting was not only cancelled, but now an 11th map is being considered for a boundary change regarding neighborhood/elementary schools.</p> <p>I live in Olympic Heights, which is a 'sidewalk neighborhood' to Baranoff Elementary. What I mean by 'sidewalk neighborhood' is we live close enough and our neighborhood is both pedestrian/walk and bicycle ride friendly. My kids have both walked and rode their bicycles SAFELY to Baranoff Elementary (there is also more than one way to get to the school). It is beyond illogical and irrational for a neighborhood the size of Olympic Heights and in proximity to Baranoff Elementary to be considered to a boundary other than Baranoff Elementary.</p> <p>I'm very concerned that at such a late stage of planning an additional map, significantly different than the others, with little logic or genuine reasoning would even be considered.</p> <p>Moving Olympic Heights to Manchaca Elementary would put more cars on the road (at an already overly congested intersection- manchaca Rd and 1626), there is no safe passage to walk or ride bicycles to Manchaca Elementary, and I think this goes against the majority of priorities AISD should be considering. I appreciate anyone's strong consideration AGAINST any boundary change for the Olympic Heights neighborhood.</p> <p>Kind regards, (redacted)</p>
4/13/2019 21:25	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I understand the District is looking at re-zoning of Baranoff Elementary, which affects my neighborhood, Olympic Heights. I understand that there is a slight possibility my Neighborhood will be removed from Baranoff and placed in another elementary's zone. I ask that the Board take into consideration the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are walkable to Baranoff and are close enough that buses will not need to be provided. If rezoned, our students would most likely be put on buses, adding costs to the AISD budget and the current budget shortfall. • If rezoned to Manchaca, this is not walkable as there are no safe routes. Manchaca Rd has no sidewalks and very tiny shoulders. This is a danger and goes against the district's secondary criteria, that of providing safe passage to campuses. • If rezoned to Kocurek, AISD would have to add a bus route, which is currently not needed as we are walkable to Baranoff. This also goes against the secondary criteria and adds to the budget. • The Oak Parke/Brodie Springs neighborhoods are already on a bus route to Baranoff as those subdivisions fall outside the 2 mile corridor. It makes financial sense to change where the bus goes and direct it to Kocurek. This does not alter the cost of the route. <p>Please consider the best use of District resources when making the final decision and keep Olympic Heights within the Baranoff service boundary.</p>
4/13/2019 21:27	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I do not believe it is in the best interest of AISD to rezone the Olympic Heights neighborhood out of Baranoff. OH is within the walkable area of the elementary. Children can safely walk in the neighborhood to the school and not have to walk along any big roads. Fiscally, it is beneficial to AISD to not have to add more bus routes when it is not needed.</p>

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4/13/2019 22:11	Baranoff Elementary	I am strongly opposed to the 11th map that has been drawn up rezoning Olympic Heights from Baranoff to Menchaca. I know this was created because of fallout from all the other maps rezoning parts of Shady Hollow, Brodie Springs and Oak Parke. These people feel entitled to stay because their properties are worth more money. If walking and biking are a priority for staying within the boundary lines, it makes no sense to move Olympic heights, which is extremely close to Baranoff. Brodie Springs and Oak Parke are more than 2 miles away from Baranoff, so they are already bussed in. We have direct access to the school and it is only a short walk or bike ride away, therefore helping to keep traffic down. How does adding bus routes for Olympic Heights and Hillcrest help the budget shortfall AISD is facing? I have had children at Baranoff since 2012 and currently have a child there. It would be unfair and detrimental to my son to have to move schools at this point in his education. It was understood that the new SW elementary would relieve overcrowding at Baranoff and now we find out this isn't completely true. The principal at Baranoff has indicated (by email) that she strongly believes they can accommodate the current projections keeping the maps as is and, in fact, they are adding pre k classes next school year. If over crowding is that big of an issue, why are they adding pre k? There has to be a way to keep everyone attending the schools they are currently zoned for, but if there isn't , it makes a lot more sense to rezone the neighborhoods over 2 miles away from Baranoff. Please reconsider changing the boundary lines at all. It's not right to make so many kids move from the schools they have attended and become part of the community within the school. Please don't do this to our children. Keep Olympic Heights attending Baranoff.
4/13/2019 22:17	Baranoff Elementary	I've just heard that there is a new rezoning map coming out that will remove Olympic Heights from Baranoff. Olympic Heights is less than a mile from Baranoff with safe walking routes and no need for buses. By rezoning our neighborhood this will mean new bus routes thus costing AISD more money. My son (redacted) There is NO safe way for our students to walk to Menchaca Elementary. The communities that should be considered are the ones that are already far from the school.
4/13/2019 22:56	Baranoff Elementary	We live .6 miles and 3 streets from Baranoff. We bought a home in the newest part of the Olympic Heights community and paid a higher price for our home because it is zoned for Baranoff and Bowie High. We were told by staff in AISD zoning that because we are so close to the elementary they didn't believe that it would be in the city's best interest to rezone us. We were told that because we were within 1 mile, not crossing any major roads and not being bussed to school we shouldn't have concerns about being rezoned out of Baranoff. Our now 3rd grade child has been in Baranoff since kindergarten and she loves her school! We are very happy with Baranoff and our home, and we don't want any of that to change.

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4/13/2019 23:00	Baranoff Elementary	As a young family and first-time homeowners, Olympic Heights is the ideal neighborhood for us because of the closeness to Baranoff Elementary. We love being able to walk or bike to school safely. Access to a top school, like Baranoff was one of the most important factors when deciding to buy a house. Economically, we could not afford to live close to many of the top schools in southwest Austin. The economic diversity that including Olympic Heights in the Baranoff boundaries is important to us. We also value the safety for our children on the way to school, our commute now allows us to stay on neighborhood streets. Lastly, our children have built strong relationships with other children in the school community that we can visit and play with without getting into a car for every playdate.
4/13/2019 23:49	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Why Olympic Heights should not be rezoned.</p> <p>I understand that the district's first priority is to alleviate overcrowding, followed by creating and preserving walkability to elementary schools. With that said, I would like to start with the fact that Olympic Heights is extremely walkable to Baranoff. We are close enough that buses will not need to be provided. If rezoned, our students would most likely be put on buses, adding costs to the AISD budget and considering the current budget shortfall, doesn't make sense.</p> <p>Secondly, if rezoned to Manchaca, this is not walkable as there are no safe routes. Manchaca Rd has no sidewalks and very tiny shoulders. This is a danger and goes against the district's secondary criteria, that of providing safe passage to campuses.</p> <p>Thirdly, if rezoned to Kocurek, AISD would have to add a bus route, which is currently not needed as we are walkable to Baranoff. This also goes against the secondary criteria and adds to the budget.</p> <p>Finally, the Oak Parke/Brodie Springs neighborhoods are already on a bus route to Baranoff (as those subdivisions fall outside the 2 mile corridor). It makes financial sense to change where the bus currently goes and re-direct it to Kocurek. This does not alter the cost of the route.</p> <p>So many residents of Olympic Heights have moved here because our children have the ability to walk or bike to and from school. Traffic will simply increase in already overcrowded and unsafe parking lots such as ones that back up onto busy roads like Manchaca Rd if parents must take/pick up their child as an only option to the bus.</p> <p>Please leave the Olympic Heights neighborhood zones as it currently is. This is the most sound solution without going directly against the primary and secondary priorities of AISD.</p> <p>Thank you and please over communicate as we are all concerned parents.</p> <p>(redacted)</p>

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4/14/2019 1:04	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I have been informed of a possible rezoning for our neighborhood. We live in Olympic Heights and are exactly .8 of a mile from the school. Within walkable distance. None of our neighborhood require bus routes to and from school which helps AISD's budget. One option being considered is rezoning to Menchca. This is almost 2miles away and NOT in walking distance from our neighborhood. There are no sidewalks and if there were it would be down a very dangerous/busy Manchaca Rd. I firmly believe it would be a huge disservice to our kids to put them in danger that way AND it would essentially add to AISD budgets to create a bus route. If rezoned to Kocurek, which is a full 3 miles away, AISD would have to add a bus route, which is currently not needed as we are walkable to Baranoff. This also goes against the secondary criteria and adds to the budget.</p> <p>The Oak Parke/Brodie Springs neighborhoods are already on a bus route to Baranoff as those subdivisions fall outside the 2 mile corridor. It makes financial sense to change where the bus goes and direct it to Kocurek. This does not alter the cost of the route. Please consider our plea and keep our kids at Baranoff!</p>
4/14/2019 1:22	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I am from Austin, born and raised. It was hard getting a house in Austin, we all know how much prices have gone up. We settled for a house as far South as it gets, because we wanted to stay in Austin City Limits. We loved the schools our children were setup to go to. From Baranoff to Bailey to Bowie. Bowie has already been changed to Akins, if Olympic Heights is taken out of the Baranoff school zone, that is the last straw, we will put our children in charter schools and encourage others to do the same.</p>
4/14/2019 1:37	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Please do not split up Shady Hollow. Please allow Brodie Springs and Oak Parke to continue to Baranoff as well. We are close communities along Brodie. Don't split us up.</p>
4/14/2019 10:36	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I live in Olympic Heights and my son Jabril is set to start Kindergarten at Baranoff this coming fall. We are walkable to Baranoff and are close enough that buses will not need to be provided. If rezoned, our students would most likely be put on buses, adding costs to the AISD budget and the current budget shortfall.</p> <p>If rezoned to Menchaca, this is not walkable as there are no safe routes. Manchaca Rd has no sidewalks and very tiny shoulders. This is a danger and goes against the district's secondary criteria, that of providing safe passage to campuses.</p> <p>If rezoned to Kocurek, AISD would have to add a bus route, which is currently not needed as we are walkable to Baranoff. This also goes against the secondary criteria and adds to the budget.</p> <p>The Oak Parke/Brodie Springs neighborhoods are already on a bus route to Baranoff as those subdivisions fall outside the 2 mile corridor. It makes financial sense to change where the bus goes and direct it to Kocurek. This does not alter the cost of the route.</p> <p>I sincerely hope you do not chose to rezone our children to a school outside of our Neighborhood. Baranoff is a joyful 3 minute walk from our home.</p> <p>Thank you, (redacted)</p>

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4/14/2019 11:45	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hello,</p> <p>My child has attended Baranoff since Kindergarten with perfect attendance (zero tardies) up to this communication; she is in third grade. Baranoff is a school, her school, that she enjoys attending and learning with her friends. We live in Olympic Heights, and we walk and have northern-daughter peaceful talks on the way to school in the mornings. We enjoy these walks as it is peaceful, not a lot of traffic, nor does she have to catch a bus to get to school and get up earlier than necessary. Rezoning Baranoff's OH area will require unnecessary expenses for the district; buses, maintenance for those buses, drivers, children walking to Mencheca on unsafe routes, attendance concerns, anxiety for the children regarding adapting to a new school/teachers/friends/rituals. There are many children who walk from OH in the morning and evening, and rezoning Baranoff without OH children is not demonstrating safety, cost effectiveness, nor does it show the dedicated Baranoff trailblazers that their support has been reciprocated. OH out of Baranoff demonstrates expensive, unsafe, unreasonable, and unjustified changes were made without an impact analysis on AISD, Baranoff students, and the area communities.</p>
4/14/2019 13:18	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I live in Olympic heights and I am advocating for my children to stay at Baranoff elementary. We walk to school when the weather allows through the neighborhood which has been great. We won't be able to do that if we go to Menchaca. There are no side walks and the only way to get there walking is down Manchaca which even w side walks would be too dangerous to walk down with the level traffic. Please consider these factors.</p>
4/14/2019 15:52	Baranoff Elementary	<p>We live on (redacted) in Olympic Heights and are walkable to Baranoff. If rezoned, our children would most likely be put on buses, adding costs to the AISD budget and the current budget shortfall.</p> <p>If rezoned to Menchaca, this is not walkable as there are no safe routes. Manchaca Rd has no sidewalks and very tiny shoulders. This is a danger and goes against the district's secondary criteria, that of providing safe passage to campuses.</p> <p>If rezoned to Kocurek, AISD would have to add a bus route, which is currently not needed as we are walkable to Baranoff. This also goes against the secondary criteria and adds to the budget.</p> <p>The Oak Parke/Brodie Springs neighborhoods are already on a bus route to Baranoff as those subdivisions fall outside the 2 mile corridor. It makes financial sense to change where the bus goes and direct it to Kocurek. This does not alter the cost of the route. It makes sense to keep Olympic Heights zoned to Baranoff.</p>
4/14/2019 19:42	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hi Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I live at Olympic Heights(OH) and got to know that AISD is considering to rezone Baranoff Elementary and remove OH from Baranoff zone.</p> <p>I would request you to reconsider it for the following reasons.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. OH is very close to Baranoff. 2. There are safe routes from Baranoff to OH community. 3. Most of us brought our homes cause its close to Baranoff. 4. Baranoff is less than a mile from my property. 5. It would increase lot of traffic as we need to drop our kids in other schools. 6. There are other community's which are far from Baranoff and you need to hire more Buses and drivers. <p>(redacted)</p>

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4/14/2019 20:26	Baranoff Elementary	Why would rezoning Olympic Heights make any sense when we are one of the most walkable communities in the Baranoff attendance boundary. To add the expense of putting our kids on a bus when we can walk and bike to school makes no sense at all. Olympic Heights has been a Baranoff family longer then the other neighborhoods being considered during this rezoning process.
4/14/2019 20:34	Baranoff Elementary	Please allow Olympic heights to stay zoned into baranoff elementary. We are merely 2 streets away. The sidewalks help keep our kids safe. A nee zoning would make our kids walk to school without sidewalk leading to it. So dangerous!!! Thanks!!
4/14/2019 20:45	Baranoff Elementary	I am aware that an additional map is being produced that will rezone Olympic Heights to Kocurek. As an Olympic Heights resident with two Baranoff students I am able to walk my children safely to school every day and do. This is always one of the highlights of my day. It would be a terrible shame for the neighborhood to be rezoned to Menchaca or Kocurek, neither of which are easily walkable and this would have a negative impact on our quality of life.
4/14/2019 20:48	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I am a Olympic Heights resident. My daughter is a 1st grader at Baranoff and my son is signed up for pre-k next fall. My daughter has been thriving at Baranoff and doesn't handle change very well. We just came to find out that there is now a map rezoning Olympic Heights to Menchaca. There are several reasons why this would not be a good idea.</p> <p>We are walkable to Baranoff and are close enough that buses will not need to be provided. If rezoned, our students would most likely be put on buses, adding costs to the AISD budget and the current budget shortfall.</p> <p>If rezoned to Menchaca, this is not walkable as there are no safe routes. Manchaca Rd has no sidewalks and very tiny shoulders. This is a danger and goes against the district's secondary criteria, that of providing safe passage to campuses.</p> <p>If rezoned to Kocurek, AISD would have to add a bus route, which is currently not needed as we are walkable to Baranoff. This also goes against the secondary criteria and adds to the budget.</p> <p>The Oak Parke/Brodie Springs neighborhoods are already on a bus route to Baranoff as those subdivisions fall outside the 2 mile corridor. It makes financial sense to change where the bus goes and direct it to Kocurek. This does not alter the cost of the route.</p> <p>We are hearing reports of multiple communities mounting campaigns to advocate for their communities to stay at Baranoff, and we need to rally our community to advocate for Olympic Heights and our children. The more neighbors that share their opinions with AISD, the more likely we are to remain unaffected in these zoning changes.</p> <p>Thanks, (redacted)</p>
4/14/2019 21:01	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I'm a parent of two currently at Baranoff elementary. I oppose changing school boundary reasons for my neighborhood, Oak Parke. Enrollment is decreasing and projected to continue to do so. In addition, our location is right next to Bowie, and it wouldn't make sense to move our students to a school tha's current students track to Akins. If students must move it would make more sense to zone all of Olympic heights, which 1/2 of the neighborhood already zones to Akins. If possible, I'd recommend seeing how the new SW school affects overall enrollment prior to making a decision this important. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>(redacted)</p>
4/14/2019 21:05	Baranoff Elementary	Please continue to keep Olympic Heights in the boundary for Baranoff. The charm of the community included school ages kids playing and walking, biking to school. I chose my neighborhood based on this school. Please keep these boundaries.

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4/14/2019 21:08	Baranoff Elementary	Olympic heights needs to stay zoned to Baranoff, this has been the school for my child since day one and the reason we chose a house in this neighborhood. Re zoning Olympic heights will have nothing but a negative effect on this entire community.
4/14/2019 21:22	Baranoff Elementary	When making rezoning decisions please remember that Olympic Heights is in walking distance of Baranoff. Rezoning Olympic Heights to Menchaca elementary would require the district to create new bus routes which would cost more money.
4/14/2019 21:22	Baranoff Elementary	Olympic Heights belongs at Baranoff. There is no logical, fiscal nor rational argument to rezone Olympic Heights to another school.
4/14/2019 21:46	Baranoff Elementary	It has been suggested that Olympic Heights be redistricted to Menchaca Elementary school instead of Baranoff Elementary school. This decision flies in the face of reason. Our neighborhood is in close proximity to Baranoff, and many of our children walk or ride their bikes to school. It doesn't make sense to add bus routes to transport our children to Menchaca. It seems like the neighborhoods that were going to be redistricted or moved from Baranoff have suggested that Olympic Heights doesn't belong at Baranoff and should be redistricted. I'm not sure where that sentiment is coming from, but it just isn't the practical solution. Please choose another option.
4/14/2019 22:35	Baranoff Elementary	Hello, my name is (redacted), I currently have one child attending Baranoff elementary and will have another joining this upcoming year. We live about a half a mile from the school in the Olympic heights neighborhood. We love walking to school and riding our bikes to school each day. We specifically purchased this house for its proximity to Baranoff and for the safety in which we feel our child can get to the school each day. We live so close that there is not a need for a bus which alleviates budget needs for the district. If Olympic heights was to be rezoned to menchaca my child would not be able to walk on the dangerous road of menchaca as there are no sidewalks and the distance is much greater than to baranoff. This is too dangerous of an option. A new bus route would probably be needed adding unnecessary budget woes. Kocurek is miles away from our neighborhood and would see my child leaving earlier each day and arriving home later which is absurd when you consider we have a 3 minute bike ride to baranoff. Why add to budget deficiencies and more importantly to the risk of endangering my child when they can just walk around the corner and keep attending baranoff. Thank you for your consideration, (redacted) Olympic Heights is extremely walkable to Baranoff.
4/14/2019 22:42	Baranoff Elementary	My daughter was a student at Baranoff; I specifically bought a house in Olympic Heights because she was able to walk there safely and would like my son to be able to do the same. It would make no sense at all to rezone our community, as we are the closest sub division to the school. Why I'm the world should we have to bus our children elsewhere when I have a school right next door to me? My insanely high property tax dollars should be spent intelligently, and I do not think the added expense and inconvenience of buses would be a good way to spend that money.
4/15/2019 7:57	Baranoff Elementary	To whom it may concern, Reassigning Olympic Heights to any other school would be fiscally irresponsible as well as environmentally. It would add a tremendous amount of traffic to the already congested areas that cause problems every day. Olympic Heights borders with Baranoff and provides safe and easy walking options for so many families in the neighborhood. Helping to decrease the environmental hazard that multiple cars attempting to get out of the neighborhood would cause. My family is among the many that depend on being able to safely walk to our school every day and we will be highly disappointed in this school system if they decide to change what is one of the only neighborhoods that makes the most sense to stay with Baranoff. We relocated our family here because of Baranoff Elementary and we chose Olympic Heights because of the safety it guarantees for our children. Please reconsider any plans to rezone our neighborhood. Thank you for your time.

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4/15/2019 8:57	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I currently live in Olympic heights and want to speak out against redistricting our community away from Baranoff elementary. While I understand that the school is crowded and someone needs to be moved I believe it shouldn't be us and here's why.</p> <p>We are walkable to Baranoff and are close enough that buses are provided. If rezoned, our students would need to be put on buses, adding costs to the AISD budget and the current budget shortfall. The proposed redistrict would have us going to Menchaca, It would be unsafe for our children to walk to Menchaca because there are no sidewalks, and very narrow shoulders. In addition at that time of the morning Manchaca Rd. is very congested and when daylight savings ends and it is dark in the mornings there would be no safe route for children to take to get to school. Manchaca Rd. would become even more congested during rush hour with parents and additional busses going to and leaving the school which could increase accidents along that corridor, so essentially all children would have to either ride the bus or be taken by a parent to school. This is currently not a problem given that children can safely walk from our neighborhood to Baranoff and no busses are required.</p> <p>It makes more fiscal sense for a community such as Oak Parke or Brodie Springs that is already being bussed to Baranoff to simply be bussed to a different school as there would be not additional cost.</p> <p>Our community literally shares a fence with Baranoff, it makes no sense to send our children to a school that is further away when Baranoff is less than a tenth of a mile from us. In addition to that many families from our community ultimately move into the shady hollow community and it would provide continuity if our children were able to stay at the same schools when those moves happen, it makes it an easier decision to move as well as a smoother transition for the children.</p> <p>There are other neighborhoods that it makes more sense to redistrict than ours given their distance from Baranoff and given the additional cost to AISD to move us.</p> <p>Thank You</p>
4/15/2019 9:26	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hello, my husband and I are new residences of the Olympic Heights neighborhood. As we began our home search last year, it was clear to us that Baranoff Elementary was our top choice of school for our future children. We have become aware that there is one plan out of many that suggests that Olympic Heights be rezoned to Menchaca Elementary. We would like to give our feedback on this as this is not a smart or feasible plan for our neighborhood. First of all, there are TWO major roads between OH and Menchaca- Frate Barker and Manchaca Road. As Frate Barker is being rapidly developed, more and more traffic is seen on this road. I would NOT feel comfortable with my children walking to school past gas stations etc on this busy road, let alone Manchaca Road which has a ton of traffic in the mornings. Walking to this school is not an option, it is unsafe and far. Our neighborhood shares a fence with Baranoff and our streets have safe sidewalks and are traffic free. We purchased this house for the SOLE REASON that our kids could safely walk to school and be at school very close to our home. Please do not consider to move OH to Menchaca, which is already over capacity itself. There is also a ton of new housing developments right next to Menchaca Elem. which means more young families will move in and their kids will go to Menchaca. Please do not allow the northern Shady Hollow residences to bulldoze our neighborhood just because they claim we "do not belong" and that they are "platinum donors" when they are in fact much closer to Kocurek than they are to Baranoff. Thank you for listening to our logical/fiscal case that is not just an emotional one.</p>
4/15/2019 9:51	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I would like to advocate for Olympic Heights to stay in boundary for Baranoff Elementary. Please don't change where our children have been calling home.</p>

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4/15/2019 10:47	Baranoff Elementary	Baranoff has been our school for many years, longer than many of these neighborhoods have even existed. It's our school, it belongs to our children, so we will not lie down and let other communities dictate the future of our children and community. We specifically purchased our home in Olympic Heights to be in Baranoff, not so you can come in and take it away from us
4/15/2019 10:49	Baranoff Elementary	I was made aware that the Hillcrest community was being considered to rezone to Kocurek. With the big school rating difference and our latest property tax hike I am extremely concerned with this idea. I specifically bought my house reviewing the school's ratings and pay accordingly.
4/15/2019 11:09	Baranoff Elementary	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>Firstly, allow me to say, that I understand. There is severe overcrowding in the schools in our area, and a change is absolutely necessary to relieve this issue. I, as any concerned parent would, prefer my child to be a part of a smaller class to receive the most focused education possible. I commend all involved in being a catalyst for this change.</p> <p>I am, however, very concerned about a proposed change in the boundary line involving the neighborhood of Olympic Heights. Don't get me wrong. My concern is not, necessarily, that I believe Baranoff to be a superior school. I am sure both Menchaca and Kocurek are fine schools with great, caring teachers and staff. My concern is more about the safety of my children.</p> <p>As I am sure you are fully aware, Olympic Heights is in very close proximity of Baranoff. Every home has sidewalks leading straight to Baranoff's front door. Our children do not cross any major streets to get to school, and busses are completely unnecessary. To switch to either Menchaca or Kocurek changes that.</p> <p>The only direct access to Menchaca Elementary is along Manchaca Rd. Manchaca Rd is a major thoroughfare with heavy traffic in the morning. It also lacks sidewalks, putting our children in a very dangerous situation. The alternative would be for parents to drive their children to school, adding more cars on the road, causing an even greater threat to our children's safety.</p> <p>If our children are otherwise directed to Kocurek Elementary, Olympic Heights would then be in need of a bus to take our children to school. Currently this is an expense that Olympic Heights is already saving AISD from. It only makes sense that a neighborhood that is already using a bus, be redirected to Kocurek.</p> <p>I know that you have a very difficult decision to make with no easy answers. I also know that you are hearing from some very angry voices, and I sympathize with you. But I hope you understand that the only logical, fiscally responsible, and (most importantly of all) safe choice is to keep the children of Olympic Heights at Baranoff Elementary.</p> <p>Thank You, (redacted)</p>
4/15/2019 12:41	Baranoff Elementary	We just took our excited 4.5 year old to the baranoff kinder open enrollment day it would be devastating to not attend there now because of rezoning. We purchased our home with the sole intention to raise a family and go to those particular AISD schools up until high school. It's a shame to see all our hard work, dreams, and efforts on the line now and unknown. The Olympic Heights neighborhood IS BARANOFF. OH proximity as a neighborhood and homes are much closer than most Shady Hollow homes. Please keep OH going to Baranoff and Bailey. There must be another solution.

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4/15/2019 13:01	Baranoff Elementary	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>My name is (redacted). I am native to Austin and grew up going to schools in AISD. I value the education I received from AISD. That education gave me confidence; my confidence gives me hope, hope that the Boundary Advisory Committee will think twice about the boundary changes they are proposing for Baranoff Elementary.</p> <p>Since the proposed boundary changes have been released I have been on AISD's website too many time to count. Today I saw a quote on the homepage; it read, "We provide choice in educational decisions, which empowers advocacy in students and families to control their school experience." As a parent of a young child about to start his educational journey with AISD I would like to have a choice and I would like to be empowered to have control of his school experience. However, the BAC has proposed that my son (redacted), his friends, and his neighbors have no control and no choice.</p> <p>My family currently lives off Brodie Lane in Oak Parke, a quiet little community, whose voice has been made pretty loud recently thanks to the BAC. My family has lived in this community for six years now, other families much longer. Many of these families still remember when Baranoff opened in 1999 and when the children of our community helped pick Baranoff's mascot, the school colors, and their motto. Our children in Oak Parke are rooted to Baranoff. All proposed boundary changes have Oak Parke uprooting our children to attend Kocurek Elementary. With these changes where is the BAC leaving room for the parent's choice in our children's educational experience? Where is the hope?</p> <p>I can admit that choices can be hard and as a parent the choices we make for our children are even harder. We should always gather as much information as we can, identity possible solutions, evaluate all options and select the best solution. I urge the BAC to please do the same with my child's future as well as the many other children impacted by the changes proposed.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Sincerely, (redacted) Oak Parke Resident</p>
4/15/2019 13:21	Baranoff Elementary	<p>My name is (redacted). My family are residents of Olympic Heights. We bought our house in anticipation of our children attending Baranoff Elementary as many other residents have. I am frustrated and disappointed to hear talks of rezoning our neighborhood to Menchaca. Our neighborhood shares a fence with Baranoff, why would even be considered to send our children to a lesser awarded school further away that will ultimately cost AISD more money in transportation? I would ask you to consider being in our shoes as parents and advocates for those who cannot advocate for themselves. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
4/15/2019 15:22	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Olympic Heights Resident Feedback: Potential Baranoff Boundary Changes</p> <p>I wanted to voice my concerns about the potential boundary change and how it may affect students residing in Olympic Heights. My daughter has only known Baranoff as her school. She has made bonds there and to change her school would be incredibly disruptive. Please keep in mind that children need consistency and that these types of changes can be damaging. Please consider leaving Olympic Heights within the boundaries of Baranoff Elementary. For the sake of our students who have only ever known it as THEIR school.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

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4/15/2019 16:26	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Thank you for addressing the overcrowding issue at Baranoff Elementary. We agree with rezoning, but not Olympic Heights. We have direct sidewalk access, can hear children playing at Baranoff from our backyard. We ARE Baranoff. We do not require Buses, as we can walk safely to school. Promotes exercise, neighborly relationships and at no cost to AISD for Buses.</p> <p>Manchaca or Kocurek require Buses and is not safe for our children to walk to.</p> <p>Please do not rezone our children to another school. We are Baranoff.</p>
4/15/2019 16:27	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hi,</p> <p>My husband and I live on (redacted) in Olympic Heights and one of the reasons we purchased our home was we were within walking distance of Baranoff Elementary. We loved the idea of being able to walk our future children to school and for them to be able to attend such a highly rated school. We currently pregnant with our first child now and were devastated when we might end up being rezoned. It doesn't make sense for our home to be rezoned when we are within a 10 minute walk to our current elementary school. There are no safe walking routes to any other elementary school near us, and it seems ridiculous to have to create a bus route and add the additional expense when for our community. While I know that someone has to be rezoned it just doesn't seem logical that Olympic Heights would be part of that change.</p>
4/15/2019 19:40	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Me and my wife and 2 children live in Olympic Hts. I think it is outrageous that Olympic Hts is even being considered to be re-zoned. We are a very large community 1200 homes physically NEIGHBORING Baranof. We are THE MOST safe and walkable neighborhood closest to Baranof. Safety for our children, AISD budget, bus routes, tax dollars contributed per area, WALKABILITY. All these make a lot more sense w Olympic Hts staying at Baranof. Keeping Olympic Hts at Baranof will maximize SAFETY and minimize AISD budget downfalls Period. Common Sense Right?</p>
4/15/2019 22:00	Baranoff Elementary	<p>There have been talks about switching the boundary lines that would keep Olympic Heights children from going to Baranoff anymore. I don't think this benefit those kids at all. Bus routes would have to added to take the kids to Menchaca which would cost the district money. As of now, the kids can walk or bike to school. The closest Olympic Heights is less than a quarter of a mile away from Baranoff. Thanks for your time.</p>
4/15/2019 23:41	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Olympic heights belongs in Baranoff's boundary. My children walk to school at Baranoof from my home in Olympic Heights! For other neighborhoods to say Olympic heights should be excluded from the boundaries is elitist and absolutely ridiculous. Baranoff needs all the diversity it can get ---not just the highest priced homes to ensure a well rounded student body. Our neighborhood can hear the kids playing at recess on the playscape we are soo close. It would make zero sense to send my kids anywhere else than to the school they can walk around the corner to!</p>

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4/15/2019 23:53	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hello there,</p> <p>I live in the Olympic Heights neighborhood, which is currently zoned for Baranoff. I would like to express my concern over the idea of our neighborhood being re-zoned. Olympic Heights is extremely walkable to Baranoff, so it doesn't make sense from a financial perspective to remove us from the zone. Here are the main reasons that I (and so many of my neighbors) believe we should stay zoned to Baranoff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are walkable to Baranoff and are close enough that buses will not need to be provided. If rezoned, our students would most likely be put on buses, adding costs to the AISD budget and the current budget shortfall. • If rezoned to Manchaca, this is not walkable as there are no safe routes. Manchaca Rd has no sidewalks and very tiny shoulders. This is a danger and goes against the district's secondary criteria, that of providing safe passage to campuses. • If rezoned to Kocurek, AISD would have to add a bus route, which is currently not needed as we are walkable to Baranoff. This also goes against the secondary criteria and adds to the budget. • The Oak Parke/Brodie Springs neighborhoods are already on a bus route to Baranoff as those subdivisions fall outside the 2 mile corridor. It makes financial sense to change where the bus goes and direct it to Kocurek. This does not alter the cost of the route. <p>Thanks, (redacted)</p>
4/16/2019 8:03	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I am writing today in response to the potential boundary changes that may affect the Olympic Heights neighborhood. I am writing for the concerned residents in the community, myself as a father of a 6 year old Baranoff student, and (redacted)</p> <p>The primary focus it seems is the division of the Shady Hollow neighborhood, however I know that there has been some discussion around removing our neighborhood altogether. I feel this would be a travesty of for Baranoff and for Olympic Heights.</p> <p>Olympic Heights neighborhood has historically been a firm supporter of the school where we have volunteered time, energy, resources and passion through volunteers, PTA members and community supporters. We also are so physically close to the school that our property lines touch, we can have our kids walk to school, ride bikes and do not rely on a school bus. By eliminating us from attending, you would be essentially making Baranoff only for those who live on Brodie Lane, many communities that were not established until after Olympic Heights was built. This would not encourage diversity to your school and would increase transportation costs for the district.</p> <p>In the end, we love being Baranoff proud and want to ensure that the community stays diverse and inclusive of all neighbors no matter the street that they reside on.</p> <p>Sincerely, (redacted)</p>

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4/16/2019 8:59	Baranoff Elementary	As a resident of the Olympic Heights Neighborhood, I feel that Baranoff Elementary should remain as our zoned school. The entirety of the Olympic Heights resides within a 1 mile radius of the Baranoff campus, which allows children to bike or walk to school. Rezoning to another campus would mean all families would be forced to use school buses or transport children via cars, which is less safe. Other neighborhoods, like the northern portion of Shady Hollow, Oak Creek Park, Palamino Park, and Circle C east of Mopac, are more logical choices to re-zone to other schools. These areas likely use vehicles already to transport youth. Changing campuses would be less impactful for them in that regard.
4/16/2019 10:10	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I have noticed that one of the plans that is up for a vote is one that would separate my neighborhood Olympic Heights from Baranoff Elementary. Baranoff is the closest school to our neighborhood, and my son and other children are within walking distance of the school, while always having the ability to use sidewalks. This would not be the case if they were sent to Manchaca which would be a car only school.</p> <p>Further, newer neighborhoods that are across Frate Barker from Olympic Heights are not only districted into Baranoff, but Bowie as well. This while our neighborhood was separated in 2012 with 1/3 being in Bowie Attendance zone, and the other 2/3's going into Akins. I personally feel both need to be fixed with Olympic Heights becoming a triple B neighborhood, so that are children can go through the entirety of school with their neighborhood community.</p> <p>(redacted)</p>
4/16/2019 11:08	Baranoff Elementary	<p>My husband has resided in our home in Palamino Park since he was a young child. At that time he was zoned Kiker as Baranoff had not opened yet. Our neighborhood has been part of Baranoff since it opened and our child is happy, well adjusted and thriving there. We chose to stay in this home during our children's elementary years because we love the school and the programs it offers. We also wanted consistency for our child's education. If you look at geography alone we are close to Kocurek and please keep in mind Slaughter Lane is a very busy road with some very busy side streets including Rochelle, Lindshire and Riddle which are not safe for a young child to be on. There are also several sex offenders located along the route. Also please be mindful about the sense of community we have within the Baranoff family. My daughter is a very proud little Buffalo and deserves to stay where she is secure just as much as those who live in walking distance to the school.</p> <p>(redacted)</p>
4/16/2019 11:15	Baranoff Elementary	I am a homeowner in Olympic Heights. When we purchased our home 7 years ago, it was with the understanding that our the 2 year old would attend the neighborhood school Baranoff. Children in our neighborhood walk and ride bikes due to the proximity and AISD does not have to provide bus service. Changing us to Manchaca would require new expenditures for the district as bussing would need to be provided for our children in addition to the bussing that would be required for the students to Baranoff, who already require bus services to Manchaca. I also believe the socioeconomic diversity would be maintained by having our children continue to attend Baranoff. Our neighborhood is primarily lower middle class and the neighborhoods wanting to replace our children are upper middle class. This school provides an opportunity for our children to obtain a high quality education with built-in supplementation through the PTA, something many families would not be able to afford and not available at Manchaca. We ask that our children be able to stay at the community school that led many of us to purchase homes in this neighborhood in the first place and that will not increase costs for AISD.

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4/16/2019 12:00	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I wanted to thank the board for new maps. I realize this is a difficult decision and I agree that something has to give. I appreciate you all taking the time to look at different scenarios.</p> <p>I am in Brodie Springs and my family would very much like to stay at Baranoff. I am grateful for the option to have a map including my neighborhood. I ask, again, that you keep our children at Baranoff.</p> <p>Let's urge AISD to help Kocurek grow and become a comparable option. I believe if Kocurek was (on paper) a better school, there would be less pushback. We love Baranoff and would love to stay.</p> <p>Please continue to consider keeping our Brodie Springs kids at Baranoff.</p> <p>(redacted)</p>
4/16/2019 12:44	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Currently reside in Olympic Heights and attend Baranoff Elementary. We live less than a mile to Baranoff and are active participants in the campus. My company, (redacted), teaches an after school class on campus as well. We bike or walk to school everyday. It makes no sense to move to another school when our backyards are so close we can literally hear our children on the playground. Please don't kick us out of our community.</p>
4/16/2019 13:23	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I would request and strongly urge that the olympic heights neighborhood continue to be within the baranoff boundary line.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
4/16/2019 15:34	Baranoff Elementary	<p>We want to keep our community united. The neighborhood IS effected by this as we are community both in our neighborhood and in our school's. We are stronger together and seeing neighbors at school functions, fundraisers, and after school playdates DOES make a difference. These families have formed bonds that now AISD is trying to sever and it is unjust. There are PLENTY of ways to draw boundary lines. Keep SHADY HOLLOW together at the same school! And I would go as far as to say keep Oak Parke and Brodie Springs there too!</p>
4/16/2019 18:45	Baranoff Elementary	<p>As a resident of Shady Hollow I am very concerned with the proposed boundaries that have been drawn for the elementary schools. I personally do not have any children. I however notice a very big concern with the maps after talking with fellow residents. All boundary map rezone Oak Parke to Kocurek Elementary. This is very concerning to me. I use Oake Parke every day as a thoroughfare to cut around the Brodie and Slaughter traffic. This is also another point of access for students to get to Bowie HS (an AISD school). For lack of better words, PLEASE don't "piss off" the residents of Oak Parke!!!! They have the potential to gate their community and make matters worse for EVERYONE!!!! Please take this into consideration!!!!</p>
4/17/2019 8:12	Baranoff Elementary	<p>We live in Olympic Heights and want to remain zoned for Baranoff Elementary. Our son is enrolled at this school and it is part of our community. He can safely walk to school each day with his friends because it's so close. Our neighbors can hear their own children playing on the playground during recess.</p> <p>If you rezone our neighborhood to Menchaca, EVERY CHILD in Olympic Heights will be unable to walk to school safely. EVERY CHILD will need transportation to school and will no longer be able to stay within their own neighborhood to and from. We would no longer be part of a school that is on our own streets. The idea of rezoning our community to Menchaca makes NO SENSE for the residents of Olympic Heights, and we are strongly in favor of remaining zoned to Baranoff.</p>

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4/17/2019 12:01	Baranoff Elementary	It is my understanding that the BAC has come up with a new plan that would entail rezoning Olympic Heights elementary students from Baranoff to Manchaca. This is distressing, as our students would be required to ride a bus rather than currently be able to bike or walk. Under such a scheme, the new bus route would likely add to the costs to AISD as well. There is already a bus route from Oak Parke/Brodie Springs to Baranoff. Would it not be less costly to AISD to redirect existing bus route(s) rather than add a new one for OH to Manchaca? The route to Manchaca has no sidewalks & very narrow shoulders making the bus ride mandatory for reasons of child safety. Please disregard this new plan & allow our children to walk or bike ride to their closest (neighborhood) elementary school
4/17/2019 14:05	Baranoff Elementary	I live in Oak Parke and our community is 28 years old. This rezoning of sending our children from Baranoff to Kocurek could potentially be our communities third elementary school to attend. That is an average of every 9 years AISD changes our elementary school. Where is our sense of foundation with elementary education with AISD?
4/17/2019 15:23	Baranoff Elementary	Hi, I must preface this by saying that I live in an area of Shady Hollow that is not impacted by the boundary rezone. In my opinion, Shady Hollow should remain intact if possible. Those are HOA paying members like myself. Just my 2 cents. As far as the other neighborhoods go, they can fight their own fight. There are very few kids who ride bikes (20 or less every day) to school. I have observed more kids walking but they're all right near the school. Still very few people in total. Those of us on the west side wouldn't dare let our kids cross Brodie. So, I wouldn't take that whole "there's a lot of kids that walk and bike that can't go down Slaughter" argument into consideration if I were you. They're not doing it now down Brodie. But something needs to be done to relieve our school. I know this is a tough decision and I appreciate the very tough spot you're in. Best of luck to you all in this endeavor. Thanks, Chris
4/17/2019 16:26	Baranoff Elementary	My family moved in Oak Parke 3 years ago mainly because of great school tracking of Baranoff, Bailey and Bowie. The current proposed changes are going to shift Oak Parke from Baranoff Elementary to Kocurek Elementary - a high ranking school to a significantly lower ranking school. We neighborhood would think it totally unfair. Neighborhood is talking about that Oak Parke had been rezoned in 1999 once before. Is that because we are the small neighborhood that keeps getting moved around? We've already submit our petition and proposals. We'd appreciate you to take our neighborhood voice into consideration and unnecessarily disrupts our close-knit community and vertical team.
4/18/2019 11:39	Baranoff Elementary	Before students are re-zoned from Baranoff to Kocurek, I would like to see an audit done on the Baranoff campus as there are concerns that there are more than a few kids that attend Baranoff who are not zoned for Baranoff (whether through priority transfers or outdated home addresses). If a recent audit was done on the campus, it would be helpful to know where to find that information. The Shady Hollow community and Brodie Lane corridor (including Brodie Springs and Wyldwood/Kellywood) through our neighborhood should remain united and within the same community school as we have been for years. Commuting to Kocurek during peak traffic times from the Brodie Lane corridor needs to be considered as traffic on Brodie is often at a standstill in the morning hours. There is no safe walking/biking option out of our community to Kocurek because of the congested/dangerous Brodie/Slaughter intersection. Additionally, the school district needs to figure out what they are going to do with all the new families that will need schooling in far south Austin as construction on new homes/high-density housing is increasing daily and most of the schools near the new construction are already at or above capacity.

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4/22/2019 12:29	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Please do not consider switching Olympic Heights from Banoff to Menchaca. This makes little sense as OH abuts Banoff. Many students walk or ride their bikes to school</p> <p>The additional cost to safely transport all our students elsewhere would be prohibited and unwise.</p> <p>Thank you (redacted)</p>
4/22/2019 21:38	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hello,</p> <p>From today's Baranoff Community meeting and it's abundantly clear that the BAC committee has not adequately considered the available traffic and enrollment data, and has not considered the impact to Kocurek. Beth Wilson and Melissa Larson (BAC members) brought up (several times) during this meeting that portables, early & late lunch times, and difficulty with drop off and pick up were the main motivations. But many Baranoff families (and staff!) have said that these are not an real issue. It's also quite clear that changing the boundaries won't address these problems in any case. Baranoff will still need to use portables at 100% capacity. Nobody is able to say how lunch times will be improved. Many parents say that drop off and pick up isn't nearly as large as issue as completely restarting their children in a new school. Beth and Melissa could not answer any questions about how Kocurek will be equipped to handle more kids when it's already an underperforming school. They flatly refused to consider school performance as a factor when drawing boundaries, and wouldn't even say why performance isn't considered. When pressed Beth and Melissa could only say that they are basically doing what Paul Cruz wants them to do. This is unacceptable. Any changes to boundaries should be driven by data. I ask that the boundary changes be put on hold until proper consideration of the available data can take place. Thanks,</p>
4/23/2019 8:47	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I am an Olympic Heights subdivision resident. I'm writing for you to please reconsider rezoning Olympic Heights Elementary school from Baranoff to Mencheca. We are only 4 walking neighborhood blocks to Baranoff. We DO NOT require district transportation to Baranoff like the neighborhoods further away from Baranoff. If transferred to Menchaca, which is also a less performing school, we will need to be bused but most likely will sell our house because we bought our house just for Baranoff Elementary. Please consider the money the district can save by our kids walking to school. And maybe charge the farther neighborhoods a bus fee that are demanding to not be rezoned.</p> <p>Best, (redacted)</p>
4/23/2019 9:17	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I would like to see the numbers of the amount of students from each of the neighborhoods that attend Baranoff. Will that be published?</p> <p>Sincerely, (redacted)</p>
4/23/2019 9:25	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hello- as a resident in Olympic Heights and mom, please keep our neighborhood at Baranoff Elementary as our community shares a backyard with Baranoff so our kids can walk a few blocks to school without being bused like the neighborhoods further away. We walk our neighborhood roads to school without crossing any major roadways.</p> <p>We require no district transportation. This is a tight-knit community, and we live too close by Baranoff to take the kids of this neighborhood out of it. Please consider other options for overcrowding and relief. Thank you</p>

4/23/2019 9:51	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hi...my name is (redacted) and I live in the Oak Parke subdivision near the intersection of Brodie and Slaughter. My wife and I saved up to buy our first home in this neighborhood EIGHT MONTHS AGO, with the schools being top of mind since our 4-yr old son will be entering the public school system soon.</p> <p>As you can imagine, we were surprised to see the proposed boundaries for elementary school changes for a number of reasons, with my kid potentially being relocated from Baranoff to Kocurek:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-The BAC priorities do not seem to have shaped the proposed boundary maps at all. Biking / Walkability, Safety, Major Roads as Boundaries are all worse off for my neighborhood in most of the proposed boundary maps.-SAFETY...Crossing Brodie AND Slaughter during rush hour would be a nightmare - whether in a bus, car, on foot or bike. On top of all of this, the planned corridor expansions for Slaughter (and eventually Brodie) will make navigating an extended construction zone a very dangerous commute for kids and parents.-How does the District plan to improve conditions at the under-performing Kocurek elementary after increasing the population? <p>We chose our house in this particular AISD zone because of Baranoff and the proximity to other highly rated schools. The importance of a good elementary school in the formative years of a child cannot be overstated.</p> <p>I also understand that the immediate transfer freeze following any boundary change will severely limit our options in changing locations if we are 're-zoned'. I believe in public schools and do not want my son to go to private schools or alternative education centers. I've supported bond initiatives in the past for the expansion and enrichment for Austin public schools, but I am disheartened over the prospect of the map changing after working for so long and making the biggest financial decision (buying a house) to place our son in a school of our choice.</p> <p>I've been told that complaining about the other obvious reasons as to why the boundary change will negatively impact our family will "fall on deaf ears with the Board," such as being relocated to a much lower-rated school and the decreased property values that are associated with this, but I would feel remiss without mentioning these concerns. Had we known about this potential map change, we would have probably approached the decision to buy our house differently, as I'm sure all future buyers will. I don't doubt you are hearing the same gripe from other families impacted by this potential change in our area, but I needed to put it out there. The rating issue cannot be ignored.</p> <p>And now that 2019 property taxes have been estimated and released, this all highlights a triple negative for Oak Parke: (1) higher taxes on an appraisal that does not consider the (2) lower house value of being re-zoned to a 4 of 10 rated elementary school, which (3) my kid is now forced to attend</p>
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4/23/2019 10:04	Baranoff Elementary	<p>The rezoning of baranoff away from the olympic heights neighborhood seems very unsafe. We dont have to cross any major roads to get to this school. It's actually so close to my house, I can hear the kids conversations on the play ground. Every kid in our neighborhood can walk to Baranoff on a sidewalk. There are no sidewalks leading to the school we possibly could be zoned to. (Menchaca)</p> <p>Please keep our kids safe in the Olympic Heights neighborhood. We bought our house based upon the schools proximity and the fact our kids can walk to school safely.</p> <p>Thanks for your time.</p>
4/23/2019 10:14	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Although I don't have a child at Baranoff Elementary, both of my children attended there and benefited tremendously. It seems as though the new boundaries would remove Olympic Heights from Baranoff district. I would like to say as a home owner in Olympic Heights I strongly object to these revisions. Busing children to a school further away does not make sense and could possibly deter parents from enrolling their children in public schools and search out alternatives such as charter or private schools. This would be at detriment to AISD.</p>
4/23/2019 10:17	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Please keep Olympic Heights in Baranoff. It's easily accessible via walking or biking. No school transportation is needed to bus kids to school.</p>
4/23/2019 10:37	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Please consider keeping Olympic Heights subdivision zoned to Baranoff, as we can walk our children there much more safely than to Menchaca, which is on Manchaca road which has no sidewalks. Thank you very much.</p>
4/23/2019 11:02	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Please keep Olympic Heights neighborhood in the Baranoff zone. We are right next door and we want our kids to be able to walk to school instead of having to bus off when we share a fence with Baranoff.</p>
4/23/2019 11:05	Baranoff Elementary	<p>The committee is considering rezoning my neighborhood, Olympic Heights, from Baranoff Elementary to Menchaca Elementary. When considering the safety of our neighborhood children, Baranoff is within easy walking and biking distance from Olympic Heights. If the neighborhood were rezoned to Menchaca, the students who currently walk or bike to school would be unable to due to the major road separating us from Menchaca Elementary that presents a safety issue. Additionally, the district would incur additional costs to transport our students to Menchaca Elementary that they do not incur with students attending Baranoff. They would need to implement new transportation routes and provide additional buses for our students.</p> <p>I ask that the logistical, fiscal, and safety concerns associated with rezoning Olympic Heights from Baranoff to Menchaca be taken under serious advisement and that the neighborhood remains zoned to Baranoff.</p>

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4/23/2019 11:24	Baranoff Elementary	<p>The committee is considering rezoning my neighborhood, Olympic Heights, from Baranoff Elementary to Menchaca Elementary. I ask that the logistical, fiscal, and safety concerns associated with rezoning Olympic Heights from Baranoff to Menchaca be taken under serious advisement and that the neighborhood remains zoned to Baranoff.</p> <p>When considering the safety of our neighborhood children, Baranoff is within easy walking and biking distance from Olympic Heights. If the neighborhood were rezoned to Menchaca, the students who currently walk or bike to school would be unable to due to the major road separating us from Menchaca Elementary that presents a safety issue.</p> <p>When considering the logistical and fiscal concerns please note that the district would incur additional costs to transport our students to Menchaca Elementary that they do not incur with students attending Baranoff. They would need to implement new transportation routes and provide additional buses for our students as opposed to re-routing existing bus routes for other developments.</p>
4/23/2019 11:29	Baranoff Elementary	<p>The fact that Olympic Height neighborhood is being considered to be rezoned from Baranoff to Menchaca seems ludacris in my opinion. Olympic Heights is within walking distance to Baranoff and many of our children walk to and from school. Rezoning to Menchaca would put our children in serious danger if they were to try to walk to school since there is no sidewalk in some areas down Manchaca Rd as well as this being a major roadway. Personally I would never allow my child to walk that stretch. There has to be a better option than to rezone kids who are less than a mile from one school to a school that is over a mile away.</p>
4/23/2019 11:37	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Leave Shady Hollow alone. Do Not split the neighborhood to more than one school. Shady Hollow children should go to Baranoff.</p>
4/23/2019 11:41	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Please do not split up Shady Hollow into two different elementary schools. This is a close community with many neighboring children who play with each other and parents who carpool their kids to school and various activities.</p>
4/23/2019 11:49	Baranoff Elementary	<p>2) Slaughter Lane from Shady Hollow to Kocurek is dangerous! The intersection of Brodie and Slaughter Lane has been the scene of numerous accidents, including one fatality in recent years. An A.I.S.D. student was struck by a vehicle while walking to Bowie on the sidewalk.</p> <p>3) The A.I.S.D. Boundary Advisory Committee has a stated commitment to the fidelity of vertical teams - in this case, Baranoff to Bailey to Bowie. Boundary proposals are in opposition to this laudable goal.</p> <p>4) The population of Baranoff is steadily trending down. Without changing boundaries and the opening of the new SW Elementary, Austin ISD projects a year-to-year decrease in Baranoff Enrollment.</p>

4/23/2019 11:52	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I am writing to implore to you to not change the boundary line for Baranoff Elementary and as a result, split up my neighborhood of Shady Hollow. My children would be directly affected by this change and Baranoff Elementary was a very important reason that we decided to grow our family in Shady Hollow. Under your proposed maps, Plans 1 and 2 are not significant enough of a benefit to warrant splitting up a neighborhood when plans 5 and 6 would achieve the same outcome in a very slightly longer time period. Further, hidden in these numbers to inflate their effectiveness under all plans is the Grey Rock Neighborhood moving to the new school.</p> <p>Under your secondary criteria, a change of Shady Hollow to Kocurek Elementary would make walking or biking completely dangerous and out of the question. This would mean a walk up and down Brodie and down Slaughter. This change would also disregard the criteria of using major roads and subdivisions as boundaries. Plans 1 and 2 move from a neighborhood boundary to a creek boundary and split up the neighborhood. Plans 5 and 6 use the appropriate neighborhood boundary. Further, Plans 1 and 2 do not properly consider transportation routes. A route to Kocurek from Shady Hollow would be a longer and much more dangerous of a trip for all parties involved. Also, the transportation information given at the April 11th meeting had incorrect information about transportation patterns. Section 1 of Shady Hollow has a side walk with no major intersections all the way to Baranoff.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and please do not split Shady Hollow up between two elementary schools.</p>
4/23/2019 12:03	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I'm writing in opposition to the re-zoning of parts of Shady Hollow that will force some students to Kocurek Elementary. Please consider the following:</p> <p>1) Boundary Proposals threaten to break up the subdivision of Shady Hollow and will result in children attending two different schools. This is unique ONLY to the subdivision of Shady Hollow. We request that Shady Hollow remain united and attend one elementary school.</p> <p>2) Slaughter Lane from Shady Hollow to Kocurek is dangerous! The intersection of Brodie and Slaughter Lane has been the scene of numerous accidents, including one fatality in recent years. An A.I.S.D. student was struck by a vehicle while walking to Bowie on the sidewalk.</p> <p>3) The A.I.S.D. Boundary Advisory Committee has a stated commitment to the fidelity of vertical teams - in this case, Baranoff to Bailey to Bowie. Boundary proposals are in opposition to this laudable goal.</p> <p>4) The population of Baranoff is steadily trending down. Without changing boundaries and the opening of the new SW Elementary, Austin ISD projects a year-to-year decrease in Baranoff Enrollment.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>

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4/23/2019 12:14	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hi, I've heard the Boundary Advisory Committee is considering cutting my neighborhood up (Shady Hollow) and sending some of us to Kocurek. Please don't do this!! My daughter's neighborhood friends from swim team and tennis lessons all go to Baranoff. Additionally, friends she would make at Kocurek wouldn't be fed into Bailey/Bowie.</p> <p>Finally the Brodie and Slaughter intersection is highly backed-up in the morning and not safe for kids to be crossing.</p> <p>Latest forecasts I've seen show Baranoff population trending down. So I don't understand why we are redrawing the boundaries.</p> <p>Thanks for your consideration.</p>
4/23/2019 12:18	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Please do not split up the Shady Hollow Subdivision with the new rezoning. We are part of shady hollow and prefer our kids get to go to Baranoff with the rest of the community.</p>
4/23/2019 12:20	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Shady Hollow is a beautiful neighborhood with great schools. To break up the neighborhood by changing the school boundaries would be a detriment to the property values and quality of life in the neighborhood for all, especially the parents and children currently attending Baranoff school. It is my opinion, this is certainly not good judgment nor basic common sense to propose such a change that will not accomplish a better result or improve upon a thing. It is disturbing to say the least.</p>
4/23/2019 12:24	Baranoff Elementary	<p>It is our understanding that the Shady Hollow Neighborhood is being considered for division with regard to elementary school attendance. We are opposed to this for the following reasons:</p> <p>This change appears to be unique ONLY to the subdivision of Shady Hollow. We request that Shady Hollow remain united and attend one elementary school.</p> <p>Slaughter Lane from Shady Hollow to Kocurek is dangerous! The intersection of Brodie and Slaughter Lane has been the scene of numerous accidents, including one fatality in recent years. An A.I.S.D. student was struck by a vehicle while walking to Bowie on the sidewalk.</p> <p>The A.I.S.D. Boundary Advisory Committee has a stated commitment to the fidelity of vertical teams - in this case, Baranoff to Bailey to Bowie. Boundary proposals are in opposition to this laudable goal.</p> <p>The population of Baranoff is steadily trending down. Without changing boundaries and the opening of the new SW Elementary, Austin ISD projects a year-to-year decrease in Baranoff Enrollment.</p>
4/23/2019 12:35	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I do not support splitting Shady Hollow and sending a portion of our kids to Kocurek. We have friends on the west side of Brodie and want our children to go to school together.</p>

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4/23/2019 12:40	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Shady Hollow is a community that draws families because of the excellent schools, neighborhood youth activities, safe environment, and strong real estate values. With the projected decrease in enrollment at Baranoff over the next 5-10 years and the new school due to open, there seems to be little reason to redraw the school boundaries resulting in the disruption of the day-to-day relationships and activities of Shady Hollow families, children, and their friends.</p> <p>At this time, we have relatively safe access for our children traveling to Baranoff. While Brodie Lane is currently very heavily congested due to Hayes county residents traveling to Austin using Brodie, the proposed rezoning will create even more Brodie and Slaughter Lanes congestion along with real safety issues for residents who drive their children to school and children who must walk to school. We DO NOT need more congestion on Brodie and Slaughter Lanes nor further safety issues.</p> <p>Families are drawn to Shady Hollow for its schools, excellent neighborhood youth activities, safe environment, and strong real estate values. The rezoning of school boundaries will have a strong negative impact on all of the above qualities that residents seek when they choose Shady Hollow as their home.</p> <p>As Shady Hollow residents since 1990, we do not feel that rezoning of the Baranoff boundaries is in anyone's best interest; therefore, we are opposed to this boundary revision. Please keep Shady Hollow united.</p> <p>(redacted) Shady Hollow Residents since 1990.</p>
4/23/2019 12:59	Baranoff Elementary	Totally against splitting up Shady Hollow. Should be looking at CLOSING Boone Ele. and adjusting boundaries for Cowan and Kocurek to take in Boone students.
4/23/2019 13:17	Baranoff Elementary	<p>We bought our house (redacted) in Shady Hollow, so our kids can go to Baranoff Elementary school. So it will be real unfortunate if the proposed re-zoning takes place, and we end up in Kocurek. I would like to place a request to undo this proposal if possible. Thanks much</p> <p>(redacted)</p>
4/23/2019 13:30	Baranoff Elementary	I'm an Olympic heights resident and the parent of a kindergarten student currently enrolled at Baranoff. I'm writing to ask you to not consider rezoning Olympic Heights residents away from Baranoff. Currently we can walk and/or ride bikes to school with our daughter without leaving neighborhood streets to get there, whereas rezoning to Manchaca would eliminate that and put my student at risk, as Manchaca is a very busy street with no shoulder, much less a sidewalk. For the sake of our children's safety, please do not rezone Olympic Heights away from our neighborhood school, Baranoff.

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4/23/2019 13:49	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I am a resident of Shady Hollow And I DO Not support splitting our neighborhood in two different schools.I request that Shady Hollow remain united & kids attend one elementary school.</p> <p>1) Boundary Proposals threaten to break up the subdivision of Shady Hollow and will result in children attending two different schools. This is unique ONLY to the subdivision of Shady Hollow. We request that Shady Hollow remain united and attend one elementary school.</p> <p>2) Slaughter Lane from Shady Hollow to Kocurek is dangerous! The intersection of Brodie and Slaughter Lane has been the scene of numerous accidents, including one fatality in recent years. An A.I.S.D. student was struck by a vehicle while walking to Bowie on the sidewalk.</p> <p>3) The A.I.S.D. Boundary Advisory Committee has a stated commitment to the fidelity of vertical teams - in this case, Baranoff to Bailey to Bowie. Boundary proposals are in opposition to this laudable goal.</p> <p>4) The population of Baranoff is steadily trending down. Without changing boundaries and the opening of the new SW Elementary, Austin ISD projects a year-to-year decrease in Baranoff Enrollment.</p>
4/23/2019 14:20	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Please do not divide Shady Hollow. Baranoff was built as a neighborhood school FOR Shady Hollow. Our kids are on the same swim team, join the same scout troops, play on the same sports teams. If you split the kids between 2 elementary schools, the wonderful sense of support and community that we are lucky to have in Shady Hollow will disintegrate.</p>
4/23/2019 14:26	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I am not in favor of splitting Shady Hollow into two elementary schools. I'm a fan of the same classes of kids moving throughout their school career from one elementary to middle school to high school. Currently that is true in Shady Hollow with Baranoff, Bailey, and Bowie.</p> <p>I am also not in favor of having to cross or use Slaughter Lane to get to the school. Austin as a whole, and our household individually, is moving toward less use of cars, so I am a fan of being able to walk or ride a bike with my kids to school. Slaughter Lane makes that a scary proposition. Brodie, south of Slaughter, with it's set back sidewalks and soon to be open Hwy 45 to alleviate traffic, is a much safer option. I am a first responder who works this part of town as well as lives here, and I see far too many wrecks on Slaughter (including auto vs pedestrian) to feel safe about having my child on foot or bike on Slaughter Lane. I'd imagine others will feel the same way and this will only add to the overabundance of traffic in the area (ironically, increasing the likelihood of wrecks).</p> <p>Lastly, by looking at your projections of school populations for the coming years and factoring in Baranoff's trends, it appears that this overcrowding problem will take care of itself. If that is still insufficient, it appears that redistricting to include the Oak Parke neighborhood (Aspen Creek, Wolftrap) to Kocurek would be enough to balance the load. The previous points I made still apply to the Oak Parke neighborhood, but at least it would be less kids affected.</p> <p>Thanks for your time and your dedication to the futures and development of our children. Your job is not an enviable one, I know you are trying to do your best. Thank you.</p>

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4/23/2019 14:31	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Dear Honorable Boundary Advisory commtee,</p> <p>I have a home in the Olympic heights community at South Austin. Our home school is Baranoff elementary and our kiddos are happily studying there with lots of ambition. Recently I came to know that our community will be re zoned to different school.</p> <p>This is my humble request to you that, please kindly keep our community in the Baranoff elementary school zone, which would help our kiddos continue studying in Baranoff without any distraction to their ambition.</p> <p>Much appreciated, Thanks, (redacted)</p>
4/23/2019 14:33	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I have lived at (redacted) for over 22 years my sons started at Manchaca an To our relief and the neighborhoods baranoff was built to have our own elementary the remaining two children attended baranoff my older sons have moved back into shady hollow for these schools and now my grand daughters attend Baranoff. As an Active licensed Real Estate Broker advertising and selling Real Eatate In shady hollow for over 22 years. The impact of taking Baranoff Bailey Bowie trio out of play from Shady Hollow will be devastating for our market. Not only that but to build and fund from all of the Older shady hollow residents to Build Baranoff and add to its strength by our supported neighborhood and then say we cannot attend and send the new build homes surrounding our neighborhood school instead is backwards. Either build a new school in one of the new neighborhoods surrounding SH OR add to Manchaca enough room to hold the new neighborhood that are closest to it. Fact of the matter is kocurek elementary will be busting at its seems since 78745 and the immediate surrounding area and all are becoming very high demand property wise for first time buyers this will flood this old small kocurek school. Not to mention to take kids out of a safe quite school environment and put them off slaughter is asking for trouble</p> <p>Do not move Shady Hollow out of the area that has been funding it since it started that is OUR. SH Community neighborhood school</p>
4/23/2019 14:35	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hello, I am a resident of Shady Hollow. I am included in the possible area that could be zoned to be switched from Baranoff to Kocurek. My feedback is that I am strictly against this boundary line change not only for the impact that it would have on my property value, but because I have small children about to enter into the school system. This would be a strong reason to move out of Austin for us. Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>(redacted)</p>
4/23/2019 14:43	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I am a resident of Shady Hollow and would like to see Shady Hollow remain in the Baranoff Elementary boundary area. Shady Hollow is a very community oriented neighborhood. Splitting the neighborhood into two different Elementary schools would not serve the children well in this area.</p> <p>Additionally, getting to Kocurek Elementary requires traveling very busy roads - Brodie Ln. and Slaughter Ln. Traffic is already backed up heading North and East. Adding more buses and cars going that direction, will clog up the traffic flow even more.</p> <p>Please consider another alternative and keep Shady Hollow children together with their neighborhood friends.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>

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4/23/2019 14:45	Baranoff Elementary	What are you guys thinking concerning the potential rezone of Baranoff Elementary ? Apparently no one on the AISD Boarding is thinking about the tremendous harm your actions would incur by breaking up the Shady Hollow Neighborhood. Your poorly thought out notion is just that... the worst idea you could ever implement. Your actually considering situationally unique solutions just for Baranoff Elementary that apply no where else in the entirety of Austin. This complete absurdity is unwarranted especially since Baranoff Elementary enrollment is decreasing year over year. Get your head out of of the sand and eliminate the notions of stupidity that apply no where else in Austin.
4/23/2019 14:48	Baranoff Elementary	I hear that there is consideration for moving Olympic Heights now to Menchaca, instead of the northern Shady Hollow subdivisions to Kocurek. I would think and hope that you consider diversity (socio-economic and ethnic) in these decisions. Please don't make the segregation problem (and there is one) of these schools worse with your choices.
4/23/2019 14:52	Baranoff Elementary	I have been a resident of Olympic Heights for 16 yrs. One of the reason is the closeness of Baranoff Elementary. My child has been going there for 4 yrs now. She loves her school. She should not be forced to ride a bus to a school further away. Olympic heights is way too close to Baranoff. It makes no sense to force children in walking distance to ride a bus to a different school. Rethink these boundary changes. Students already riding buses should be moved not ones that lives behind the school.
4/23/2019 15:01	Baranoff Elementary	<p>We live in Olympic Heights community and we want our kids to go to Baranoff.</p> <p>We are walkable to Baranoff and are close enough that buses will not need to be provided. If rezoned, our students would most likely be put on buses, adding costs to the AISD budget and the current budget shortfall.</p> <p>If rezoned to Menchaca, this is not walkable as there are no safe routes. Manchaca Rd has no sidewalks and very tiny shoulders. This is a danger and goes against the district's secondary criteria, that of providing safe passage to campuses.</p> <p>If rezoned to Kocurek, AISD would have to add a bus route, which is currently not needed as we are walkable to Baranoff. This also goes against the secondary criteria and adds to the budget.</p> <p>The Oak Parke/Brodie Springs neighborhoods are already on a bus route to Baranoff as those subdivisions fall outside the 2 mile corridor. It makes financial sense to change where the bus goes and direct it to Kocurek. This does not alter the cost of the route.</p> <p>Please let Olympic Heights stay at Baranoff.</p>
4/23/2019 15:15	Baranoff Elementary	Olympic Heights subdivision is zoned for Baranoff Elementary and Bailey middle school. Rezoning OH to Menchaca Elementary wouldn't make sense as our children would be constantly transferred across town to different schools when logistically we live walking distance to both Baranoff and Bailey.
4/23/2019 15:19	Baranoff Elementary	I am appalled at the new zoning option that zones the children of Olympic Heights out of Baranoff and to Menchaca. Olympic Heights is a walkable neighborhood to Baranoff, and our kids love the school.
4/23/2019 15:24	Baranoff Elementary	Please do not divide Shady Hollow! Shady Hollow is unique in that it's a real neighborhood where all the kids go to the same elementary school, the same middle school and the same high school. They swim on the same swim team, join the same scouts troops, play on the same sports teams. This continuity and support create the cohesive neighborhood which we all enjoy and which makes our neighborhood appealing to buyers. There is so much division in our world, let's keep one safe and united neighborhood for our kids!

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4/23/2019 15:48	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I would like to comment on the possible rezone of Baranoff Elementary and the northern section of Shady Hollow. I am not in favor of the proposed rezone.</p> <p>1) Boundary Proposals threaten to break up the subdivision of Shady Hollow and will result in children attending two different schools. This is unique ONLY to the subdivision of Shady Hollow. We request that Shady Hollow remain united and attend one elementary school.</p> <p>2) Slaughter Lane from Shady Hollow to Kocurek is dangerous! The intersection of Brodie and Slaughter Lane has been the scene of numerous accidents, including one fatality in recent years. An A.I.S.D. student was struck by a vehicle while walking to Bowie on the sidewalk.</p> <p>3) The A.I.S.D. Boundary Advisory Committee has a stated commitment to the fidelity of vertical teams - in this case, Baranoff to Bailey to Bowie. Boundary proposals are in opposition to this laudable goal.</p> <p>4) The population of Baranoff is steadily trending down. Austin ISD projects a year-to-year decrease in Baranoff Enrollment without changing boundaries and the opening of the new SW Elementary, .</p>
4/23/2019 16:13	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I am a resident of Olympic Heights community. We moved to this area only because I wanted my child to attend Baranoff.</p> <p>I understand re-zoning needs to happen, however, I am writing to all of you to ask you to please consider leaving our neighborhood with Baranoff because:</p> <p>1. We have great walk ability and bike routes to school. Some of our residents can hear the kids play outside during recess, this is how close our neighborhood is to the school. We see parents walk their kids to school/kids biking to school in the mornings.</p> <p>2. We have NO major roads separating us from Baranoff, we do not require crossing guards for ANY of our kids.</p> <p>3. We require no district transportation</p> <p>Thank you for your time, (redacted) Olympic Heights resident</p>

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4/23/2019 16:17	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I am writing to voice my concern about the redistricting plans for Olympic Heights.</p> <p>I have heard there is a new map out that shows Olympic Heights may be rezoned to Kocurek. We live 0.7 miles from Baranoff. We can literally see the building when we look out our kitchen window. The schools were the driving reason why we spent our life savings to purchase a house in the neighborhood. The prospect of being rezoned to a school over 3 miles away, that takes us out of the way, and has a historically much lower rating is of great concern to me.</p> <p>As I mentioned, we moved into the neighborhood specifically for the three schools to which we are zoned and the idea that we would be able to walk our kids over. I speak for myself and my neighbors in asking you to stand up for our district's families and not to redistrict Olympic Heights away from our current school of Baranoff.</p> <p>Thank you, (redacted)</p>
4/23/2019 16:39	Baranoff Elementary	Please keep all Shady Hollow kids at Baranoff.
4/23/2019 16:45	Baranoff Elementary	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am a resident of Shady Hollow and a Baranoff parent. To be more precise, my family of four lives on (redacted), one of the first streets to make up the ORIGINAL Shady Hollow community. We moved to Shady Hollow intentionally so that our son, who suffers from severe social anxiety, could experience the long-term benefits of having an established neighborhood and community of friends supporting him from kindergarten through high school. For six long years he has attended Baranoff. Now a fifth grader, the only thing keeping him grounded as he faces the tough transition to middle school is knowing that he will see familiar faces at Bailey. In fact, he was accepted into the magnet program at Small Middle School, but opted not to go to Small because the social transition would be too much of a leap for him. To find out now that he potentially gave up a seat in that program only to be yanked from the group of friends that he has worked so hard to establish over the last six years to attend a lower performing school is concerning, disheartening, and frustrating. Equally disconcerting is considering the the impact that the potential boundary changes will have on our 1st grade daughter, who also struggles with social anxiety and is currently thriving at Baranoff.</p> <p>I understand that boundary changes are never easy and that it's impossible to make everyone happy. What I struggle to make sense of are proposals that break up our established neighborhood and uproot my children so that Baranoff's enrollment can be reduced by 35 students. Please explain to me how 35 students being routed to another school is going to make any measurable or positive difference. From my perspective, there are no pros to this decision.</p> <p>My children, my time, and my tax and NON-TAX dollars have been going to Baranoff and the Shady Hollow neighborhood for over six years. As such, we should be afforded the opportunity to stay with the neighborhood and school in which we have invested and intentionally chose to support over the past six years.</p>
4/23/2019 17:51	Baranoff Elementary	Please dont break up our shady hollow neighborhood!!!!

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4/23/2019 18:17	Baranoff Elementary	Please keep Olympic Heights in the Baranoff Elem. school zone. We are within a 2 mile radius and require no bussing, we are able to walk/bike to school because it is all neighborhood streets. Menchaca Elem. is also within a 2 mile radius, but it would require Olympic Heights residents to drive because of the busy streets, which would add to the terrible traffic that is only getting worse.
4/23/2019 18:18	Baranoff Elementary	It does not make sense for a small section of Shady Hollow to attend an elementary school other than Baranoff. Kids in Shady Hollow should stay on the Baranoff/Bailey/Bowie track
4/23/2019 19:23	Baranoff Elementary	<p>1) Boundary Proposals threaten to break up the subdivision of Shady Hollow and will result in children attending two different schools. This is unique ONLY to the subdivision of Shady Hollow. We request that Shady Hollow remain united and attend one elementary school.</p> <p>2) Slaughter Lane from Shady Hollow to Kocurek is dangerous! The intersection of Brodie and Slaughter Lane has been the scene of numerous accidents, including one fatality in recent years. An A.I.S.D. student was struck by a vehicle while walking to Bowie on the sidewalk.</p> <p>3) The A.I.S.D. Boundary Advisory Committee has a stated commitment to the fidelity of vertical teams - in this case, Baranoff to Bailey to Bowie. Boundary proposals are in opposition to this laudable goal.</p> <p>4) The population of Baranoff is steadily trending down. Without changing boundaries and the opening of the new SW Elementary, Austin ISD projects a year-to-year decrease in Baranoff Enrollment.</p>
4/23/2019 21:02	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Totally opposed to our student population being split. Paid a lot of money so our children would attend a quality school and are very happy with Our three neighborhood schools. We implore you not to disrupt the great success that generations of Shady Hollow students have enjoyed.</p> <p>Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.</p>
4/23/2019 21:44	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I am a resident of Olympic Heights who is zoned for Baranoff for now but one of your proposed maps say that we will be rezoned to Menchaca elementary.</p> <p>We live so near to Baranoff elementary that I can hear the kids playing on the playground as my house is right behind the school's playground area. It is so close to my house that we walk to the school.</p> <p>Menchaca elementary is too far and AISD will have to start the bus service for our area in that case.</p> <p>Olympic Heights is walking distance to school and so it is important and safe for us to be at Baranoff elementary.</p> <p>Please keep Olympic Heights zoned for Baranoff!!</p>
4/23/2019 22:10	Baranoff Elementary	We live in the northwest part of Shady Hollow (redacted). Having the north part of Shady Hollow split off and go to Kocurek puts her at a significant disadvantage if she has to move to Kocurek. I was at the meeting at Baranoff this week covering the boundary changes, and it seems clear that there needs to be a better way to address this.
4/23/2019 22:37	Baranoff Elementary	Please don't re-zone baranoff. that is a very stupid idea for the people that live in Olympic Heights

4/24/2019 10:51	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Please keep all of Shady Hollow attending the same elementary school: Baranoff! I am on one of the affected streets and I would hate to think that this small part of Shady Hollow that happens to be north of Slaughter Creek could end up not being within the boundary for Baranoff.</p> <p>1) Boundary Proposals threaten to break up the subdivision of Shady Hollow and will result in children attending two different schools. This is unique ONLY to the subdivision of Shady Hollow. We request that Shady Hollow remain united and attend one elementary school.</p> <p>2) Slaughter Lane from Shady Hollow to Kocurek is dangerous! The intersection of Brodie and Slaughter Lane has been the scene of numerous accidents, including one fatality in recent years. An A.I.S.D. student was struck by a vehicle while walking to Bowie on the sidewalk.</p> <p>3) The A.I.S.D. Boundary Advisory Committee has a stated commitment to the fidelity of vertical teams - in this case, Baranoff to Bailey to Bowie. Boundary proposals are in opposition to this laudable goal.</p> <p>4) The population of Baranoff is steadily trending down. Without changing boundaries and the opening of the new SW Elementary, Austin ISD projects a year-to-year decrease in Baranoff Enrollment.</p> <p>Please keep ALL of Shady Hollow at Baranoff.</p> <p>Thank you, (redacted)</p>
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4/24/2019 12:28	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hi! Thanks for listening to our feedback!</p> <p>I have resided in Shady Hollow proper for 15 years and have been at Baranoff for seven years now. My eldest daughter is a 6th grader at Bailey, which she just LOVES and my youngest is a first grader at Baranoff. We live (redacted). This tiny section cut out of the Baranoff zone (on all maps except for 5 & 6) would potentially move approx. 35 currently enrolled students from Baranoff only from Shady Hollow proper area. I repeat, only 35 enrolled students at Baranoff from this section of Shady Hollow. I am here to make you aware of the storm this topic has caused within our neighborhood alone.</p> <p>See, we are a little different here in Shady Hollow. We have a neighborhood with two swim team pools, and with two separate summer swim teams on the Capital City Summer League. This potential division has now caused a split between swim teams, a split between "the north and south" parts of the neighborhood and is driving a wedge between our tight-knit community. Barracudas vs. Stingrays - this is a BIG deal in our little quiet neighborhood, and you may not know that some of these children potentially being rezoned are going to be affected in many more ways than just attending another school. This would mean no more after-school carpools directly to swim team practice for many households on Indian Point Drive and not to mention Wyldwood and Kellywood (they have four families with children at Baranoff.) This now puts pressure on our working family and many other families. Again, I understand a decrease in the Baranoff student population is needed; however, splitting Shady Hollow into two including cutting out the Shady Hollow HOA is absurd. I can understand if the boundary lines of each neighborhood were not clear in the beginning of this process, but to move forward with removing any sections of Shady Hollow from Baranoff (or just from the other side of Shady Hollow) would be a big mistake and a big burden for our community.</p> <p>Please understand this has already created a big mess in Shady Hollow and I do not want to think of what will happen if a rezone would occur over 35 children in our section. I beg you to please consider not dividing Shady Hollow proper from the rest of Shady Hollow proper, the Villages of Shady Hollow, the Enclave at Shady Hollow. We are ALL Shady Hollow and ALL want to stay UNITED with our fellow community.</p> <p>When raising children, they say "it takes a village." It does take a village, but please don't take a part of our village from us. We rely on one another much more than anyone can see from the outside.</p> <p>Thank you for listening. I do appreciate your efforts, your professionalism, and your open heart and mind when considering the boundary changes for Baranoff Elementary. We ALL have Buffalo Pride! And that runs deep! Again, thanks for listening to our feedback.</p>
4/24/2019 12:42	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I am a homeowner in Shady Hollow. I understand that AISD has been getting push back from people who refuse to send their children to Kocurek for a plethora of reasons. I, however, believe those reasons are mainly racist and have nothing to do with the quality of education between Bowie and Kocurek. I also believe AISD has the best helicopter view on making and taking decisions - and this is one of them. You will always have my support.</p>
4/24/2019 13:25	Baranoff Elementary	<p>We have two kids, 2.5 years old and 4 months. When looking to purchase a house, we specifically sought out elementary school districts that were high performing. It is extremely disappointing to read about potentially being redistributed at this point. Please reconsider.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
4/24/2019 13:38	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I am very much against having Shady Hollow Subdivison split between 2 different elementary/middle/high schools feeds (Kocurek-Paredes-Bailey vs Baranoff-Bailey-Bowie). I respectfully ask that this recommendation be turned down and that the children of the entire Shady Hollow Community remain Baranoff-Bailey-Bowie.</p>

4/24/2019 14:49	Baranoff Elementary	<p>To Whom it May Concern,</p> <p>My name is (redacted) and I am currently living in the neighborhood Shady Hollow. My family moved a year ago specifically to start our oldest in Kindergarten at Baranoff in 2020. We willingly paid the price to be apart of a neighborhood with excellent schools. Currently with the new proposals our street would be zoned to Kocurek Elementary. I'm asking that you not break up the vertical team of Baranoff, Bailey, and Bowie that we just paid the price for... not cheap in Austin as we all know.</p> <p>This minor change in boundaries significantly effects the course of our lives. To break up our neighborhood is to break up our newly built friendships with other families. These relationships are vital in creating stability and safety in our neighborhood, and ultimately our city. As we see the same faces down the street, in classrooms and at neighborhood events, we are building trust and a true sense of community. I'm asking that you not break us apart from the rest of my neighborhood.</p> <p>Lastly, the drive down Slaughter is not one I would ever allow my child to attempt solo. However, Baranoff is approachable and within a distance I would feel comfortable allowing my child to walk part of the way. This is important to me because as a parent I want to build independence and confidence in my child. Little steps like walking part-way to school are a tangible way I can achieve this goal with consistency.</p> <p>Please consider my thoughts and concerns as these are not mine alone. We don't want to be forced to split ways, within our own neighborhood. Instead we want to keep building an excellence community and trust in our children.</p> <p>Thank you for your time, (redacted)</p>
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4/24/2019 16:31	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I was in attendance at the Baranoff CAC and BAC Rep meeting on 4/22. It was very disappointing to learn the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quality of education is not being considered in the boundary change. How can AISD say that quality education is important to them when their actions demonstrate differently - taking students from a high performing school and transferring them to a low performing school. The teachers have to teach to the majority - the new 75-100 kids will not be the majority. This is not putting quality education at the the top of the list. 2. No body can explain how Baranoff is "broken". Baranoff has been a large campus since inception and it has also been a thriving school through out. The only piece of "brokenness" at Baranoff that might be fixed appears to be the ability to shorten the full lunch time by about 10-15 minutes. Apparently that is a priority over quality education. 3. AISD has hired a transportation committee who has determined crossing the intersection of Brodie and Slaughter to be safe. I hope tax payers dollars were not spent on that study because the results are completely bogus. All you have to do is spend a day at that intersection and you can see it completely unsafe to have elementary school age children walking to school. 4. AISD is NOT loyal to its vertical teams as it claims. Kocuerk is in Akins vertical as is Olympic Heights. If a change must happen then why is Olympic Heights not being removed from Baranoff and moved to Kocurek to keep verticals intact? <p>There is a community being ripped apart by this boundary change. Thriving children will be the ones to receive the brunt of this change when they are being forced to move to a substandard environment. Why would you take that away from them? The Superintendent is making the wrong choice in his opinion that "something must be done". There are other alternatives that are in alignment with vertical teams and safer for children to walk to school. The Baranoff community supports "no change".</p>
4/24/2019 20:54	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I do not support splitting up our neighborhood and strongly believe that Shady Hollow should remain united and attend one elementary school.</p>
4/24/2019 23:36	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Thank you for responding to my previous questions and listening to my feedback.</p> <p>In order to promote more transparency with this process, is it possible to actually show the number of students by neighborhood (e.g., oak parke, palomino, wyldwood, Shady Hollow, Brodie Oaks, VOSH, Bear Creek, Estates, Southland, etc) in the Baranoff maps? The maps only show the percent of permanent capacity.</p> <p>Also, were transfers (out of zone, employee kids, minority to majority) considered throughout this process and would they be frozen for the future?</p> <p>Since there was no audit completed regarding the validation of residency of Baranoff students during this process, will there be one in the future? Many parents have stated that they know of someone who no longer live in the boundary but still attend Baranoff.</p> <p>Thank you again for your hard work. BAC has a very difficult decision to make.</p>

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4/25/2019 9:30	Baranoff Elementary	I do not support splitting up the Shady Hollow neighborhood and have some houses go to one elementary while the other part goes to another elementary. This is disruptive to families and students and there have been any tangible benefits stated from this move. The comments from the BAC were "shorter lunch lines and dropoffs/pickups". This does not warrant a redistricting!
4/25/2019 10:23	Baranoff Elementary	I've been told that AISD is thinking about removing parts of Shady Hollow from the Baranoff boundary and directing those students to Kocurek. If this is so, I ask you to seriously reconsider. Shady Hollow is fairly unique in its sense of community and identity. A sense of belonging and being part of a community is very important to young children and sending Shady Hollow kids to two different elementary schools would be a major disruption for them in that regard.
4/25/2019 12:45	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Please do NOT split up the school boundaries in our neighborhood. Please help support Shady Hollow staying united for the following reasons:</p> <p>1) Boundary Proposals threaten to break up the subdivision of Shady Hollow and will result in children attending two different schools. This is unique ONLY to the subdivision of Shady Hollow. We request that Shady Hollow remain united and attend one elementary school.</p> <p>2) Slaughter Lane from Shady Hollow to Kocurek is dangerous! The intersection of Brodie and Slaughter Lane has been the scene of numerous accidents, including one fatality in recent years. An A.I.S.D. student was struck by a vehicle while walking to Bowie on the sidewalk.</p> <p>3) The A.I.S.D. Boundary Advisory Committee has a stated commitment to the fidelity of vertical teams - in this case, Baranoff to Bailey to Bowie. Boundary proposals are in opposition to this laudable goal.</p> <p>4) The population of Baranoff is steadily trending down. Without changing boundaries and the opening of the new SW Elementary, Austin ISD projects a year-to-year decrease in Baranoff Enrollment.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

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4/25/2019 16:26	Baranoff Elementary	<p>The Rezoning of Baranoff Elementary is a HORRENDOUS plan and would greatly endanger our children, disrupt their education and divide the continuity of the Shady Hollow community.</p> <p>Unfortunately, you cannot get to Kocurek without getting through the intersection of Brodie and Slaughter. I myself, held a person's hand while he lay dying after being struck by a vehicle while approaching that very intersection. Slaughter Lane is not a safe roadway due to the high rate of speed and the numerous accidents. Also the amount of crime, panhandling and the vagrancy population has increased within the Slaughter Lane corridor between Shady Hollow & Kocurek Elementary.</p> <p>The A.I.S.D. Boundary Advisory Committee has stated their commitment to the fidelity of vertical teams – in our case, Baranoff to Bailey to Bowie. The new boundary proposals are in opposition to this praiseworthy objective.</p> <p>The new proposed boundaries threaten to break up the Shady Hollow neighborhood and will result in children attending two different schools. This is unique ONLY to the subdivision of Shady Hollow. Shady Hollow should be allowed to remain a complete neighborhood with our children attending one elementary school.</p> <p>The population of Baranoff is steadily trending downward. Without changing boundaries and the opening of the new SW Elementary, Austin ISD projects a year-to-year decrease in Baranoff Enrollment.</p> <p>I purchased my home in Shady Hollow because of the neighborhood schools and the exceptionally safe environment within the community. DO NOT CHANGE THE BOUNDRIES.</p> <p>Kindest Regards, (redacted)</p>
4/25/2019 18:21	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I am very concerned about the plans that include splitting Shady Hollow across two elementary schools. We are one neighborhood. These proposed boundary changes harm our community, take kids who can currently safely bike to all three of their schools and move them to an elementary where the route is far too dangerous for a child (and yes, my kids did bike to Baranoff regularly), and create a situation where the schools are no longer vertically aligned. These plans, if implemented, would harm our community, our schools, and our children. As far as I can tell, a single developer would reap the benefits of the harm caused to many. I am appalled that developer interests are being placed above the good of the community that has supported this school since its creation. As a family with two working parents we used our vacation hours to carve out hundreds of hours of volunteer time at the school over the years. It is absolutely wrong (not to mention a heartless slap in the face) to cut us out now this way. Please do not do this to the community.</p>

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4/25/2019 19:06	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I just wanted to chime in with some feedback about the possibility of moving the Olympic Heights neighborhood out of the Baranoff boundary. I feel this would be a tremendous mistake. Baranoff is currently a safe, walkable (or in our case bike riding) distance from our neighborhood with no major road crossings needed. It is certainly closer than the majority of the other neighborhoods being considered. I don't have to drive my 4 children everyday as they are able to get there themselves.</p> <p>The alternative of Manchaca (which itself is overcrowded as well) is really not ideal. There are no sidewalks for our kids to use for the majority of the way there and it would require them to cross Freight Barker a road with 6 lanes of traffic. As a result I would be forced to drive them and put another car on the already completely overcrowded Manchaca Road. Many in the neighborhood would have similar issues and the traffic would go from bad to worse overnight.</p> <p>I realize Baranoff is over capacity, but removing one of the closest neighborhoods at the expense of other much further options seems shortsighted and unsafe for our children.</p>
4/25/2019 21:40	Baranoff Elementary	Global warming and buses do not go well together. Please keep Olympic heights with Baranoff Elementary.
4/26/2019 21:10	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Please do not consider a northern shady hollow move to Kourcek Elementary.</p> <p>Baranoff is getting a rebalance due to the SW elementary school opening. At this time it does not make a lot of sense to make the move.</p>

4/27/2019 8:38	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Dear Dr. Cruz,</p> <p>My name is (redacted), and I live in the Oak Parke neighborhood with my husband (redacted) and our three little children. This is my third time reaching out to you or the BAC regarding the boundary changes that may potentially affect my neighborhood.</p> <p>I attended the CAC meeting and Q&A at Baranoff Elementary school last week. I left feeling extremely discouraged, angry, and disheartened. It seems as though none of our concerns are being heard or addressed by the BAC, and their overwhelming message to us is that they are simply following orders from you, Dr. Cruz.</p> <p>Beth and Melissa said that there are three issues with overcrowded schools:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Use of portables2. Early & late lunch times3. Issues with drop off and pickup <p>When pressed further on these concerns, each point was refuted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Even if Baranoff gets to 100% capacity, they will still need portables.2. When asked specifically how lunch times will change, no one could answer.3. Several parents shared that drop off and pick up are functioning just fine at Baranoff. <p>When asked if these “typical overcrowding issues” are truly problematic at Baranoff, no one could give a direct answer. My neighbors and I left feeling that everything is functioning well at Baranoff Elementary, and that these changes are being made for some other reasons not being shared with us.</p> <p>When several parents asked how AISD can justify moving students that are thriving at Baranoff to an under-performing school, Beth and Melissa just kept stating that you requested that they don’t look at school ratings. They also stated that there are currently no plans as to how Kocurek will take on the stress of over a hundred new students when they’re already under-performing.</p> <p>The BAC seems to be ignoring our deepest concerns in order to uproot our children for what benefit? If AISD was a private school district, we would all be unenrolling our kids faster than you can imagine. If you’re unable to adequately answer our questions going forward, and our neighborhood gets rezoned, our family will seriously consider moving out of AISD boundary lines in hopes that this won't happen to us again.</p>
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4/28/2019 12:31	Baranoff Elementary	My family and I moved to Olympic Heights nearly three years ago, and as the parent of two young children, knowing that they would be zoned to Baranoff Elementary was a strong deciding factor. As an attorney and a Yale graduate, the idea that suddenly, the children of Olympic Heights would be re-zoned to a lesser-performing school (as defined by comparative STARR testing results) is unimaginable to me. We belong to the one community of neighborhoods south of Slaughter, and together my husband and I look forward to bringing our time, energy and resources to Baranoff. We learned last month that our four year old was chosen via the lottery to attend Baranoff's new pre-K program and were delighted that she would not have to attend a private pre-K program - that she would have the ability to make friends where she lived and be a part of the diverse community here by attending a strongly-rated elementary school less than four minutes away from our home. My family, a part of the community of Olympic Heights , strongly urges you to keep our children zoned to Baranoff Elementary.
4/28/2019 14:26	Baranoff Elementary	<p>We would like to express our concern about the current discussion of rezoning local school districts. Being a retired elementary school teacher I strongly support what is in the best interest of a student. Class size is an important factor. So is the financial support of our schools. Being a resident of Olympic Heights it seems sensible that our children should stay at Baranoff. We are walkable to Baranoff and are close enough that buses will not need to be provided. If rezoned, our students would most likely be put on buses, adding costs to the AISD budget and the current budget shortfall. If rezoned to Manchaca, there are not walkable safe routes. Manchaca Rd has no sidewalks and very tiny shoulders. This is a danger and goes against the district's secondary criteria, that of providing safe passage to campuses. If rezoned to Kocurek, AISD would have to add a bus route, which is currently not needed as we are walkable to Baranoff. This also goes against the secondary criteria and adds to the budget. The Oak Parke/Brodie Springs neighborhoods are already on a bus route to Baranoff as those subdivisions fall outside the 2 mile corridor. It makes financial sense to change where the destination of the current bus routes instead of adding more.</p> <p>We appreciate your consideration of these facts as the process moves forward.</p> <p>Sincerely, (redacted)</p>
4/28/2019 16:20	Baranoff Elementary	Regarding rezoning of Baranoff- I moved to Olympic Heights specifically for Baranoff. My son (redacted) receives multiple serves at Baranoff, including some that are not available at the potential school he would attend if rezoned. In addition, (redacted). Changing schools with new counselors, principal, etc would be difficult for him. We have built relationships with these people and it has taken him a long time to feel comfortable with them. It has also taken him a lot of work to build relationships with peers. I fear that the skills he has built would be impacted with such a big transition. In addition, the school is within walking distance currently and any move would require crossing busy roads and neighborhoods wouldn't be accessible via walking.

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4/28/2019 17:19	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I want to stress the importance of having Olympic Heights (OH) within the Baranoff Elementary (BE) family. BE is a neighborhood school my daughter's relationships are with families in this the OH neighborhood and I am concerned that not enough thought has gone into how the relationships will be broken. As a graduate of AISD, Williams, Bedichek and Crockett high school, my wife was Boone Covington Crockett we grew up with children in South Boggy Creek and Oak Hill respectively. Our parents walked with us to school and later we walked ourselves; our daughter and the children of OH deserve the same safe walk able option not busing to a school that has never been their home. Having OH children go to any other school by BE is counter to all the things that Austin as a City and AISD as a district should be promoting. Less children walking (physical activity) and engaging their neighbors, breaking long established community relationships, and creating more traffic in a congested South Austin. Please do not do that, instead retain the ability of children to walk safely to school promoting physical mobility, and as they walk allow them to walk with their neighbors, some younger children with their older siblings to meet people in their community just like themselves. These bonds are so important, and one of the best defenses against things that children face like bullying. Please keep our community and its children together.</p>
4/29/2019 11:03	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Is it possible that parents will convince AISD NOT to give Baranoff relief? I've heard parents saying that Baranoff has been doing just fine with the amount of students they have now, so why not just leave it alone. I know they don't want their students moved to another school but I feel like 1,000 students is too much for any school! They aren't getting the attention the deserve and shouldn't be in those unsafe portables. I also worry about teachers, librarians, and specials staff having to deal with so many students...teaching is hard enough and we need to do everything we can to keep our teachers happy and healthy.</p> <p>I would vote that all Shady Hollow neighborhoods stay at Baranoff and the Olympic Heights neighborhood goes to Manchaca, Hillcrest can then go to Kocurek if needed.</p> <p>We could also weed out students if everyone had to show proof of residency every year....</p> <p>Thank you for all you're doing!</p>
4/29/2019 14:52	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hi,</p> <p>We just moved to the neighborhood with a new babe a year ago, she is 1 year old now.</p> <p>We did so in thinking that when the time came she would be attending the closest, biking/walking distance, school (Baranoff).</p> <p>Not only does this effect our commute and dealing with transport, but it also effects our home value.</p> <p>It doesn't make any sense to push Olympic Heights out of this district, being that we literally have Baranoff in our backyard.</p> <p>Please, please help keep it this way.</p> <p>Best Regards from us and OH neighbors, (redacted)</p>

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4/29/2019 20:27	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Re: Oak Parke School District</p> <p>Dear Members of the Boundary Advisory Committee,</p> <p>Recently, my family learned about proposed plans to rezone our neighborhood, Oak Parke. I write to urge you to ponder this proposal very carefully and seek alternative solutions, as many kids, including ours, will be negatively affected with this sudden change. Two years ago, after talking to friends and colleagues with older children living in Shady Hollow, we moved from Tanglewood Oaks to our current home with the express idea of becoming part of the larger Baranoff community. Moreover, Oak Parke sits right behind Bowie Highschool, which made the neighborhood ideal in terms of community building and vertical alignment (the three Bs: Baranoff, Bailey, and Bowie). Over the past two-and-a-half years, my oldest son, now four-years-old, has been going to school with many friends who will move on to Baranoff, and that was also part of the original plan. I know that finding himself among those good friends as he transitions from a small daycare to an elementary school would be extremely important for him. Every morning, we've been telling him about his new school and the yellow buses that will take him there. He is excited. Even more, we received excellent news today: he has been admitted into the pre-K program at Baranoff. We decided to apply because we remain convinced this is the best way to make this big change in his life as smooth as possible. The rezoning proposal would not only upset all these plans and make this transition much harder (I am sure this applies to many other children); as I am sure many concerned parents have pointed out, there is no safe way to walk elementary students from our neighborhood to Kocurek Elementary. The Brodie/Slaughter intersection is extremely dangerous and getting from point A to point B would require us to cross two major, busy roads. As others have pointed out as well, Baranoff enrollment is currently trending downward. This trend will only accentuate with the opening of the new SW Elementary. It seems reasonable that the Boundary Advisory Committee makes no decision until accurate enrollment data is available and neighbors' concerns are heard and considered. I thank you for your service to our community and, once again, urge you to disregard the proposed change from Baranoff to Kocurek.</p>
4/30/2019 19:52	Baranoff Elementary	Do not Rezone Olympic Heights out of baranoff. Our kids can walk to baranoff with out requiring any transportation.
5/1/2019 7:47	Baranoff Elementary	I would like to vote for my neighborhood, Olympic Heights, to stay at Baranoff Elementary as our community shares a backyard with Baranoff. The children in my neighborhood can walk a few blocks to school without being bused like the neighborhoods further away, which is more environmentally friendly. They walk my neighborhood roads to school without crossing any major roadways, which is safer. No district transportation is required, which is more cost effective for the city.
5/5/2019 9:23	Baranoff Elementary	Is the Southwest Territory neighborhood off 1626 and Bliss Spillar that currently goes to Baranoff being rezoned? Or are they going to the new elementary school?
5/8/2019 7:50	Baranoff Elementary	Please do not split up the Olympic Heights neighborhood. We walk and bike to school everyday. Splitting the neighborhood would make us have to drive on major streets and disrupt our lives in a major way. We live less than a mile from Baranoff. Why split up our neighborhood and make us have added transportations and unnecessary costs to the city.

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5/8/2019 7:55	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I just wanted to share that I do not believe the new map that has Hillcrest going to Koucereck and Olympic Heights going to Menchaca adhere to the secondary criteria. I believe it actually violates the goals of the BAC. My thoughts are in the parentheses below each goal set forth by the BAC:</p> <p>The BAC develops secondary criteria (goals) for each boundary change that are used to develop draft boundary maps. Using feedback from the affected campus advisory councils, the BAC developed the following prioritized secondary criteria for each boundary process as identified in the Process section above:</p> <p>-Maintain as much walkability and biking as possible, while providing for safe routes.</p> <p>(Currently Olympic Heights has many students who walk and bike to school, sending them to Menchaca will now require puyt them on, not one, but two or three buses.)</p> <p>-Use major roads and subdivisions as boundaries.</p> <p>(This map divides our neighborhood. No major road such as free Barker Brodie or neighborhood boundary such as Shady hollow is he used. My daughter's best friend lives on (redacted), two streets away from us, and will now be zoned for a different school.)</p> <p>-Carefully consider transportation routes.</p> <p>(This change only adds new transportation routes. Northern neighborhood will still need to be bussed down Brodie and now you're adding two or three buses from Olympic Heights to be sent to Menchaca because there is no way our students can walk or bike down Manchaca.)</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration. (redacted)</p>
5/8/2019 8:08	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I had a chance to review the new map. While I commend the committee for taking all viewpoints into consideration, it's clear that moving Olympic Heights out of Baranoff runs contrary to the entire purpose of rezoning. It reduces walkability (sidewalks go unused), increases traffic (The dedicated turn lane on Frate Barker to Baranoff goes unused), and increases costs (more busses and new routes).</p> <p>Again, it's good to see all possibilities, and this new map makes it even clearer that Olympic Heights and Shady Hollow are the areas best served by Baranoff.</p>

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5/8/2019 8:24	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Olympic Heights going to Menchaca violates the goals of the BAC.</p> <p>Olympic Heights has many students who walk and bike to Baranoff; sending them to Menchaca will now require putting them on two or three buses.</p> <p>This map divides our neighborhood. No major road such as Frate Barker or Brodie or neighborhood boundary such as Shady Hollow is being used.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
5/8/2019 8:45	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I do not believe the new map that has Hillcrest going to Koucereck and Olympic Heights going to Menchaca adhere to the secondary criteria.</p> <p>My understanding is the goals are to maintain as much walkability and biking as possible, while providing for safe routes. Olympic Heights has many students who walk and bike to school, sending them to Menchaca will require them to be bussed. Major roads and subdivisions are to be used as boundaries. According to this map our neighborhood will be divided. No major road such as Frate Barker or Brodie or neighborhood boundary such as Shady Hollow are being used. Lastly transportation routes are supposed to be considered. This change adds new transportation routes. The neighborhoods on North Brodie will still need to be bussed and now you're adding two or three buses from Olympic Heights to be sent to Menchaca because there is no way our students can walk or bike down Manchaca.</p> <p>Thank you. (redacted)</p>
5/8/2019 9:27	Baranoff Elementary	<p>The new map 12 violates the secondary criteria set by the BAC committee. Looking at the transportation impact, Olympic Heights children would be the only current walking and biking children put on buses. By using the maps that affect the neighborhoods on the North part of Brodie south of Slaughter to go to Kocurek, some neighborhoods will gain the ability for students to walk and bike, which is a healthy choice for their physical and mental development. The children of Olympic Heights will only have the ability to safely walk and bike to Baranoff. All vertical schools require buses due to the crossing of major roads.</p> <p>There is no major boundary road that prevents Olympic Heights children from accessing Baranoff or that splits the neighborhood. The new map 12 proposes splitting Olympic Heights by using a non-major road in violation of the secondary criteria. Also, map 12 affects twice as many children and families as the other proposed maps because moving Olympic Heights to Menchaca also requires moving Hillcrest to Kocurek. The neighborhoods on the North part of Brodie south of Slaughter are closer to Kocurek than Hillcrest. Hillcrest is closer to Menchaca than Kocurek. Olympic Heights is closer to Baranoff than Menchaca.</p> <p>Since the proposed attendance is expected to decrease at Baranoff, there is no need to make any changes. However, if the committee must choose a map, map 12 is the least effective option at accomplishing the BAC's stated criteria.</p>

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5/8/2019 10:05	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hello, I wanted to voice that I believe the plan 12 map that has Hillcrest going to Koucereck and Olympic Heights going to Menchaca violates the secondary criteria of the BAC.</p> <p>As you know the BAC develops secondary criteria (goals) for each boundary change by using feedback from the affected campus advisory councils. Below are some of the goals the BAC developed that this map violates (my thoughts are below each goal in parentheses):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Maintain as much walkability and biking as possible, while providing for safe routes. <p>(Currently Olympic Heights has many students who walk and bike to school, sending them to Menchaca will require putting them on multiple buses.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Use major roads and subdivisions as boundaries. <p>(This map divides our neighborhood. No major road such as Frate Barker or Brodie or neighborhood boundary such as Shady Hollow is being used.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Carefully consider transportation routes. <p>(This change only adds new transportation routes. Northern neighborhoods will still need to be bussed down Brodie and now you're adding multiple buses from Olympic Heights to be sent to Menchaca because there is no way our children can walk or bike down Manchaca.)</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns regarding this map to you, (redacted)</p>
5/8/2019 11:25	Baranoff Elementary	<p>It was great to see the added maps released yesterday. Plan 12 proves itself to be the best choice. Vertical teams are kept in alignment, there are sidewalks on all major roads, and it offers utilization solutions for all schools including Menchaca which has similar overcrowding numbers as Baranoff.</p>

5/8/2019 12:31	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hello!</p> <p>I am a current resident of Olympic Heights and my youngest son has been attending Baranoff since Kinder. My oldest attended Baranoff from K-5. A new rezoning map was released yesterday that includes rezoning (only PART of the neighborhood) Olympic Heights to Menchaca Elementary.</p> <p>Our neighborhood being rezoned does not fit the criteria for rezoning.</p> <p>The BAC developed the following prioritized secondary criteria for each boundary process:</p> <p>+Maintain as much walkability and biking as possible, while providing for safe routes. Children from Olympic Heights WALK and BIKE to Baranoff! We are really close and do not require AISD transportation.</p> <p>+Use major roads and subdivisions as boundaries. This new map splits our neighborhood. Children, one street away IN Olympic Heights will go to a different school if this map is selected.</p> <p>+Carefully consider transportation routes. Bus routes (multiple - we have a LOT of children in our neighborhood) will have to be created.</p> <p>Thank you for reading my feedback. (redacted)</p>
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5/8/2019 12:36	Baranoff Elementary	<p>To Whom it May Concern,</p> <p>I was unable to make it to the BAC Meeting last night due to work commitments and the weather. I did however review the notes from the meetings and the new proposed Map 12 from this meeting. I just wanted to share that I do not believe the new map that has Hillcrest going to Koucereck and Olympic Heights going to Menchaca adhere to the secondary criteria. I believe it actually violates the goals of the BAC.</p> <p>I was under the impression that the goals of the BAC were the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Maintain as much walkability and biking as possible, while providing for safe routes.-Use major roads and subdivisions as boundaries.-Carefully consider transportation routes. <p>First, Olympic Heights has many students who walk and bike to school, sending them to Menchaca will now require putting them on, not one, but two or three buses. This would cost more in staffing as well as fuel!! Why would the district choose to spend of the tax payers dollars on this unnecessary expense? Why would this even be considered when for example, the construction of the new Menchaca Elementary is asking for community help in buying bricks, due to an unexpected rise in construction cost?</p> <p>Secondly, Map 12 divides our neighborhood. No major road such as Frate Barker or Brodie or neighborhood boundary such as Shady Hollow is being used. Why is Olympic Heights being split? This doesn't follow the criteria at all! Why are there several streets allowed to continue at Baranoff while the rest of Olympic Heights is being proposed to be bussed to Menchaca Elementary?</p> <p>Finally, this change in the most recent map creates new transportation routes. Northern neighborhoods will still need to be bussed down Brodie and now you're adding two or three buses from Olympic Heights to be sent to Menchaca because there is no way our students can walk or bike down Manchaca! The arguments that were recorded from the meeting stated that the kids from the northern neighborhoods would be forced to walk down Slaughter which is dangerous, when they are not currently walking to Baranoff due to the distance!</p> <p>Baranoff Elementary is literally four blocks from my street address. I can walk there in 10 minutes. The kids of Olympic Heights should be allowed to stay within the Baranoff Elementary Community! There is no reason that our kids who live here and can walk and bike to their school, should now be forced to be bussed down the road to a different school. It makes no sense and will cost the district more to do so! This is a waste of our tax dollars, and the public should be made aware of the considerable expense that the new proposed map would cost!</p>
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5/8/2019 13:15	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hello,</p> <p>It is my understanding, that at the May 7, 2019 BAC meeting, a new boundary change map was introduced. This map, to my understanding, divides the neighborhood of Olympic Heights.</p> <p>Let me first state that I understand that these maps are still under review, and not ranked. Let me also state that my concerns are not about school rankings. I understand that school rankings are flawed, and I am sure that all schools involved in these discussions are of high quality, and it is my job as a parent to instill a passion for learning in my children.</p> <p>As I try to not be defensive and put my faith in the BAC, I can't help but feel that each new map that is proposed makes less and less sense, and more importantly, violates the "secondary criteria" of the BAC.</p> <p>-Maintain as much walkability and biking as possible, while providing for safe routes. By involving Olympic Heights in this discussion at all, this criteria seems to be completely ignored. While every house in Olympic Heights has safe sidewalks leading to Baranoff Elementary, with no crossing of any major thoroughfares, there are no safe walking/biking routes to Menchaca Elementary. In order to walk/bike to Menchaca Elementary, our children will be forced to cross Frate Barker and be along Manchaca Road or 1626 which are lacking in sidewalks and any safe passage.</p> <p>-Use major roads and subdivisions as boundaries. The newest proposed map has a boundary line that runs right through the backyard of homes. This is clearly not using a major road or subdivision as a boundary. It, instead, feels completely arbitrary. To even consider this map clearly shows a complete disregard for this criteria.</p> <p>-Carefully consider transportation routes. While I am trying to keep other neighborhoods out of my argument, I cannot help but feel that it would be illogical to rezone Olympic Heights and therefore adding bus routes, when other neighborhoods that were initially slated for rezoning were already using buses.</p> <p>As I have stated earlier, I understand that every option is under review. I do, however, feel that it is my duty as a parent to ensure my children can get to school safely.</p> <p>I ask that as you make your decision, please hold true to the mission/criteria of the BAC.</p>
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5/8/2019 14:43	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I would like to voice concerns about plan 12 map for re-zoning of the elementary school districts. Olympic Heights is being moved to Manchaca, which would negatively impact the children of the Olympic Heights neighborhood and the overall transportation health of the area. Currently, Olympic Heights has many students who walk and bike to school and transitioning to Manchaca would no longer allow this. This would require more bus routes into the neighborhood causing more congestion down Manchaca Rd. With Olympics Heights close proximity to Baranoff, I do not think changing to Manchaca would benefit the people living down Manchaca Rd or the students of Manchaca or Baranoff.</p> <p>Thank you, (redacted)</p>
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<p>5/8/2019 19:31</p>	<p>Baranoff Elementary</p>	<p>I just wanted to share that I do not believe the new map that has Hillcrest going to Koucereck and Olympic Heights going to Menchaca adhere to the BAC criteria.</p> <p>As I understand it, the BAC's goals are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1: promote and increase walkability and safe biking to and from the schools2: use major roads and subdivisions as boundaries.3: carefully consider transportation routes <p>I believe it actually violates the goals of the BAC.</p> <p>1: promote and increase walkability and safe biking to and from the schools: Currently Olympic Heights has many students who walk and bike to school, sending them to Menchaca will now require at least four additional buses as there are an estimated 180 elementary school children in the neighborhood.</p> <p>2: Use major roads and subdivisions as boundaries: This map divides our neighborhood. No major road such as Frate Barker or Brodie or neighborhood boundary such as Shady Hollow is being used.</p> <p>3: Carefully consider transportation routes: This change only adds additional buses and additional transportation routes. Northern neighborhoods currently have bus routes to their neighborhoods, no matter which proposed map is chosen, these neighborhoods will all continue to need the same number of buses. These new proposals would add three or four buses from Olympic Heights to be sent to Menchaca. Menchaca Rd is already strained by the current traffic load, adding additional traffic to it will increase commuter travel times for every single person who resides in the area.</p> <p>Adding buses and taking away our children's ability to safely bicycle and walk to school is not adhering to the BAC goals.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
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Boundary Comments - As of July 22, 2019 (9:30 am)

5/8/2019 22:55	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hello there,</p> <p>I am a parent in the Olympic Heights neighborhood and our neighborhood being rezoned does not fit the criteria for rezoning. I believe it actually violates the goals of the BAC. Here are my reasons why:</p> <p>Goal/Criteria: Maintain as much walkability and biking as possible, while providing for safe routes. (Currently Olympic Heights has many students who walk and bike to school, sending them to Menchaca will now require putting them on, not one, but two or three buses.)</p> <p>Goal/ Criteria: Use major roads and subdivisions as boundaries. (This map divides our neighborhood. No major road such as Frate Barker or Brodie or neighborhood boundary such as Shady Hollow is being used.)</p> <p>Goal/ Criteria: Carefully consider transportation routes. (This change only adds new transportation routes. Northern neighborhoods will still need to be bussed down Brodie and now you're adding two or three buses from Olympic Heights to be sent to Menchaca because there is no way our students can walk or bike down Manchaca.)</p> <p>Thanks for your consideration, (redacted)</p>
5/8/2019 23:54	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I have heard AISD staff, BAC members and various community parties state that Olympic Heights is in the Akins feeder pattern and that a possible justification for moving to Menchaca would be to better align with that pattern. I want to point out that these statements need to be corrected. There is an entire subdivision called Olympic Heights West with almost 100 homes that has always been in the Baranoff > Bailey > Bowie feeder pattern. This is over 10% of the Olympic Heights HOA and is noteworthy.</p>

5/9/2019 9:54	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hello Boundary Advisory Committee,</p> <p>Thank you for the strong effort you continue to give to the boundary change discussion, and for remaining open to community input.</p> <p>On behalf of my community of Oak Parke, I would like to share some thoughts in response to the ranking guidelines presented on Tuesday night (5/7/19).</p> <p>1) Why is 75% better than 115%?</p> <p>The ranking guidelines imply a preference for the low end of the optimal capacity range (75-84%) versus the high end of the capacity range (105-115%), by assigning a weight of 2 versus 1. I realize that overcrowding of schools carries serious consequences, but I don't understand how the low end range of capacity is preferable in our current climate where under-enrolled schools are being considered for closure when they fall below 75%. How is 75% a better scenario than 115% when considering boundaries for existing schools (where there is also a desire to minimize disruption for students)? Please consider making the ranking criteria equal for both scenarios, or provide reasoning for why one extreme is more desirable than the other so that we can understand the weighting.</p> <p>Please also note that I realize the lens for evaluating optimal capacity for the NEW school could be seen differently. Perhaps the ranking criteria for evaluating that school should also reflect that difference in perspective.</p> <p>2) Add efficiency & clarity to the decision-making process.</p> <p>I have had a difficult time explaining the decisions under consideration to people in my community that have not been able to attend the BAC meetings because of the way the maps are drawn. At this point, there are 3 batches of considerations being made: Cowan-Boone boundaries (5 scenarios), Kiker boundaries (4 scenarios), and Baranoff-Kocurek-Menchaca boundaries (3 scenarios). It would make the BAC's decision process smoother, and materials more easily understood by the community, if the maps were drawn to reflect those scenarios. For each scenario, it would also be helpful to leave unaffected areas that are not part of the decision in grey scale to make it less confusing to view. Each scenario could be ranked independently, and then a single map reflecting the highest rank of those individual scenarios could be presented to show and evaluate a comprehensive solution.</p> <p>3) Remove personal neighborhood bias.</p> <p>I think it's great that there are people on the Committee that represent the SW area—and their input is useful. However, specific neighborhoods are now being considered, someone is not going to get what they want, and not all neighborhoods have a representative on the Committee. On Tuesday night, people on the Committee spoke on behalf of their own neighborhoods, and no amount of effort will eliminate the bias that they would naturally bring to future conversation. So please consider bringing fairness to the map ranking</p>
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5/9/2019 23:52	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Please carefully consider using your current maps to rank Kiker relief and Baranoff relief as two independent zones that can be stitched together with the Cowan/Boone independent zone.</p> <p>BAC Members,</p> <p>I want to thank you all for carefully considering the materials that have been presented to you throughout these boundary meetings. The community really wants to make sure that things are looked at fairly, and It struck me at the end of the last meeting that the committee can break the Kiker & Baranoff rezoning into separate maps to vote on.</p> <p>Similarly to the way that maps have been separated to look at Cowan & Boone as it's own zone, Kiker map changes and Baranoff Map changes can be evaluated separately as their own zones. This will allow for the most fair ranking of maps. Without this change every variation of Kiker relief is not properly looked at with every variation of Baranoff relief.</p> <p>For example, if you consider the Kiker boundary options as follows:</p> <p>A (South Bay) B (Back Bay) C (involve Mills) D (SH-45)</p> <p>And consider the Baranoff-Kocurek-Menchaca options as:</p> <p>1 (north of Slaughter creek) 2 (north of Squirrel Hollow) 3 (Olympic Heights-Hillcrest changes)</p> <p>Below are the current combinations you have available to you:</p> <p>A1 = Plan 1 B1 = Plan 2 A2 = Plan 5 B2 = Plan 6 C1 = Plan 7 C2 = Plan 8 D1 = Plan 11 (currently there is no D2 or D3) A2 = Plan 12 (currently there is no D2, C2, or D3)</p>
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5/10/2019 9:59	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Thank you for listening to community feedback and producing map 12 which keeps Brodie Springs and Oak Parke at Baranoff. The map meets the primary and secondary criteria - most importantly the safety criteria given the changes to Hillcrest and Olympic Heights do not pose the same safety risk as it would to the children that would have to cross Brodie and Slaughter to get to Kocurek - whether bused, driven by parents or walk/bike it is a not a safe route, the traffic is congested and drivers are not attentive so limiting additional traffic in that area by not rezoning Oak Parke and Brodie Springs to Kocurek is ideal for all parties.</p> <p>Additionally I was at the meeting on May 7th and have concerns with the information provided by Michelle Cavazos, the representative from the district on the equity between Kocurek and Baranoff. It was blatant that only favorable information was shared. Yes, both Kocurek and Baranoff "met standards" for Staar testing and yes, its a single test but Kocurek scored an overall ~67 and Baranoff a ~93 - that gap is not equitable and I am not comfortable with the information provided given it omitted that blatant difference and other surveys and scoring criteria available as well such as the climate survey. Please review those results as well to see its not a fair exchange. The report links for academic performance for Kocurek and Baranoff are below:</p> <p>https://rptsvr1.tea.texas.gov/cgi/sas/broker?_service=marykay&year4=2018&year2=18&_debug=0&single=N&batch=N&app=PUBLIC&title=2018%20Texas%20Academic%20Performance%20Reports&_program=perfreport.perfmast.sas&ptype=H&level=campus&search=campname&namenum=Baranoff%20&campus=227901182&prgopt=2018%2Ftapr%2Fpaper_tapr.sas&fbclid=IwAR3SnykD3yIW6ZEeN_2PJ-ZMzCcD5g0YJZR8LL0cJFcod0z8yBzV51hbgY</p> <p>https://rptsvr1.tea.texas.gov/cgi/sas/broker?_service=marykay&year4=2018&year2=18&_debug=0&single=N&batch=N&app=PUBLIC&title=2018%20Texas%20Academic%20Performance%20Reports&_program=perfreport.perfmast.sas&ptype=H&level=campus&search=campname&namenum=Kocurek&campus=227901172&prgopt=2018%2Ftapr%2Fpaper_tapr.sas&fbclid=IwAR0IkDZGPfCTFw5G6x3pIFibgBy5_2LpuDc0zv83lopceEw0hb2z-1u5Q8</p> <p>Please keep north Brodie Lane neighborhoods at Baranoff for the safety of our children. It accomplishes relief that the committee is charged with but actually takes into account the secondary criteria which many of the other maps disregard. Many thanks.</p>
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5/10/2019 13:40	Baranoff Elementary	<p>The BAC includes members who live in the neighborhoods that will be impacted by the boundary changes and thus who serve to PERSONALLY gain or lose from the outcome (including potential impact to their own property values.) Why are these members not being asked to recuse themselves from the portions of the discussion/ranking that will impact them personally? Not only are they not being asked to recuse themselves, but specific efforts are being made to ensure that they can impact the outcome. One member lives in Olympic Heights and isn't available to attend the next meeting. For this reason, the group decided to only focus on the Boone/Cowan boundaries during the next meeting. Special agenda changes like this haven't been made as a result of anyone else's planned absence. Why is the BAC making a special effort to ensure that a person who will be personally impacted can influence the outcome as it relates to his own neighborhood?</p> <p>This is a very obvious conflict of interest.</p> <p>The BAC's bylaws state that conflicts of interest will result in required recusal from particular meetings or agenda items, or removal from the Committee. The BAC is clearly not following its own policies.</p>
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5/10/2019 13:49	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I do not support the removal from Baranoff of students from the Olympic Heights and Hillcrest neighborhoods. It is a much more prudent choice to remove students living in the Oak Parke and Brodie Springs neighborhoods for the following reasons.</p> <p>Oak Parke residents argued that their 1.5+ mile walk to Kocurek would not be safe. Residents present at the most recent meeting provided data to the committee proving there have actually been zero pedestrian incidents at the Brodie and Slaughter intersection over the past 10 years. There are already current Kocurek students who travel along and across Slaughter safely. Portions of Oak Parke would be eligible for bus service and any extra seats would be available for other students as per policy. There are equally busy intersections all across Austin that students travel for school. There is no possible way to balance enrollment in the entire SW area without anyone crossing major roads. What makes this intersection any different from any other busy intersection in the city?</p> <p>The neighborhood of Olympic Heights can already easily walk and bike to Baranoff. Moving them and the Hillcrest neighborhoods to Kocurek would take away that walkability and force these students to have to cross the Slaughter and Manchaca intersection which is statistically much more dangerous than Brodie and Slaughter. Some students from Oak Parke and Brodie Springs already have to be bused to Baranoff because of hazardous conditions. Walking down Brodie is not safe or feasible for these students. Austin ISD should not trade the walkability of Olympic Heights students just so Oak Parke and Brodie Springs can continue going to a school they deem more acceptable for their children. This increases the bussing load for all students and all schools in the SW area.</p> <p>Both Baranoff and Kocurek have dyslexia specialists. Both have equal scores on parent feedback surveys No students will lose their 504 plans. In fact, balancing enrollment would be a boon to both schools. Not only would Baranoff's overcrowding of resources and facilities would be eased, but Kocurek's enrollment would be brought up, allowing the school to provide more resources and programming to students. That is a win-win for the students, the schools, and the district.</p> <p>Do not delay in making your decision. The Boundary Advisory Committee needs to stop stalling and decide. They have gathered plenty of community feedback. The racism and classism displayed by the residents of Oak Parke and Brodie Springs is only thinly veiled by their comments of wanting their children to stay in the same school as their friends. It's disgusting and it shouldn't be tolerated.</p> <p>I urge the BAC to adopt a re-zoning plan that provides relief for Baranoff by moving the communities of Oak Parke and Brodie Springs to Kocurek Elementary School.</p>
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5/10/2019 14:04	Baranoff Elementary	<p>It has come to my attention that there is a member of the BAC that has major personal financial interest in the outcome of the boundary decision and therefore cannot be trusted to make an unbiased and rational decision on this matter. This member that lives in the effected area of Olympic Heights and has outright dismissed arguments and data that negatively impacts their zoning within Baranoff elementary. There has even been modification of this next meetings agenda to align with this members availability.</p> <p>This is a HUGE and quite obvious conflict of interest.</p> <p>The BAC's bylaws state : Section Eight. Conflict of Interest. Conflicts of interest shall include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having a pecuniary interest in any discussions or recommendations of the committee. <p>The outcome of this meeting will have profound impact on property value which is in clear violation of the bylaw.</p>
5/13/2019 12:21	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I wish to make an appeal to avoid sending OH kids to Menchaca. It doesn't make logical sense for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 90% of Olympic Heights live within 1.2 miles safe walking distance. The closest home is under 7 minutes of walk. All that walking is through residential streets. Many homes in OH are so close to Baranoff that sound of kids from playground is audible. Menchaca ES is much farther than Baranoff. - Manchaca Rd does not have sidewalks and it is a 50mph Rd. Assuming it will be classified as a hazardous route to walk, the choice of walking will be taken away and the kids would be left with the only option to take school bus. - Most kids today either walk, skate or ride a bicycle to Baranoff. Instead of keeping up this healthy practice, these kids will waste 1.5 hours in the bus. - Equally important, this tax money on a school bus to OH is well worth spent elsewhere. - Menchaca Elementary is already frozen for transfers. The increase in capacity in the new building will be more than offset by the amount of new home constructions coming up in its zone. Several are due for openings in a few months of time.
5/13/2019 13:27	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Please STRONGLY consider map 5/6 for the boundary revision of Baranoff Elementary. This map will offer needed relief to the school while keeping Shady Hollow proper in tact. Dividing a neighborhood by rezoning 35 children is NOT the precedent that should be set as these revisions continue throughout the district. Separating 5 streets from their neighborhood in which an HOA is shared will only lead to public outcry from uncertainty as these go forward. Keeping neighborhoods in tact and using roads instead of creeks is paramount to this rezoning's success. Please do not divide SHADY HOLLOW PROPER. Thank you.</p>
5/14/2019 9:37	Baranoff Elementary	<p>A creek is not a boundary line and should not be used as such. Please use major roads when considering boundaries. It's a standard practice and will create much less frustration from parents than using an arbitrary line to decide the fate of their children. Don't divide Shady Hollow over 35 kids!</p>

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5/14/2019 11:43	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I just wanted to share my thoughts on proposed rezoning of Olympic Heights neighborhood to Menchaca Elementary and Hillcrest going to Koucereck. I think this map does not adhere to the secondary criteria developed by the BAC. Below is a list of the criteria set forth by the BAC and my thoughts on each:</p> <p>Criteria: Maintain as much walkability and biking as possible, while providing for safe routes.</p> <p>Currently Olympic Heights has many students who walk and bike to school, sending them to Menchaca will now require putting them on one or two buses. That will add to already extremely busy morning commute along Menchaca Road.</p> <p>Criteria: Use major roads and subdivisions as boundaries.</p> <p>This map divides our neighborhood. No major road such as Frate Barker or Brodie or neighborhood boundary such as Shady Hollow is being used. The map simply "chops off" a portion of our neighborhood! My child goes to school with kids from the neighborhood a couple of streets over and now she will be zoned to a different elementary.</p> <p>Criteria: Carefully consider transportation routes.</p> <p>Well.. This change only adds new transportation routes. Northern neighborhoods will still need to be bussed down Brodie and now you're adding two or three buses from Olympic Heights to be sent to Menchaca because there is no way our students can walk or bike down Manchaca.</p> <p>Thank you very much for your time, (redacted) Olympic Heights resident</p>
5/14/2019 19:35	Baranoff Elementary	<p>The more I think about this the more I get upset! I am not a rich parent in Brodie Springs. We are barely able to make it! We have lived here for 7.5 years and moved here because we loved the diverse neighborhood and heard about the great schools! We have friends here and do not want to move, plus moving is expensive! I don't think it is fair to force families to move from a 9-star rated school to a 4-star rated school. It is not fair to the kids or the families that have invested so much time and money over many years of being in this neighborhood! If we are forced to change schools please pick something a little closer to the same quality and scoring ! I spent 13 years trying to have a child. She is 3.5 now and I was so looking forward to our quality of life getting better when I can put her in public school and quit paying for daycare! I am scared to send her to a 4-star rated school! She is my one and only and I want the best for her! Please reconsider sending our kids to Kocurek!</p>

5/25/2019 20:19	Baranoff Elementary	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>I am reaching out to you regarding the current discussion about re-zoning schools in the Shady Hollow/Olympic Heights area. My wife, daughter, and I live at (redacted) in an area referred to as Olympic Heights West which connects the original Olympic Heights neighborhood to Shady Hollow.</p> <p>I know there are a few proposals that have been presented for the re-districting of the schools in the area, but the one that I would like to focus on is the plan that moves Olympic Heights (specifically "Olympic Heights West") out of the district that includes the Baranoff, Bailey, and Bowie school district and into Manchaca Elementary <need middle and high school here>.</p> <p>Although we did not have children at the time, the school district was a major factor at play when we chose to live in our current house. We knew that our kids could easily walk to Baranoff when they came of age since it is less than a mile to the school from our house. If we were rezoned for any other school, there would be no walkability and new bus routes would have to be instituted. As of now, no district transportation is necessary, and we are not cutting into the already thin school budgets available for new bus routes. It does not make sense to add bus routes to send students to school miles away when they live in a neighborhood that is literally adjacent to another school property.</p> <p>There are also no major roads between Olympic Heights and Baranoff so even biking to school is available for children in our area. If lines were adjusted and our neighborhood became zoned for Manchaca Elementary, the bike-ability of Manchaca Road is unsafe. We would be required to drive our students to school or have a bus route added that does not currently exist.</p> <p>Ultimately, I think we can all agree that moving Olympic Heights, especially the area referred to as Olympic Heights West, out of the current school districts is not logical and creates a logistical and financial nightmare when having to add more bus routes as well as increasing parent traffic in the Manchaca/1626 intersection.</p> <p>I appreciate all the time and consideration you and your team have taken in this decision and hope that you will take into consideration the concerns I have presented in the final vote on the proposals being presented.</p> <p>Thanks!</p>
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5/29/2019 16:38	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I have withheld any comments for a few weeks now. As the kiddos have just finished their school year, my girls came home crying. They realized they only have one more year at the school.</p> <p>I am writing to propose that only the SW boundary draw students away from Baranoff. This entire process has create a huge divide between neighborhoods. People are name calling and even saying they don't want their kids to go to school with any kids from my neighborhood because they don't want their kids to learn anything we may be teaching them. All because we want our children to stay at Baranoff. It has nothing to do with race, economic status or even test scores at this point.</p> <p>We all live in Brodie Springs for Baranoff, Bailey & Bowie. I understand Baranoff is overcrowded. It runs great. Mrs. Counihan is a boss and knows what she's doing.</p> <p>Let's grandfather all families with children enrolled at Baranoff and anyone new to these neighborhoods can know what they are getting. Don't let the minority of people claiming Baranoff is too big, to function well, steer your thoughts. These people will never get Baranoff's numbers low enough for what they're wanting.</p> <p>Please consider keeping all current families (except for new SW neighborhoods) at Baranoff.</p>
5/30/2019 13:37	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I just wanted to re-emphasize my concerns with changing the boundary of Olympic Heights to Manchaca Elementary. Currently, our neighborhood is within walking distance to Baranoff and we do not require a bus route. I greatly look forward to walking my son to school along with his friends.</p> <p>Please take the time to consider the walkability of Olympic Heights when redrawing the maps.</p> <p>Thank you - (redacted)</p>
5/30/2019 13:48	Baranoff Elementary	<p>We live in Olympic Heights and can walk to Baranoff Elementary. Please do not change that. There is no need to uproot two neighborhoods to two different schools. Busses will be needed costing the district so much plus traffic will be a nightmare down manchaca rd. Thank you</p>

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5/30/2019 13:51	Baranoff Elementary	<p>To the BAC:</p> <p>I have written to you before, but feel I need to stress the importance of keeping our neighborhood Olympic Heights within Baranoff Elementary once again.</p> <p>When looking at the secondary criteria developed by the BAC, I still think the move does not meet any of the criteria and actually adds on extra funding for the district and more traffic in an already pretty busy area of town. Below are my reasons.</p> <p>If Olympic Heights is moved to Manchaca and Hillcrest to Kocurek this move would:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Remove all walkability and provide zero safe routes for Olympic Heights, while doing nothing to improve walkability and safe routes for other students (Hillcrest would still bus to Kocurek, Brodie North would still bus to Baranoff). 2) This move would push Hillcrest across a major road (Slaughter). 3) This move would not improve transportation efficiency at all. As mentioned in #1, all neighborhoods on a bus today would stay on a bus, and we would be adding 2-3 bus routes for Olympic Heights to Manchaca. I don't know what the costs are for this, but would imagine \$40-\$50k per bus annually. <p>Thank you for your time and consideration. (redacted) Olympic Heights resident</p>
5/30/2019 13:58	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Thank you for taking the time to reconsider boundary changes for Baranoff Elementary. We are Olympic Heights residents. We have been anxiously awaiting to attend Baranoff. After Kinder round up my son was able to walk safely to and from Baranoff. Experience the feeling of walking safely in his neighborhood, without crossing guards, with safe direct sidewalk passages. What a wonderful feeling to attend school with neighbors and the community. Olympic Heights can hear the children in the backyard playing at Baranoff during recess. We are Baranoff. Keeping our neighborhood at Baranoff Elementary does not add a bus route and expenses along with that. Or the need of a cross walking guard.</p> <p>We do not see the reasoning redistricting us to To Manchaca elementary. It causes more traffic for Manchaca and 1626. There is no direct safe, walkable access to the school.</p> <p>Please reconsider and keep Olympic Heights at Baranoff Elementary.</p> <p>Thank you. (redacted)</p>
5/30/2019 14:04	Baranoff Elementary	Olympic Heights ABUTS Baranoff Elementary. That says it all.

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5/30/2019 14:26	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I live in Olympic Heights and am very concerned about the proposed changes. Currently I take my 6 yr old to and from Baranoff with no problem. We enjoy walking and riding bikes on nice days. I'm never worried about traffic. If AISD moves my kids to Manchaca, I am concerned with the following:</p> <p>1) walk and bike - I am a 3 generation Austinite. I grew up in Manchaca and attended Manchaca elementary as a child. I have watched my tiny community grow tremendously. I have also witnessed so many accidents, fatalities and just flat out stupid driving (over posted 50 mph). There is no chance that I would let my kiddo bike or walk down that road (even with a sidewalk).</p> <p>2) Traffic - even if we don't walk or bike then I would have to drop her off. Currently the intersection at 1626 and Manchaca is a nightmare to deal with, let alone if a train decides to come through. Adding more cars will not only make traffic difficult but it will also be much more dangerous. With the toll road opening soon, there will likely be traffic coming from south 35 down twin creeks road or 1626 and will pass right in front of Manchaca elementary to get to the toll road (again, more traffic). Currently if you are coming from Buda, Kyle or anywhere south, all GPS maps guide you to take Twin Creeks to Shady Hollow during traffic times.</p> <p>There are several other concerns but these are the most important to me. We love Baranoff and my 6 yr old thrives there. All of her friends live in Shady Hollow and I really don't want to see her Miss those friendships.</p>
5/30/2019 17:33	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Moving Olympic Heights from Baranoff, the school OH shares a fence with, makes no sense. Map 12, moving Olympic Heights, is the only option that changes walking/biking students to bus riders, which violates criteria set by BAC. It would also disrupt twice as many students as it involves moving Hillcrest too. The neighborhoods on north Brodie south of Slaughter are already on buses and they are actually closer to Kocurek. If students must be moved, it should be the students from the north Brodie neighborhoods.</p>
5/30/2019 21:15	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I know there is a lot that goes into this process and it isn't easy for anyone. I can only speak for my family and those around me when I say that Olympic Heights backs up to Baranoff so it makes it very easy and more importantly, safe for our children to walk from home to campus while staying on the sidewalk, in the neighborhood, and off major streets. There is no safe walk able path to any other elementary school. It seems that keeping a neighborhood that is bordering a school assigned to said school would be something that benefits the neighborhood, the school, and most importantly, the children.</p> <p>Thanks for your consideration.</p>

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6/2/2019 13:33	Baranoff Elementary	Hello, I would like to voice my concern over Olympic Heights being included in the Southwest Schools Relief Project. I don't have school aged children myself, but have recently moved to the Olympic Heights neighborhood. Great neighborhood, wonderful sidewalks. Love seeing the kids walking to school and greatly appreciate the fact that this neighborhood was built so they could walk to their elementary school. I was shocked by the news that Austin would consider adding more vehicles to the road and take away their right to safely walk to school! The school is right here! I don't understand how this fits with Austin's plan to get more vehicles off the road???? Now our little Olympic Heights neighborhood streets will be crammed with school buses instead of children being able to walk or bicycle safely to a school that is adjacent to their neighborhood? And kids from the neighborhood that we are on a plan with (Hillcrest) will be forced to cross a major road? Slaughter Lane? This is adding bus routes, making our roads more crowded, and adding an expense to operate them! Can someone tell me if there is a reasonable explanation for considering this? I understand your position with needing to make changes, but this seems counter intuitive to me and the opposite of the direction our city is trying to move towards. Thank you very much!
6/3/2019 9:47	Baranoff Elementary	Hi there - We are residents of the Shady Hollow neighborhood which could possibly be slated to move away from Baranoff. Our neighborhood is being split as there are only 3 streets south of the Shady Hollow sign at Squirrel Hollow being moved. The criteria for moving is to use main roads or neighborhoods for the boundary change. Our neighborhood should be considered as 1, therefore, not included in the boundary change for Baranoff Elementary. We look forward to your action and agreement on voting down any map that breaks apart Shady Hollow (Squirrel Hollow and south should be included at Baranoff). Thank you!
6/3/2019 15:51	Baranoff Elementary	Hello, I would like to voice my opposition to any redistricting that removes Olympic Heights from Baranoff Elementary. This is a very important issue for me, as we just moved to Olympic Heights. Thank you.
6/3/2019 19:57	Baranoff Elementary	We recently bought a home in Olympic heights considering Baranoff elementary school for our kids. We heard the AISD proposal of moving kids to Menchaca Elementary. Baranoff is a walkable distance for us, has a good rating , however to go to Menchaca, we need to drive all the way on Frate Barker road, which is longer than Baranoff and the ratings of the school are less than that of Baranoff. Considering these we request the committee not to approve these changes and propose an alternative solution.
6/5/2019 10:13	Baranoff Elementary	Hello, I wanted to comment that my family lives on the farthest side of Olympic Heights on (redacted) and we frequently and easily walk to Gatling Gun park and the park by Baranoff Elementary. I grew up walking to school with my mom and I hope that to still be the case with my daughter (who is 3 years old right now). If we get zoned for Menchaca, then I would no longer be able to walk my daughter to school. The Olympic Heights neighborhood does not require district transportation to Baranoff, we have no major roads separating us from Baranoff, and have great walking and bike routes. I hope we can still stay zoned for this neighborhood school. Thank you.

6/5/2019 17:30	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I am a resident of Brodie Springs—a small neighborhood south of Slaughter Lane. We share the southern Brodie Lane corridor with neighborhoods like Shady Hollow, with which we are directly attached. Our children attend Baranoff Elementary, which is precisely the reason why we moved our family here, and up until now has never been in jeopardy.</p> <p>As your committee weighs these school boundary changes, I would like to share with you our reasoning as to why Brodie Springs children should NOT be reassigned to another elementary school such as Kocurek.</p> <p>Your prioritized criteria for boundary change considerations, along with my comments, are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. "Maintain as much walkability and biking as possible, while providing safe routes." Moving our children to Kocurek via the Slaughter/Brodie intersection only complicates walkability and biking, and such a move certainly does not improve safety when you add a busy intersection to the commute.2. "Use major roads and subdivisions as boundaries." Brodie Springs is south of Slaughter Lane along Brodie Lane. Slaughter is a natural divider between the two schools. South of Slaughter where we are, is all residential, and north of Slaughter is mostly retail and apartments. Moving us to Kocurek ignores the goals of keeping our community contained with our Baranoff neighbors.3. "Carefully consider transportation routes." Bus routes are already established for neighborhoods south of Slaughter, as are the routes of parents who drive their kids to school within a completely residential corridor. Additionally, the Slaughter/Brodie intersection is already in gridlock during peak hours—how does moving school traffic and bikers through it help? <p>Lastly, I'd like to make some final points that I believe are highly relevant:</p> <p>SOCIAL CONSIDERATION</p> <p>It's harmful to send the children of Brodie Springs to schools outside of their neighborhood which they are so deeply embedded. They are a part of a local network of siblings, friends, classmates and neighbors from one community that includes Baranoff. We all share extracurricular activities in the neighborhood, such as Primrose pre-school, community events in Shady Hollow, after-school programs like Mad Science, etc, and their parents are deeply involved in the PTA. Please do not sever our close involvement and connection to our community.</p>
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6/5/2019 21:16	Baranoff Elementary	I'm concerned that the BAC has incorrect data. Olympic Heights feeder pattern should be changed to Akins/Bowie as students feed to both high schools. Current documents show Olympic Heights only feeding to Akins which is misleading. There is no reason to consider moving a neighborhood, Olympic Heights, from Baranoff when it shares a fence with the school and no student has to cross a major road to safely walk or bike through the neighborhood. No student has to cross Brodie or Frate Barker. Students from the north Brodie area south of Slaughter are closer to Kocurek. If some students have to move, it should be those students who are closer to the school that is underpopulated. Also do the new maps take into consideration Smithfield townhomes?
6/10/2019 14:34	Baranoff Elementary	When my wife and I were looking for a home and a community to be part of, we learnt of Olympic Heights. Our home (redacted) is just a block away from Baranoff School. Everyday we see parents accompanying their kids while they walk or bike to school. We imagined to do the same when we have our little girl (we are pregnant and we are due in couple of months). Now that the school boundaries are being changed, I learn that our community might be moved to a different school. It's hard to imagine why, when our girl can walk or bike to her school will have to be dropped off in a vehicle. I hereby make a humble request to consider the proximity of homes to the schools while redrawing your school boundaries.
6/12/2019 9:58	Baranoff Elementary	I am a resident of the Olympic Heights subdivision and one of the proposed maps has our kids going to Menchaca instead of Baranoff. Our kids currently walk to Baranoff as the closest homes almost share a fence with the school. Removing all walkability and adding multiple bus routes to Menchaca does not make any sense, as this goes against the very purpose of this exercise. Sincerely hoping that our comments and views are heard. Regards, (redacted)
6/12/2019 13:03	Baranoff Elementary	Please keep Olympic Heights routed to Baranoff. We just moved to this neighborhood specifically for the school and the walkability. If we are routed elsewhere, we will lose that and precious time connecting with our kids to and from school.
6/12/2019 22:43	Baranoff Elementary	It seems strange that there are a lot of maps moving various neighborhoods on the brodie corridor, but only one involving moving students to Manchaca from Olympic Heights who shares a fence with Baranoff. Why weren't neighborhoods south of Frate Barker on Brodie considered to go to Manchaca or the new Southwest Elementary school? There is no reason to consider moving students that can currently safely walk/bike to a school through quiet neighborhood streets when other neighborhoods are currently on buses are not being considered. The maps created have been merely reactionary and not well thought out planning. Simply bc Oake Park and Brodie Springs parents suggested Olympic Heights doesn't make it the only neighborhood to consider. The idea that all of Brodie south of slaughter is Shady Hollow is laughable. There are several distinct neighborhoods that should be considered for boundary changes such as Gaberdine, Bear Creek area, and bliss spilar before Olympic Heights.

6/14/2019 14:42	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Dear BAC members,</p> <p>Thank you so much for taking the time to tackle the complex issue of rezoning Southwest Austin schools. I know this is a very challenging task, and am appreciative that you're being so thorough in this process.</p> <p>My name is (redacted), and I live in Oak Parke with my husband and three children. Like many parents, we bought our house in Oak Parke specifically for the schools & feeder pattern. I attended the BAC meeting last night, and have some feedback that I'm hoping you'll take into consideration when making a decision for the Baranoff boundary.</p> <p>1. Feeder Patterns Matter! One of my big takeaways from the meeting last night is that feeder patterns matter! You all mentioned that you're considering rezoning the Greyrock Ridge community from Bailey Middle School to Gorzycki Middle School because they'd otherwise be the only neighborhood zoned to the new school and not zoned to Gorzycki. I think this makes a lot of sense! I believe it's important to keep kids together from elementary to middle to high school when possible, and I know AISD agrees! If you all vote to move Baranoff North to Kocurek, they will be the only kids that start at Kocurek and end at Bowie HS, creating a brand new feeder pattern for only 50-120 kids. When considering Map 12, 90% of Olympic Heights already shares the same feeder pattern as Menchaca ES, and Hillcrest shares the same feeder pattern as Kocurek. Map 12 is a better option when considering keeping kids together and feeder patterns.</p> <p>2. 115% might not be a cap. Last night several BAC members wanted to consider maps for the Kiker boundary that would move "Circle C North" to Mills. These maps would put Mills at 117% capacity, and several BAC members were okay with that since its only 2 percentage points over the 115% cap. With just Greyrock Ridge moving to the new Elementary School, Baranoff Elementary will be below 117% within 3 years. Why not reconsider leaving the rest of Baranoff alone? Leaving the rest of Baranoff alone does the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- provides the safest route to school for all current Baranoff kids- Doesn't risk overcrowding/overburdened Kocurek- Doesn't uproot families already invested in Baranoff- Doesn't create a brand new feeder pattern for 50-120 kids.- Leaves a fully developed area alone, which reduces the risk of needing to rezone again in the future. <p>I urge you to present a new map for Baranoff that only moves the Greyrock Ridge neighborhood to the new school, and leaves the rest of Baranoff alone.</p> <p>Thank you so much!</p>
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6/16/2019 17:27	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I have concerns with the kids going from Baranoff to Kocurek. The streets from oak parke to kocurek are over crowded with fast cars and full of teenage drivers going to school at Bowie. Kids life's will be at stake walking from oak parke neighborhood to kocurek. That in its self is a major impact to the safety of our kids moving from baranoff to kocurek. The school baranoff is already had a decrease in kids going to school their so why move oak parke to kocurek? There is no reason that makes sense. I would like the school board to reconsider leaving oak parke in the baranoff school district for the traffic flow alone is a dangerous one to even think about. School buses are not being provided for the kids in oak parke which will put over100 of extra cars traveling down slaughter lane while our kids are walking to school. So I am asking the school board to leave the children of oak parke in the baranoff school district.</p>
6/16/2019 21:51	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I represent the Oak Parke community at the SW corner of the Slaughter-Brodie intersection, and I am firmly opposed to Plans 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, and 8 that all needlessly risk the safety of over 100 students that would be forced to commute across an intersection that is the most congested and has the highest number of traffic accidents in SW Austin. Oak Parke was rezoned in 1999 when Baranoff opened, and we have residents still at Oak Parke that founded programs that are still active today. We are firmly rooted at Baranoff and see no reason for these changes.</p> <p>Plan 12 is the only plan that does not force over 100 students to have a seriously unsafe route to get to school. Plan 12 restores Olympic Heights back to Menchaca, where the were originally zoned until 2009. In fact, Olympic Heights was moved to Baranoff due to overcrowding at Menchaca. It seems one problem simply created another, because Baranoff became overcrowded shortly after! Now Menchaca will have ample space thanks to the improvements allowed by the bond. This are all reasons that Plan 12 makes the most sense.</p> <p>However, I believe that changing the Baranoff boundaries any more than moving Greyrock Ridge to the new SW elementary is COMPLETELY UNNECESSARY. In fact, a map of MINIMAL DISRUPTION that leaves all other neighborhoods at Baranoff will get a BETTER SCORE than Plans 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, and 8, because it will maximize the secondary criteria, especially walkability for these neighborhoods. Baranoff will be at 113% in Year 3 once Greyrock moves. This is WITHIN THE PRIMARY CRITERIA and will allow for some space at Kocurek, in case Josyln elementary must be closed, and allow for some space at the newly improved Menchaca as that area continues to boom with new developments.</p> <p>Moving Baranoff communities to Kocurek IS NOT A LONG-TERM SOLUTION, as we saw when AISD moved Olympic Heights to Baranoff in 2009. The impetus of this discussion was to draw lines for the new SW elementary. That was accomplished last week.</p> <p>I urge you to consider this Plan of MINIMAL DISRUPTION which will actually rate better than 6 of the 7 current plans and have the least impact on hundreds of students lives.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>

6/17/2019 13:50	Baranoff Elementary	<p>To Whom it May Concern:</p> <p>My name is (redacted) and I have a son who is about to start his educational journey with AISD. I currently live in Oak Parke, a neighborhood in Southwest Austin being affected by the boundary changes that AISD and the BAC are presenting. I would greatly appreciate the BAC to reconsider the boundary changes they are about to make to our neighborhood.</p> <p>It states on the AISD website under the BAC's purpose and process that they will "provide additional relief from overcrowding at Baranoff through POTENTIAL boundary changes that COULD involve Kocurek or Menchaca." It has been brought forward many times that Baranoff's overcrowding is in fact decreasing already. Austin ISD has projections already in place that show a year-to-year decrease in Baranoff's enrollment. Why would AISD change boundaries for a campus that is showing a decrease in enrollment? This process, if done, would move more children from Baranoff's campus to another school and with its already decreasing enrollment AISD stands to risk Baranoff being under enrolled in due time. The new school being built in southwest Austin is being built for the purpose of overcrowding, let this school do it's job and relieve overcrowding without drawing up new boundary lines.</p> <p>When the BAC makes the difficult decision of what their process is going to be to relieve the overcrowding at Baranoff, please keep in mind our children's education. For months at meetings it has been stated that Austin ISD gives the same curriculum to all school, so in turn all students should be receiving the same education. I do not doubt that the same curriculum is given to all schools; however, numbers show that the education received at Baranoff versus Kocurek differs. If AISD does not want people to compare the education received at one school versus another it should not be as easily accessible for us to "Compare Schools" on the AISD website. If a boundary change does need to be made, please make a lateral transfer of education rather than a decrease.</p> <p>Please take the time to think about the POTENTIAL changes that COULD be made and rethink redrawing the boundary lines for Baranoff.</p> <p>Thank you, (redacted)</p>
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6/17/2019 15:46	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I do not support the removal from Baranoff of students from the Olympic Heights neighborhoods (Map H). It is a much more prudent choice to remove students living in the Oak Parke and Brodie Springs neighborhoods for the following reasons.</p> <p>Oak Parke residents argued that their 1.5+ mile walk to Kocurek would not be safe. Residents present at the recent meeting provided data to the committee proving there have actually been zero pedestrian incidents at the Brodie and Slaughter intersection over the past 10 years. There are already current Kocurek students who travel along and across Slaughter safely. Portions of Oak Parke would be eligible for bus service and any extra seats would be available for other students as per policy. There are equally busy intersections all across Austin that students travel for school. There is no possible way to balance enrollment in the entire SW area without anyone crossing major roads. What makes this intersection any different from any other busy intersection in the city?</p> <p>The neighborhood of Olympic Heights can already easily walk and bike to Baranoff. Moving them to Kocurek would take away that walkability and force these students to have to cross the Slaughter and Manchaca intersection which is statistically much more dangerous than Brodie and Slaughter.</p> <p>Map H sends Olympic Heights to Menchaca Elementary, taking away the walkability they currently have to Baranoff and costing the district a lot of money to bus them to Menchaca (\$50K per bus per school year). Then to make room, Hillcrest neighborhood would have to move away from Menchaca Elementary (for which they fundraised for the new building) and sent to Kocurek by bus. This is a spectacularly bad idea. Why would the district force so many students to move from school to school like they're playing musical chairs? This can be solved by picking a map that moves the northern Brodie communities of Oak Parke, Brodie Springs, and Palomino Park to Kocurek Elementary.</p> <p>Some students from Oak Parke and Brodie Springs already have to be bused to Baranoff because of hazardous conditions. Walking down Brodie is not safe or feasible for these students. Austin ISD should not trade the walkability of Olympic Heights students just so Oak Parke and Brodie Springs can continue going to a school they deem more acceptable for their children. This increases the bussing load for all students and all schools in the SW area.</p> <p>Both Baranoff and Kocurek have dyslexia specialists. Both have equal scores on parent feedback surveys No students will lose their 504 plans. In fact, balancing enrollment would be a boon to both schools. Not only would Baranoff's overcrowding of resources and facilities would be eased, but Kocurek's enrollment would be brought up, allowing the school to provide more resources and programming to students. That is a win-win for the students, the schools, and the district.</p> <p>Do not delay in making your decision. The Boundary Advisory Committee needs to stop stalling and decide. They have gathered plenty of community feedback. The racism and classism displayed by the residents of Oak Parke and Brodie Springs is only thinly veiled by their comments of wanting their children to stay in the same school as their friends. It's disgusting and it shouldn't be tolerated.</p>
6/17/2019 15:49	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I think Plan I is the best option. Olympic Heights students are well integrated into the walkable, bikeable lifestyle of the Shady Hollow Neighborhood. Baranoff runs well. The district needs other options to solve their money problems. Baranoff has a strong school with strong parent involvement. It seems the district would build on such a strong school, not break what works when looking for solutions for the budget.</p>
6/17/2019 16:48	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I would like to provide feedback one more time that the residents of Olympic Heights would like to stay in the Baranoff area. Being able to walk/bike to elementary school is what we hope to preserve.</p>

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6/17/2019 17:04	Baranoff Elementary	We need relief at Baranoff and although I will be sad to see some friends leave, it really is the best for Oak Park, Brodie Springs to move.
6/17/2019 17:13	Baranoff Elementary	<p>In support of Map G: this map provides adequate relief to Baranoff. We have dealt with effects of overcrowding for years. All homerooms need to be brought into the building. Portables are universally disliked by teachers and students alike. This coming fall 3rd grade is being moved into portables meaning the same children will have been in portables for both 1st grade and 3rd grade and parents are very unhappy. The air quality is awful and children are susceptible to storms and intruders. The assembly space is completely overwhelmed and special area teachers are overtaxed having to work the chaotic school pickup process. I have heard from families who have chosen charter schools in part because of the overcrowding. Have also heard from families whose special needs children could not be accommodated at Baranoff due to space constraints.</p> <p>Please don't cater to Brodie Springs' expensive marketing campaign by residents and realtors. Please don't be afraid to send more affluent children to a school due to ratings which are based on STAAR test scores, when we know this test is biased against English language learners. Non-economically disadvantaged students perform equally well at both Kocurek and Baranoff. In addition, Kocurek teachers actually have slightly higher pay and years of experience than Baranoff teachers. Brodie Springs is physically located closer to Kocurek, their volunteerism and PTA sponsorship could greatly benefit the Kocurek community. And 1 or 2 portables at Kocurek for extracurriculars or interventions would not be nearly as bad as leaving homerooms in portables at Baranoff.</p>
6/17/2019 17:19	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Can you please explain why the data from Plan 12 changed for Plan H, when none of the boundaries changed? On May 7th, Plan 12 had 77 students going from Hillcrest to Kocurek. Today, Plan H shows 104 students. This is a crucial difference as the Kocurek CAC has requested 75-100 students be received.</p> <p>Furthermore, Plan I does not account for 57 Greyrock Ridge students moving from Baranoff to the new SW elementary. In any Baranoff scenario, there should be more students moving out of Baranoff than moving into Kocurek. However, there are currently 79 students leaving Baranoff and 83 received at Kocurek for Plan I. I believe this should be 79+57 students leaving Baranoff. Furthermore, Oak Parke and Palamino Park should have a student population of 70 students (per Melissa's email to me) and a enrollment lower than that. How has the demographer changed the data again to show 83 students in these neighborhoods for Plan I?</p> <p>Last week, the BAC literally voted to change their own rules in the middle of the process. This week, you have changed the data without any clear reasoning why. Please explain how this data could have changed, or correct these errors before a vote. It is one thing to have to live with the data you have, but it is another to have that data magically change overnight.</p>

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6/17/2019 20:00	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I had the pleasure of being one of many dedicated educators to open Baranoff Elementary in 1999. I am proud of my service to nurture and teach the students of our school and their families before retiring in 2008.</p> <p>My husband and I are also Oak Parke residents and are quite alarmed that the Boundary Committee is considering a boundary change to send our neighborhood children to Kocurek Elementary for the following reasons.</p> <p>Slaughter Road is one of the most congested roads in SW Austin and traffic is projected to increase.</p> <p>Additionally a Bowie High School student was critically injured while walking on the sidewalk adjacent to Slaughter Road, the same sidewalk/road our elementary age children would walk to Kocurek.</p> <p>Finally, since Baranoff Elementary's population is projected to decrease in the next ten years, why should the Oak Parke boundary shift to Kocurek when a new school will open in SW Austin, year 2020, to relieve the Kiker and Baranoff population?</p> <p>Timy Baranoff, the namesake of our school, always put the child's best interest as her priority. I hope the Boundary Committee embraces the same attitude and decides to keep the Oak Parke children at Baranoff.</p>
6/18/2019 8:21	Baranoff Elementary	<p>We would like to strongly urge you to keep Oak Parke at Baranoff. Our neighborhood feels strongly about keeping Oak Parke kids at Baranoff, so that they can track together with their friends that they have made along the Brodie corridor to attend Bailey and Bowie. If you find that it is not possible to keep us at Baranoff, please consider sending Oak Parke to the new Southwest school instead. The route to Kocurek is NOT walkable! Even if the district were to provide a crossing guard at Slaughter and Brodie, as has been discussed at a previous meeting, the students would have to walk past several commercial businesses with heavy traffic on either side of Slaughter. (gas stations, Maudies, Starbucks, etc) and several side streets. The back part of the neighborhood is over 2 miles from Kocurek. I can't imagine any parent allowing their child to walk or bike that route! Working parents do not have time to walk 4-5 miles round trip while they need to be getting ready for work. If the committee decides to provide to bus Oak Parke students, why not bus them to the new Southwest school? From the projections that I have seen regarding the maps that send Oak Parke to Kocurek, that would put Kocurek's enrollment over, whereas the Southwest school would still not have enough kids.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and efforts to keep our students safe.</p> <p>(redacted)</p>

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6/18/2019 10:21	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I just wanted to share that I do not believe the new map that has Hillcrest going to Kocurek and Olympic Heights going to Menchaca adhere to the secondary criteria. I believe it actually violates the goals of the BAC. My thoughts are in the parentheses below each goal set forth by the BAC:</p> <p>The BAC develops secondary criteria (goals) for each boundary change that are used to develop draft boundary maps. Using feedback from the affected campus advisory councils, the BAC developed the following prioritized secondary criteria for each boundary process as identified in the Process section above:</p> <p>-Maintain as much walkability and biking as possible, while providing for safe routes. (Currently Olympic Heights has many students who walk and bike to school, sending them to Menchaca will now require putting them on, not one, but two or three buses. In fact, some of our homes almost share a fence with Baranoff and are a couple of hundred yards away.)</p> <p>-Carefully consider transportation routes. (This change only adds new transportation routes. Northern neighborhoods will still need to be bussed down Brodie and now you're adding two or three buses from Olympic Heights to be sent to Menchaca.)</p>
6/18/2019 18:03	Baranoff Elementary	<p>As I have previously indicated in my feedback, I am opposed to boundary changes that lead to the Oak Parke neighborhood children no longer attending Timy Baranoff Elementary.</p> <p>Current AISD projections for Baranoff show enrollment decreasing which will put student totals withing the AISD guidelines. Allow the new SW elementary school to open and to be enrolled to see what impact that has on Baranoff. The Baranoff student numbers are going down each year based on AISD projections.</p> <p>It is not safe for our children to cross Brodie and then walk along Slaughter for nearly 1.5 miles. Then they have to cross Slaughter to get to school. They will have to walk this route in the dark the majority of the year. As we know most of us won't let that happen so this change adds 30 plus cars trying to left turn on Slaughter Lane at 7:30 am. This sets up a dangerous situation.</p> <p>Sending Brodie Lane (Oak Parke, Brodie Springs, Palomino Park, north Shady Hollow) to Kocurek will impact the vertical team our kids are tracked through to high school. Currently all students at Koceruk track through to the Akins vertical team.</p> <p>Oak Parke has also already been previously changed from Kiker to Baranoff, which led to Oak Parke being part of the original classes at Baranoff - so we have very much been a part of Baranoff since it's opening.</p> <p>In summary, we strongly urge you to keep our kids and future Oak Parke kids at Timy Baranoff Elementary.</p>
6/18/2019 18:10	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Our child is starting at Baranoff this fall and we would like for her to continue at Baranoff after this year in order to preserve walkability to the school.</p>

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6/18/2019 18:39	Baranoff Elementary	We live in Oak Parke subdivision and would like our kids going to Baranoff Elementary because the traffic at intersection Brodie Ln and Slaughter Ln is very dangerous to our kids .
6/19/2019 7:32	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Please, please, pretty please do not do this to us!! This is one of the BIGGEST reasons people want vouchers so that we are the ones to select where our children go to school. The main reason we chose to live in the Oak Parke neighborhood was the access to the 3 schools our children would attend; Baranoff, Bailey and Bowie.</p> <p>Changing the boundaries will greatly affect the value of our homes, as you're well aware. I am begging you to not do this to us. These changes you are proposing will have a negative impact, and fundamentally change our neighborhood/community that we have worked so hard to maintain. It's NEVER A GOOD IDEA to fix something that isn't broken.</p> <p>Thank you, (redacted) Oak Parke long time resident</p>
6/19/2019 9:37	Baranoff Elementary	<p>To Whom it May Concern:</p> <p>My name is (redacted) and I live in Oak Parke, a neighborhood that is being affected by the boundary changes to address Baranoff's overcrowding.</p> <p>I was in attendance at the June 18th BAC meeting where Map I was voted on by the BAC. I just want to make sure I am understanding this decision correctly. Am I correct that the BAC ignored their own published criteria on their own Rating Matrix? My concern is how does Map I effectively establish a primary target of capacity of Baranoff, it was the least effective at this criteria? Also, where is "Least Disruptive" a part of the rating matrix? Doesn't "Least Disruptive" essentially mean least effective? If the BAC wants to choose a map that is "least disruptive" why don't they consider not making a change to Baranoff and leaving the boundary lines alone?</p> <p>I would greatly appreciate it if someone could please get back to me answering my questions.</p> <p>Thank you, (redacted)</p>

6/19/2019 10:24	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Dear BAC members,</p> <p>Thank you again for your time in addressing the Southwest Austin elementary school boundaries.</p> <p>I know you have already heard from me and my husband (redacted) a lot, and I think I can promise this will be the last time I submit feedback to you all.</p> <p>After attending the last two meetings, hearing feedback from Oak Parke neighbors and from Kiker parents, I have one final suggestion. Considering how walkable all of Circle C north of 45 is to Kiker, how upset the parents are to not be part of the “Kiker Biker” family, and how upset Oak Parke is to move to Kocurek, please consider keeping the Kiker Bikers in tact and sending Oak Parke to the new school instead.</p> <p>We heard last night that Oak Parke will be getting two busses to go to Kocurek, and I know the Kiker families going to the new school will also need a bus. If you send Oak Parke to the new school, you will still need two busses for our neighborhood, but if you keep the Kiker Bikers in tact, AISD will save money on one bus.</p> <p>A lot of people have lost faith in AISD through this process, and I guarantee you that if you do what I am suggesting it will restore some faith in the system. It is unrealistic to think that Oak Parke & Palomino Park families will be okay being the only ones in the Bowie vertical going to Kocurek. The fact that I can count on one hand and name all of the kids my son will start & finish school with is truly sad to me. I have been reading up on the larger AISD school changes, and I know one of the goals is to better align vertical teams. Why wasn’t this taken into consideration for the Baranoff/Kocurek decision? I just want what’s best for my kids, and I’m having a hard time believing Kocurek is it.</p> <p>Please consider keeping the Kiker Bikers in tact, and sending Oak Parke along with Greyrock Ridge to the new Elementary School & Gorzycki Middle School (which is the same distance from Oak Parke as Bailey Middle School).</p> <p>Thank you again for your time. (redacted)</p>
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6/19/2019 10:54	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Hi Sir/Madam</p> <p>Thanks a lot for your consideration and choosing Map "I" for the boundary changes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. This will relieve the school as you intended.2. This map also maintain the secondary categorizes.3. Hope that this map will also reduce the traffic on brodie lane.4. This will affect less families and communities.5. Major roads will be properly used to split the boundaries.6. Good walk ability will be maintained too. <p>FYI: If Baranoff can handle all the students. I would choose no boundary changes for sure.</p>
6/19/2019 11:10	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I wanted to thank the board for their consideration of keeping Brodie Springs at Baranoff. My heart breaks (truly) for Oak Parke as I really wanted to see all of Brodie, south of slaughter, stay at Baranoff.</p> <p>I have known that you had an awful decision to be made and if any changes are to be made, I hope that all of Brodie, south of slaughter, will remain at Baranoff.</p> <p>With that said, I am thrilled that you opted to redraw a map that included Brodie Springs & saw it as the best option available. The families here love Baranoff ES so very much.</p>

6/19/2019 23:23	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Dear BAC Members,</p> <p>Thank you for reviewing all of my feedback today! I would like to elaborate a little on my feedback from this morning.</p> <p>I have had some time to process all of the decisions made over the last few weeks, as well as talk to parents in the affected areas. A few things really stand out to me that seem counter-intuitive in the plans that have been chosen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Regarding the chosen Kiker Map B: this plan takes a very walkable neighborhood and rezones it to the new school where they will need to be bused.- Regarding Kiker, the BAC dismissed map D which by far made the most sense regarding walkability and would require no buses, because you all understandably didn't want the new school to open at only 70% capacity.- Regarding Baranoff/Kocurek, the BAC chose plan I which creates a brand new Bowie vertical team for only 70 kids. It also sends kids, parents and buses across one of the most dangerous intersections in South Austin. <p>I wholeheartedly understand why the BAC chose these plans. At the time, they were the "best" options. Today I'd like to offer a new suggestion that I believe makes the most sense for all communities: Choose Kiker Map D, and send Oak Parke to the new school instead. Here's why this makes the most sense:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- It saves the district the most money. With the plans chosen by the BAC, Oak Parke will need 2 buses to Kocurek, Circle C South will require at least 1-2 buses to the new school, and Circle C North must have at least 1-2 buses currently going to Kiker since they are more than 2 miles from the school. If you go with Kiker Plan D and send Oak Parke to the new school, Oak Parke will still require 2 buses, but you won't need any buses for Circle C. This eliminates the need for 2-4 additional buses.- It is the safest route to school for walkers, drivers and buses. Believe it or not, sending Oak Parke to the new school is still a safer route than sending us to Kocurek.- It will still keep all schools between 75%-115% capacity, assuming Mills closes to transfers.- It keeps vertical teams better aligned, especially if you also send Oak Parke to Gorzycki Middle School along with the kids from Greyrock Ridge. Gorzycki Middle School is the same distance from Oak Parke as Bailey Middle School. <p>I have spoken to several of my neighbors in Oak Parke, and while our preference is to stay at Baranoff, we all feel like this is a better option for us than being sent to Kocurek. Please consider this a viable option.</p> <p>Thank you again for your time.</p>
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6/20/2019 18:04	Baranoff Elementary	I would like to know why the map that scored the highest was thrown out of the meeting on Tuesday night? What was the point of rating the maps if that was a mute point? Weren't the maps rated so that it would give AISD a clear message on what the BAC wanted? I am really confused on how all neighborhoods are staying at Baranoff except Oak Park. This translates to Baranoff being overcrowded by 67 students. Really? What impact is that going to have on the school? That is not an entire grade that can be moved out of the portables, which was a huge talking point during the meetings with the AISD reps. You aren't going to knock off that much time on lunches which was another "issue" brought up at the info sessions. This is a political move by AISD. Should Oak Park be moved to Kocurek we will be looking to remove our children from the AISD system and put them in a school system where their education is a priority and our input is actually valued vs the political agenda of the board.
7/13/2019 22:37	Baranoff Elementary	We specifically moved to Oak Parke so that our three children could attend Baranoff Elementary. We do not accept your proposal to move the school boundary changing our elementary to Kocurek. Our children's education is VERY important and we will do whatever we have to do to make sure they remain in a highly rated school. The rest of my small neighborhood agrees. We will move, and your decision to change the boundary will accomplish nothing except to tear a community apart. This will be very sad. Please KEEP our kids at Baranoff!!
7/17/2019 13:58	Baranoff Elementary	Please end AISD's plans to reassign families in Oak Parke to Kocurek Elementary School. It is incredibly important to our neighborhood that our children be allowed to continue attending Baranoff. Respectfully, (redacted)
7/18/2019 20:52	Baranoff Elementary	As I shared at the Open House tonight (7/18/19), I am very unclear on what true impact Plan I will have on Baranoff by moving only 79 students. There will not be a reduction in the use of portables, there will not be an easement on the lunch schedule, there is likely not to be a drop in teacher numbers needed. Can you please ensure you go back to the "big picture" and ask what problems are you hoping to solve by reducing the overcrowding? Then, ask, does Plan I actually solve any of those problems? I believe the answer will be NO for most problems. In which case, I strong recommend not recommending Plan I and making no additional changes to Baranoff. Given the systemic changes that may occur from the School Changes process, I think it is more prudent and less disruptive to students to make campus-specific innovations and improvements FIRST, assess what impact those have on school metrics, and THEN revisit the boundary changes. Changing boundaries doesn't improve schools, creating new programs and elevating staff training makes schools better. I urge to work with the Baranoff leadership immediately to evaluate (to the best of your ability) what actual impact you expect from Plan I. If the answer is NOT MUCH, I think you allow the School Changes process to take shape first and table the great work of the BAC for when the time is more appropriate to redraw boundaries.

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7/18/2019 20:58	Baranoff Elementary	<p>At the Open House tonight (7/19/18), I also raised the question of why Pre-K students and transfer students at Baranoff have any priority over my children who will already be Baranoff students before the change occurs. Given the fact that Plan I is moving so few students, the 35-45 Pre-K kids and the 30-45 transfer students would be equal to or greater than the number of students moving away from Baranoff in Plan I.</p> <p>If AISD prioritizes a 1-yr old toddler who will be a Pre-K student in 3 years, over my children that are already Baranoff Buffaloes, it would be a demonstration of valuing revenue over student's well being and respect for a community that help to FOUND BARANOFF in 1999 (Oak Parke).</p> <p>Through the School Changes process, you should utilize the Transfer mechanisms you already have in place, which is close to a free market system, and IMPROVE CAMPUSES FIRST, and let this free market system have an impact. If you build good programs, students will come. If you don't, families will move to other neighborhoods, newcomers will select other neighborhoods, and these problems of underperforming schools surrounded by overperforming schools will persist.</p> <p>Please take a step back and look at the opportunity presented to make larger, systemic, lasting changes, rather than redrawing lines and splitting up communities first.</p>
7/19/2019 10:07	Baranoff Elementary	<p>I attended last night's meeting and am strongly opposed to the plan to re-zone Oak Parke to Kocureck. Here's why: 1) By expanding the zone of a lower ranked school, the appraisal values of homes not only in Oak Parke but Circle C and Shady Hollow will drop causing a cut to AISD's budget. 2) Having a Cohort of potentially 10 kids that stay with you from kindergarten through high school is a travesty and damaging for the education experience. 3) The walk to Kocureck is life threatening and although there have been vague promises about busing. I have to plan for the long term and can't rely upon that for planning purposes.</p> <p>If Baranoff's zoning is not left alone or if we are not zoned to the new SW campus, we will be moving our 2 children out of AISD to Round Rock or Leander ISD. We have already hired a real estate agent to prepare listing our home and are waiting to see what happens. Making these drastic changes is extremely costly to AISD in an effort to only relieve Baranoff of only 79 children. It's extremely damaging the education experience of children of Oak Parke. I think it is unwise and will greatly harm AISD's reputation and funding in the long term. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>

7/19/2019 13:16	Baranoff Elementary	<p>My family has been living in Oak Parke for less than a year now. In the short time we've been there, we've found it to be a community full of smart, caring and understanding families. We have approached the jarring possibility of shuffling our kids from current school zones with logic and would ask AISD to do the same while they try to make such a big change.</p> <p>The BAC has continuously stated that they have been pressured by the Board to speed up the process and make a recommendation for a new map to the Board before Fall 2019. In the perfunctory rush to meet this deadline, much of the logic has been abandoned for meeting a stated objective without solving the true problem.</p> <p>In my opinion, the most logical approach is to allow the process to play out and do not make a hurried change for the sake of change. Let the new SW school open and then re-check your population numbers. You would be basing your recommendations on more concrete information before disturbing so many lives. At the very least, the projected 3-yr numbers for Baranoff need to be updated to reflect the Grey Rock relocation. This change alone would seem to put Baranoff in the desired 75%-115% range and avoid the need for change altogether. Additionally, there is the School Changes Initiative that is concurrently happening. Let this plan be fully realized before needlessly disrupting families.</p> <p>And although the BAC has stressed they are simply following the criteria and rules for voting on maps, many of the criteria have not been met with the currently proposed Plan 'I'. An alternate plan that scored higher was discarded because Plan 'I' offered minimal disruption to other communities in Olympic Heights and Shady Hollow. If minimal disruption is the criteria, please see my suggestion above to let the new school open first and THEN make changes based on real numbers. If balancing the schools is the primary objective, spread the pain of disruption across the entire community to more closely hit your target numbers. As the BAC has stressed, they only want to do this one time and it would seem you should get all schools as close as possible to 100% population. Plan 'I' feels like a compromise that disrupts an entire subdivision while minimally addressing the goal to get schools to 100% population.</p> <p>Furthermore, the stated secondary criteria seem to be ignored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walkability / safety is worse off. Sending an elementary kid down Slaughter Ln on foot is not safe. Especially during the planned future construction to widen Slaughter. I would argue the same goes for vehicular travel, which is where most accidents occur.• Using major roadways as boundaries. Slaughter Lane is a MAJOR ROADWAY – even more so once widening construction starts – and you would have us cross this road with the new plan.• Carefully consider transportation routes. The district has said they will provide a temporary crossing guard and buses for a short amount of time following the change and cancel them if they are not used. My kid would not be walking to school until a couple of years after the change takes effect, so by then this option may be gone for us.
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7/20/2019 7:32	Baranoff Elementary	<p>Dear Committee,</p> <p>I would like to thank you for the arduous work involved in choosing a map that addresses overcrowding at Baranoff, while also balancing your criteria and the overwhelming public response.</p> <p>Plan I is that balance. There will of course be some that are unhappy, but you made smart choices based on neighborhood location and their impact on the schools.</p> <p>Thank you again.</p>
7/20/2019 13:54	Baranoff Elementary	I don't want to put my kids in various risk factor. I'm living in Oak Parke. Please let our kids keep attending Baranoff Elementary.
5/7/2019 7:57	Boone Elementary	I live in Sendera, which is zoned to Cowan. However, my students are transfers to Boone elementary school. I am in support of redrawing school lines to put our neighborhood in the Boone attendance zone to relieve overcrowding at Cowan.
6/6/2019 9:44	Boone Elementary	I am concerned that the BAC is misreading the walkability from The Bella Vista Apartments to Cowan Elementary school. They are passing up an established, closer route with other students walking to Boone for a more dangerous route to Cowan. Students would have to either walk on Davis, which has no sidewalks, or take a long walk along Brodie. Neither of these options are as safe a walking to Boone.
4/5/2019 14:55	Cowan Elementary	<p>Hi there, I attended the April 4th BAC meeting and was looking for the documents that were used during the meeting (maps, charts, etc.). Can you please point me to where those are posted?</p> <p>Thanks!</p>
4/9/2019 10:04	Cowan Elementary	<p>As a volunteer myself, I would first like to say that I am grateful to the Boundary Advisory Committee for countless hours of work that you have put into making our schools better for everyone.</p> <p>When we look at the Cowan Elementary Enrollment Projections we see that enrollment is projected to decrease on its own without any intervention. Because transfers have been frozen for Cowan for several years, as the upper grades graduate it will further decrease our numbers. 79 of our current transfer students will be gone before any boundary changes go into effect. The 35 students currently in 3rd grade will be rising 5th graders at the time of boundary changes and transfer numbers sharply decrease after that.</p> <p>It is very important that Cowan does not fall below 110% enrollment so that our campus will not be reopened to transfers. If this happens we will likely be back to overcapacity within a year. If transfers are allowed, everyone's effort's will have been for nothing, and the Cowan community will have been disrupted needlessly. It will not be fair to our families that purchased homes in the Cowan area to be zoned out, just for others in different neighborhoods to be transferred in.</p> <p>The Cowan community asks that as you consider the boundaries for Cowan, that you make changes that will minimally impact homeowners, and will not decrease our numbers below 110% as to ensure that we will not receive new transfers. We would also ask that you consider grandfathering all students that are currently enrolled in Cowan.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>

4/9/2019 11:07	Cowan Elementary	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am a Cowan parent of a current 5th grader and 1st grader. I am also a very active member of our PTA.</p> <p>First I want to thank all of the BAC volunteers for your effort and work towards figuring out how to make our schools safer.</p> <p>I don't want to speak from too much of an emotional level, because that isn't very productive, but my address would put me in Boone if you go through with that map. I would be sad to be split from the rest of the Sendera Neighborhood. I like that I can go to our community pool/park and there's always a school friend for my kiddos to play with.</p> <p>We've also built a community at Cowan. My oldest is graduating 5th grade this year and my youngest has been there since pre-k and just loves it.</p> <p>I know you've heard many of these stories, and I said I wasn't going to be emotional....</p> <p>Cowan isn't on a trend for growth, and we still have quite a few students grandfathered in as transfers. I know that be the time these changes would take effect we will have graduated a large number of those transfers.</p> <p>My concern is that if you make the change, we'll than be under the 110% capacity and will be opened to transfers again, after disrupting so many families that have made a home at Cowan.</p> <p>Please consider this when making your final decisions.</p> <p>Again, thank you for your tireless efforts.</p> <p>(redacted)</p>
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4/11/2019 21:36	Cowan Elementary	<p>I attended the Boundary Advisory Committee meeting on 4 April 2019. What I appreciated most about the meeting is how the committee is being rational, investigating the options from various angles, and willing to hear and consider criticism of their proposals. Y'all are doing a beautiful job walking a tight rope where someone is going to dislike you in the end regardless of the ultimate boundaries. Thank you for putting yourself in the public eye for such a difficult job.</p> <p>My son attends Cowan elementary; and next year my second son is registered to attend Cowan. Like most Cowan parents we love the teachers and staff at the school and take pride in how well our PTA works to provide for our teachers and students.</p> <p>Despite our school pride I have shopped for other elementary schools in the past considering Boone, Kocurek, and Valour (charter). Cowan has very real problems as a result of its overcrowded classrooms. The cafeteria is chaos (to the point I have wondered if OSHA would approve of the volume in there). The entire fourth grade, half the art and music, and half of the special ed teachers are all out in portables. The hallways are crowded and chaotic. The hallways and classrooms are messy from a lack of storage. These things don't detract from the enthusiastic and happy teachers of Cowan, yet it does cause unnecessary stress on my sensory kid. I went shopping for schools with a better environment and a lower population.</p> <p>Ultimately, I stayed put at Cowan because I believe the staff are working well with my son. However, I also learned that Boone is a great little school with a good heart despite problems created by a lack of enrollment. (Namely the Boone PTA doesn't have the supportive parent base to earn and spend crazy amounts of money based on the "We're the Best!" platform.) Boone's good heart of charitable fundraising and calm interior decorating speaks very well of the school. I am a fan of Boone even if I chose not to transfer my child to that school on the basis they have fewer Special Education resources and I did not want to have to explain to my son each day why would drive /past/ Cowan to get to Boone.</p> <p>Regarding the Cowan-Boone line I am in favor of bolstering Boone as much as possible. Please do not let Boone to eventually fall under the same threat of Joslin -- too little enrollment leading to threats of closure despite sharing a boundary with bursting Sunset Valley. Give Boone a more robust parent community. Permit Cowan to fit within its own school building, or at least fit its fourth grade back under a shared roof. Allow both schools to be equitably THE BEST.</p> <p>In full disclosure, my home is not one proposed to be moved to Boone - in which case you'd be getting firm lobbying from me to move my entire neighborhood. Sitting where I am on the Cowan-Kocurek boundary my hope is that Boone will be saved from a Joslin-fate and given equal opportunities for greatness of Cowan. I also have the hope that the Cowan population will be given some elbow room and relief from a deafening cafeteria.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration. Thank you more for the hundreds of hours of thought and effort you are putting into the change. I truly due appreciate the grace you each display when under fire and the sanity you show in your responses and decisions.</p> <p>Sincerely, (redacted)</p>
4/11/2019 22:01	Cowan Elementary	<p>I would like the BAC to consider maps that would keep all of the Sendera neighborhood that is currently zoned for Cowan IN Cowan. Maps that seem to split up Sendera at Davis/Deer lane or even go SOUTH of that (adding in more of the Sendera community into Boone) are difficult for us. We live at Copano Drive and Ramies Run and the commute to Cowan is far easier than the commute to Boone would be.</p>
4/11/2019 22:10	Cowan Elementary	<p>My child currently attends Cowan (where we are zoned for) and we love it so much and would hate to be told we have to change schools. We live in Sendera and want all of Sendera to go to the same school. We appreciate you listening to and considering our feedback. Thank you.</p>

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4/11/2019 22:24	Cowan Elementary	I do want to make one additional comment. Regarding the committee member who apparently stated that you're not hearing much from Cowan and perhaps it would make sense to split everyone west of Brodie and move to Boone. That's a terribly careless and callous sounding thing to toss out. There's a pretty decent chunk of the Cowan community west of Brodie. We love our school and you will be hearing from us a lot more in this process.
4/12/2019 8:12	Cowan Elementary	I am in opposition of PLAN 4 because it will split up the Sendera neighborhood. Some of the kids will end up at Boone and others at Cowan. Please keep our neighborhood together!
4/12/2019 20:50	Cowan Elementary	To whom it may concern, I am writing about the proposed boundary changes and I firstly want to propose that to avoid a lot of the arguing that you grandfather in all currently enrolled students at their current campuses and only those new to enrollment to follow the new boundaries. Secondly, please do not move the Camden Apartments on davis, i.e 4825 Davis Lane from cowan, we moved there for this school. If you are proposing to then take most of the apartment complexes out of Cowan's boundaries then you are also altering the diversity found - socio economically, ethnically etc, you cannot take the poorer families and move them. This shows no consideration for them. Siblings should be also allowed to be grandfathered into Cowan. Will they boundary changes mean schools will no longer be frozen and if that is not the case and the schools will still be frozen then why are you even doing these boundary changes in the first place?
4/12/2019 20:51	Cowan Elementary	We are currently in 1st grade and youngest enrolled for pre-K. I have concerns over starting my sensitive shy child to have to start a new school without a choice of being able to stay at our current school. The self esteem will be broken. Also breaking up a neighborhood like sendara up to 2 schools seems completely unfair too.
4/12/2019 22:36	Cowan Elementary	Please keep all of Sendera HOA zoned to Cowan. My husband and I live just to the north of Davis Lane and the new proposed zoning boundary lines leave half of our subdivision at Cowan and moves the other half to Boone. We moved to this neighborhood specifically to have our children at Cowan and Bowie. My 2nd grade son has gone to Cowan since Pre-K and has learning disabilities. We can not start over at a new school with him. He has just started to find his groove and begin to thrive are Cowan. PLEASE consider keeping all of Sendera HOA together at Cowan!
4/15/2019 9:02	Cowan Elementary	Re: Support of Plan 9 Plan 9 for the Cowan-Boone boundary is beautiful. In the 2 to 10 year proposals it allows Boone to build up to 75% and 80% capacity while relieving Cowan at an easy 90% to packed 102% capacity. It makes the popluations of each school more balanced. It allows Boone to reach closer to its larger enrollment capacity. It gives both schools a mix of neighborhoods and apartment complexes. Plan 9 is an excellent, equitable solution for the two schools. Please select Plan 9 as the final proposal. Sincerely, (redacted)
4/16/2019 14:21	Cowan Elementary	Our oldest daughter goes to Cowan this year and our youngest will start Cowan in the fall of this year. Our family is strongly against redrawing the boundary lines to move our neighborhood to Boone. Our daughter is thriving at Cowan and we love every part of the Cowan community, From the teachers, to the students, to the parents, it truly feels like family. It would be a great hit to our family and our neighbors to lose this. Please do not redraw the lines to send the Deer Park at Maple Run neighborhood to Boone.

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4/20/2019 17:40	Cowan Elementary	<p>My 1st grader (soon to be 2nd) is happy at Cowan and we wish to stay. We live off Copano Drive and Ramies Run, inside that Sendera neighborhood. We live on the south side of Davis, between Davis and Slaughter.</p> <p>While I understand why the dividing line for Boone and Cowan would be Davis in some of the proposed maps (Honestly, that seems reasonable, even as I know I'd like to see the portion just north of Davis stay in the Cowan lines too), I don't understand pushing the Boone map halfway into our neighborhood (PAST Davis) and dividing us like that. I'd like to keep our community together as best as possible.</p> <p>A Cowan/Boone map where Davis is the dividing line might be our best hope.</p>
5/2/2019 19:08	Cowan Elementary	<p>I am writing to express my opinion regarding redrawing boundaries for Cowan Elementary. There are currently four new boundary plans (Plan 3, 4, 9 and 10) for Cowan. I feel Plan 3 is the best option to decrease Cowan enrollment while maintaining top criteria goals for rezoning. Plan 3 is the only option that keeps the Sendera subdivision together and brings enrollment projects down to 106% utilization by year 3. Plan 4, 9 and 10 split the Sendera subdivision between Cowan and Boone. None of these options are walk-able to Boone for the majority of Sendera. Plan 9 and 10 would drop Cowan enrollment under 105% utilization by year 3 which would re-open Cowan for transfers, negating the need for boundary changes.</p> <p>Plan 3 is the only plan that meets all criteria. This plan disrupts the fewest number of home owners, it keeps subdivision together while maintaining walkability for students being transferred to Boone Elementary and transportation routes to both schools make sense. Enrollment projections for Plan 3 drop enrollment to 105% by year 3 and 106% by year 5.</p> <p>If an additional plan is developed please consider an option that keeps all of the Sendera subdivision together, including the streets north of Davis Lane - Corran Ferry Drive, Corran Ferry Loop, East and West Hove Loop as well as a small number of homes along Copano Drive.</p> <p>Thank you, (redacted)</p>
5/2/2019 19:13	Cowan Elementary	<p>After looking at the proposed maps for the Cowan - Boone boundary change I feel</p> <p>Plan 3 - Is the best option. It meets the criteria of walkability and keeping neighborhoods whole.</p> <p>Plan 4 - Does not fit the criteria of keeping neighbors together because it splits the Sendara neighborhood</p> <p>Plan 9 - Same issue as Plan 4 as well dropping Cowan below optimal enrollment.</p> <p>Plan 10 - Would have a negative affect on Cowan because they would fall far below the optimal enrollment.</p> <p>With all of these plan - if the enrollment at Cowan drops to a level where transfers allowed that negates the need for a boundary change. I also feel that it's bad politics to move families from their established school community just to open the school to transfers at any point in the near future. I believe a plan that has the lease affect to home owners (plan 3) is the most logical plan.</p>
5/2/2019 20:00	Cowan Elementary	<p>Please keep Sendera with Cowan Elementary.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
5/2/2019 20:04	Cowan Elementary	<p>Please keep Sendera with Cowan Elementary. Cowan has been so great for my kids. I have one graduated from Cowan, we have 2 more kids currently attending Cowan. I'm concerned that any changes will impact the progress of the kids.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

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5/2/2019 20:12	Cowan Elementary	<p>I would like to point out that Plan 10 does not comply with the BAC's Secondary Criteria in that it does not maintain walkability for Elementary aged children, does not provide for safe routes, and does not consider transportation routes. It ignores the neighborhoods with the closest and most walkable neighborhoods to Boone and instead reaches across Davis Lane which is a very busy thoroughfare.</p> <p>I understand that the goal of Plan 10 is to keep the Sendera neighborhood together, but it appears that it can be accomplished in the (not yet public) 5th proposed map in which all of Sendera would remain with Cowan and the remaining closer neighborhoods would be re-zoned for Boone.</p>
5/2/2019 21:18	Cowan Elementary	<p>Firstly, I'd like to say thank you for the meeting this evening, it was very informative. I would like to ask that we do not elect to go with Plan 10. Plan 10 does not comply with the BAC's Secondary Criteria in that it does not maintain walkability for Elementary aged children, does not provide for safe routes, and does not consider transportation routes. It ignores the neighborhoods with the closest and most walkable neighborhoods to Boone and instead reaches across Davis Lane which is a very busy thoroughfare With many blind spots one being right outside our apartment complex. I ask that 4825 Davis Lane remain within the zoning for Cowan. We love our school. Thank you so much for your consideration.</p>
5/2/2019 21:58	Cowan Elementary	<p>Because we live in a Sendera, a subdivision with HOA paid for pools and community center with a robust social calendar, separating us (North of Davis) from the rest of our subdivision community would be upsetting. Additionally, we purchased this home three years ago BECAUSE of its zoning to Cowan. Resining is would hurt both our children AND août home resale value.</p> <p>Thank you for taking this feedback into account.</p>
5/3/2019 7:06	Cowan Elementary	Please grandfather in children already at the school, from current year Pre-k up. Thanks
5/3/2019 11:19	Cowan Elementary	<p>3 out of the 5 (the four available maps and the additional map that is under development) displaces the children that live in the apartment building that are currently zoned for Cowan. Currently, these plans seem to prioritize families that live in the subdivisons/neighborhoods over the families that live in the apartments. Further, since it is not currently in the purview to examine demographic information, I am concerned about the potential unintended consequences of certain types of students being displaced.</p>
5/3/2019 16:47	Cowan Elementary	<p>My wife and I feel that any of the maps that split or take Sendera out of Cowan are not going to help the situation.</p> <p>After it's all said and done, Cowan would end up opening up to transfers again. Why can't we just get rid of all the transfers at Cowan now. I also question why we're spending time and money to move around 100 to 150 kids over a 10 year period when we already have transfers in Cowan?</p> <p>We in Sendera would also end up not being walk-able and lose our bus service.</p> <p>To this point, I have not been able to make any meetings, but I will now. I want my 5 year old to continue at Cowan and we want our 2.5 year old to got there also.</p> <p>This all seems like a big solution to a simple problem.</p> <p>There's no need to move any kids.</p> <p>Thanks for your time.</p>

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5/4/2019 9:27	Cowan Elementary	<p>Submitting more feedback on behalf of my Cowan family:</p> <p>Looking at what's been presented so far, I favor Plan 3 as it keeps Sendera at Cowan and takes enrollment projections to 105% by year 3. Plan 4 splits Sendera and isn't walkable (to Boone) for large section of added homes. Plan 9 splits Sendera, isn't walkable and would put Cowan's enrollment projection at 99% by yr 3. Plan 10 splits Sendera, is really not walkable for a lot of kids and drops enrollment projections to 103% by yr 3.</p> <p>My understanding is that both Plans 9 and 10 would open Cowan back up for transfers again by year 3 or after year 3 and so I would think that means they're not useful to the purpose of this project.</p> <p>Overall, so far, I would support Plan 3.</p> <p>Thank you! I look forward to next opportunity to submit more feedback!</p> <p>Sincerely, (redacted)</p>
5/5/2019 8:45	Cowan Elementary	<p>With regard to the proposed Boone/Cowan boundary changes, I think the committee should select Plan 3 or make no changes at all. If the committee finds it necessary to make changes, Plan 3 is the best choice and will cause the least amount of disruption, affect the fewest number of families, and create the least amount of safety issues.</p> <p>As mentioned, Plan 3 will cause the least amount of disruption. With a much higher turnover rate in Luxury apartments and a less likely opportunity to split siblings or legacy students, Plan 3 will not separate neighbors, carpool groups, and after school care as much as all other plans.</p> <p>Plan 3 will affect the fewest amount of students in the smallest geographic area while creating the only "true walkable" plan.</p> <p>Finally, since Plan 3 is the only "true walkable" plan, this will present the least amount of safety issues. While the other plans might be considered walkable, very few or more than likely no one will walk on the other plans. Without a continuous sidewalk, longer and busy residential thoroughfares, and unsafe crossings(not at an intersection), the other plans will create significantly more cars around our schools and school zones causing more safety issues at Boone.</p> <p>As a long time community member, if you have to make a change, I urge you to Pick Plan 3.</p>
5/5/2019 12:08	Cowan Elementary	<p>Please keep Cowan In Our SW Boundaries. So Many People Have Moved Into this SW Community based on the school boundaries in effect. It would saddened many people if boundaries do change. Please consider my option to keep Cowan.</p>
5/5/2019 15:29	Cowan Elementary	<p>We purchased our house in Deer Park 10 years ago. 5 years before our daughter started school because it is in the Cowan boundaries. Please do not change the boundaries or if it must, Plan 3 is our preference. We currently have 2/3 of our kids attending Cowan and an incoming Kindergarten in 2020-2021.</p> <p>If boundaries must change, is it possible to have current students (and siblings) stay at Cowan? Thank you for your time.</p>

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5/5/2019 17:22	Cowan Elementary	There should be an opt-in provision for the new school boundaries, allowing students already enrolled to remain un-disrupted in their school.
5/5/2019 17:35	Cowan Elementary	There needs to be an opt-in provision for the boundaries- allowing students already enrolled to remain undisrupted in their school!!!!
5/5/2019 17:37	Cowan Elementary	Needs to have opt-in provision for new boundaries! Allowing students already enrolled to remain undisrupted in their school.
5/5/2019 19:20	Cowan Elementary	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I live in the Sendera community and a proposed school boundary change is being proposed.</p> <p>I would prefer plan 3 for the boundary change (keeping my current elementary school as cowan)</p> <p>Thanks, (redacted)</p>
5/5/2019 19:53	Cowan Elementary	<p>I prefer Plan 3 which keeps the Deer Park & Sendera neighborhoods in Cowan elementary school.</p> <p>I also think there should be an opt-in option for all existing Cowan students to remain in Cowan if the boundaries do change for Deer Park and Sendera.</p>
5/5/2019 20:03	Cowan Elementary	<p>Hi,</p> <p>After talking with my husband and reviewing the maps I would prefer the Sendera Neighborhood (redacted) remain at Cowan. One of the main reasons we moved to this neighborhood 6 years ago was because it was zoned for Cowan. My daughter is in kindergarten this year and has started to ride the bus. It would greatly impact our life's if she wouldn't have access to the bus as both my husband and I work full time. We love the principal, teachers, staff, and PTA. Maps 4, 9, and 10 all split up our neighborhood. We try really hard to create connected community by having a pool and seasonal events. It greatly benefits the children and parents to have a community that also goes to the same school. We chose our neighborhood school for this very reason. We want to build a community for our children. We want her to have roots with her friends at school and in the neighborhood. How many transfers are currently enrolled at Cowan? Would it be possible to move them back to their home school. This would help keep the school from overcrowding.</p> <p>Thank you! (redacted)</p>
5/5/2019 20:17	Cowan Elementary	Please log our preference for plane 3.

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5/6/2019 8:54	Cowan Elementary	<p>I would strongly urge the BAC to consider Plan 3 when making it's final decision for the Cowan-Boone student reapportionment. The Deer Park, Maple Run, and Sendera communities are all strongly committed to Cowan Elementary, and already see Cowan as our neighborhood school.</p> <p>If a map other than the one under Plan 3 is adopted, families already enrolled in Cowan should be given the option to opt-in to the new boundary maps so as not to unnecessarily disrupt the education of these children.</p> <p>While all the attention has been paid to Circle C, it's understandable that students need to be moved to accommodate the opening of a new school. But there is no attendant need to disrupt children currently going to Cowan to alter the balance of enrollment in the long run. To do so would only be mean spirited.</p> <p>Please don't ignore our Deer Park, Maple Run, and Sendera neighborhoods because one wealthier one is making the most noise. Please adopt Plan 3, and in any event, allow all students to finish their elementary education at the school they are currently attending.</p> <p>Thanks.</p>
5/6/2019 10:06	Cowan Elementary	I want to register a preference for Plan 3 to keep Sendera neighborhood in Cowan Elementary.
5/6/2019 15:54	Cowan Elementary	Our preference is for Plan 3. Our child has been attending Cowan for 4 years now, since Pre-K and we would like Cowan to remain our home school. If the boundaries do change, I would like an opt-in provision for my child to finish out his last 2 years at Cowan.
5/6/2019 21:46	Cowan Elementary	<p>I live in the Deer Park neighborhood and our children attend Cowan. I'm asking the BAC to choose Plan 3 and to keep our students at Cowan. Thank you.</p> <p>(redacted)</p>
5/6/2019 21:52	Cowan Elementary	I am a resident of Deer Park at Maple Run Subdivision. Please keep our subdivision and children in Cowan Elementary.
5/6/2019 21:59	Cowan Elementary	I wanted to give my input to the ongoing school boundary plans potentially effecting our school zoning. While I can see the thought process and logic in the various proposals, option 3 is the best plan for our family and neighborhood. Thank you for taking the time to work through these important matters and considering the community input.
5/7/2019 7:11	Cowan Elementary	Preference plan 3
5/7/2019 9:54	Cowan Elementary	I think that students already enrolled at Cowan for the 2019-2020 school year should be allowed to stay at Cowan if that is the family's preference, whether through an opt-in provision for the new boundaries or through a guaranteed acceptance transfer request.
5/7/2019 9:56	Cowan Elementary	I prefer the Map 3 boundaries for the Cowan Elementary redraw.
5/7/2019 10:23	Cowan Elementary	We moved this past year from Maple Run to Deer Park to be within the Cowan school boundary. I strongly prefer that when the boundary changes are chosen that AISD go with Plan 3 for the Southwest/South Central boundary change. If the boundaries do change otherwise, I feel that there should be an opt-in provision for the new boundaries, allowing students already enrolled to remain uninterrupted in their school.

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5/7/2019 11:50	Cowan Elementary	We moved this past year from Maple Run to Deer Park specifically to be within the Cowan school boundary. We strongly prefer that when the boundary changes are decided upon that AISD go with Plan 3 for the Southwest/South Central boundary change. If the boundaries do change otherwise, we feel that there should be an opt-in provision for the new boundaries, allowing students already enrolled to remain uninterrupted in their school.
5/7/2019 12:00	Cowan Elementary	<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>With most issues, it is important to understand some of the concerns of the problem. The Boundary Advisory Committee (BAC) should consider that Baranoff and Kiker are the root issue, changes to the boundaries of other areas have major impacts to families where they may not be necessary. Specifically in trying to address Boone and Cowan, where redrawing the lines seems to be a short-term fix instead of long term. Cyclicalities, families, moving rates, and all data put into the process needs to be provided for the reasons why Cowan/Boone should be changed and the valid complaints or issues.</p> <p>While walkability is important, there are more issues within the schools that have not been addressed such as our tax dollars not being used to address outdated conditions within Austin schools. The main goals for changing boundaries should be about prioritizing meaningful education and listening to the community whether that is addressed. Complaints about overcrowding at Cowan are unwarranted, the community loves the school and people are clamoring more of fixing issues at the school than overcrowding at the school. Changing boundary lines does nothing to solve the issue and is like putting a sticker on a leaking pipe.</p> <p>As an upcoming parent child unborn, we bought our house with the primary reason of going to Cowan Elementary based on positive feedback about the school. With our child now in 3rd grade, we understand the commitment the school has provided to the children and understand why the feedback was so positive. Our family has grown since then, and each of our children should be provided the same opportunity of flourishing under the care and education of Cowan's faculty and educators, not forced to undergo an unnecessary change which may have long lasting impacts due to new construction impacting existing homeowners. Knowingly providing our child with better opportunities by moving into an area which would attend this school has allowed our child to be recognized in the Gifted and Talented program, winning a 1st place award in the science fair, and having the opportunity to participate and being awarded in this year's AISD's Music Memory. Some opportunities we knew about, and other opportunities our child has discovered with the guidance of Cowan. In the AISD Music Memory occurrence, this would not have been possible as Boone Elementary did not participate. Our children are the future, and we decided a long time ago that we would invest in that future by purchasing a home that feeds into Cowan Elementary.</p> <p>New construction of families moving in to the area should not be impacting long time homeowners who have contributed to the community in devoted time and property tax. The issue of only Kiker/Baranoff boundaries should be planned without impact to Cowan or Boone boundaries. Unnecessary boundary changes not only impacts a student's well-being, but it may also negatively impact property values. Fixing walkability scores does not provide homeowners with any solution to where they have spent their life savings investing in a property that would knowingly feed into an excellent school. Several new construction homes and apartment complexes sprouted in the community, if these are the issue of overcrowding then these should be addressed. Redrawing the current lines will not have any</p>
5/7/2019 19:37	Cowan Elementary	Hi, I currently live on Muskdeer Drive and I would LOVE to keep our neighborhood in Cowan Elementary - preference for PLAN 3. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!

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5/8/2019 14:45	Cowan Elementary	<p>I would like to register my vote/preference for Plan 3 on the Cowan/Boone/Baranoff/New Elementary re-zoning of school boundaries. How do I do that?</p> <p>Thank you so much! (redacted)</p>
5/8/2019 18:53	Cowan Elementary	<p>I would like to register my preference for Plan 3 for the AISD Boundary Advisory Committee's choice regarding the changing of boundaries in Sendera, Deer Park, and Deer Run. That is, I would like for my house in Sendera (redacted) Austin, TX 78749 to remain in the Cowan Elementary School district.</p>
5/8/2019 20:25	Cowan Elementary	<p>Hi, I live in the neighborhood and while I don't have children I heard the concern of rezoning from several parents in the neighborhood. In discussing their concerns further, I agree that I would like Deer Park and Sendera to remain part of the Cowan boundaries. Part of the reason my partner and I moved into this neighbor was because we had heard that the schools were awesome and we were comforted by the idea that when we do decide to have children, that will be one less thing we need to worry about. If you have any additional questions for me, let me know. Thank you! -(redacted)</p>
5/9/2019 9:50	Cowan Elementary	<p>I live in Deer Park and my son will be a pre-K (4K) student at Cowan this fall. He is (redacted). His accommodations and relationships will soon be established at Cowan, and I would like to have the option to keep him at this school if our boundary line changes to Boone. Like many other parents, we've also invested deposits in several after school care waitlists tied to Cowan. Being forced out would re-start that waitlist process at another school, create an increased financial burden, and add stress for many families around how to manage aftercare. I understand that it may make sense to move our boundary to Boone, but I ask that you please minimize the disruption for existing students, especially those with special needs, and allow them the choice to remain at Cowan for the rest of their elementary experience.</p>
5/9/2019 10:45	Cowan Elementary	<p>I strongly urge the BAC to choose Plan 3 when making it's final decision for the Cowan-Boone student reapportionment. The Deer Park, Maple Run, and Sendera communities are all strongly committed to Cowan Elementary, and already see Cowan as our neighborhood school. My family purchased our home in August 2016 in large part because our children would attend Cowan specifically.</p> <p>If a map other than the one under Plan 3 is adopted, families already enrolled in Cowan should be given the option to be "grandfathered in" so as not to unnecessarily disrupt the education of these children.</p> <p>While all the attention has been paid to Circle C, it's understandable that students need to be moved to accommodate the opening of a new school. But there is no immediate need to disrupt children currently going to Cowan to alter the balance of enrollment in the long run. To do so would only be mean spirited.</p> <p>Please don't ignore our Deer Park, Maple Run, and Sendera neighborhoods because one wealthier one is making the most noise. Please adopt Plan 3, and in any event, allow all students to finish their elementary education at the school they are currently attending.</p>
5/10/2019 11:08	Cowan Elementary	<p>I want my child to remain in Cowan if the boundaries change and I definitely support to allow students already enrolled to remain undisrupted in their school.</p>

5/12/2019 16:40	Cowan Elementary	<p>With regard to the proposed Cowan/Boone boundary changes, I strongly prefer the committee select Plan 3 or make no changes at all. Of all the suggested Cowan/Boone boundary plans, Plan 3 is least disruptive, affects the fewest number of families, and creates the least amount of safety issues.</p> <p>With much higher turnover rates in the luxury apartments at The Brodie, Ridgeview, and the Villages of Bella Vista, there is less likelihood to split siblings or legacy students. Plan 3 is least disruptive and will not separate neighbors, carpool groups, or after-school care as much as the other plans.</p> <p>Plan 3 affects the fewest number of students in the smallest geographic area while also establishing the only true, walk-able plan with safe routes to school. Students in Plan 3 have access to continuous sidewalks, crosswalks and signals for major intersections, and safe street crossings at non-intersections.</p> <p>While the other plans might be considered walk-able, the reality is that there are blocks missing continuous sidewalks, and routes go through busy, heavily trafficked residential thoroughfares with blind corners and speeding traffic. Under the other plans, routes are also missing crosswalks with signals at intersections and there are no safe street crossings at non-intersections. In recent years, for example, a City of Austin speed study along Copano Dr. north of Davis Lane showed the average car speed is 48 mph; the speed limit on Copano Dr. is 30 mph and there are no crosswalks or safe street crossings along the route to Boone. Because of this, very few students will likely walk to school on the other plans. In turn, this will create significantly more car traffic around our schools and in school zones, posing more safety issues at Boone.</p> <p>As a long-time community member, if the committee decides to make a boundary change, I urge you to pick Plan 3.</p> <p>Lastly, if a change is made, I strongly believe there should be an opt-in provision under the new boundaries, allowing students already enrolled in their school to remain undisrupted for the duration of their elementary school education.</p> <p>Sincerely, (redacted)</p>
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5/18/2019 7:18	Cowan Elementary	<p>Thank you so much for addressing overcrowding at Cowan. I would only ask that you strongly consider grandfathering in ALL students who are currently enrolled at whatever school.</p> <p>With the Cowan/Boone situation, it will be very challenging to keep all of Sendera together and still adhere to the top priority of walkability; Sendera crosses two major thoroughfares, as you know. While we would LOVE to all go to the same school, and we appreciate you considering that, we also want our children to go to excellent schools that aren't bursting at the seams.</p> <p>For me, this is not an issue of "I don't like Boone." Boone is a great school with wonderful teachers. My neighbor actually transferred to Boone precisely because Cowan is so large.</p> <p>What I am troubled by is the prospect of my children changing schools again. We only just moved to our home school, Cowan. My children are in K and 2 this year. If our boundaries change, they'll go to three elementary schools before graduating.</p> <p>I know that children are resilient. I know that many of the students I work with attend three schools each year. But that's not what I want for my child. And yes, I am also aware that as an employee of the district, I could (hopefully) avoid that scenario with a transfer. There are those who aren't as fortunate, though, and I would just ask that you strongly consider the possibility of grandfathering in EVERYONE enrolled for the 2018-19 SY. Grandfathering would also help maintain capacity closer to that 110% mark.</p> <p>Thank you for the consideration.</p>
5/20/2019 11:47	Cowan Elementary	<p>I am sending feedback that I am against Plan 10 for Cowan boundary changes unless you will include grandfathering. I have a current 3rd grader at Cowan, and she is my youngest. My children have only attended Cowan, and we are very loyal to AISD. I would be extremely disappointed and upset if she had to change schools only for 5th grade in the 2020-21 school year. Overall, my opinion is that all changes should be grandfathered/phased in, starting with kindergartners. Thank you for recording my comment.</p>
5/20/2019 12:12	Cowan Elementary	<p>We have been a proud Cowan family since 2012. Both of our children have attended Cowan since kindergarten and our son who now attends Covington Fine Arts Academy is thriving there which I know is a direct result of his formative years at Cowan. Our daughter is completing the third grade this year and she has had some challenges. A disruption in the consistency and familiarity of the Cowan family I fear would cause her serious setbacks in the progress she has made. Cowan has been a major part of our lives and our children's success for many years and we need that to continue.</p>

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5/29/2019 9:38	Cowan Elementary	<p>After looking at all plans presented for Cowan - Boone boundary it is my opinion that plans 3 is still the best option. I don't think any of the plans have a major impact on the enrollment at Boone which was the whole purpose of this process. I believe they would all have a somewhat negative effect on Cowan.</p> <p>After looking at all plans presented for Cowan - Boone boundary it is my opinion that plans 3 is still the best option. Plan 13 has potential but there is still the issue that it splits the Sendera neighborhood. It still has the 3 streets that are a portion of Sendera (Barrows Glen Loop, Puckett Ct., and a portion of Copano Dr.) included in the portion of homes that would move to Boone. If the committee would make the change to keep the Sendera neighborhood whole than I believe plan 13 would be a viable plan because it meets the criteria set forth. Although I still think it drops Cowan to a point where transfers will be allowed in the near future which would get us right back to the point we are at now. All others plans have issues with the criteria set forth either with not moving the numbers significantly, walk ability, or splitting neighborhoods.</p> <p>Plan 3 meets the criteria set forth - It gets Boone close to the 75% mark in year three and drops Cowan to below 115% in year 3. Boone would be walkable for those students that move where as Cowan is not walk able for them now. It also keeps neighborhoods whole and has less impact on homeowners that may have bought homes in the area to specifically send there children to Cowan.</p> <p>Plan 13 needs to be adjusted to include ALL of Sendera neighborhood (Barrows Glen Loop, Puckett Ct., and a portion of Copano Dr.). If that happens then it too would meet the criteria - Boone would be at 77% in year three Cowan would be at 98% (may be to low and have a negative effect), would be walkable and would keep the neighborhoods intact.</p> <p>Cowan has been frozen for transfers for a few years now and I think several if not all the plans would open Cowan back up for transfers again within a couple of years. If that happens I believe it would be bad politics on AISDs behalf to move familys that have established themselves in community/school only to allow students that don't live in the area to fill the holes they were forced to create.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration</p>
6/2/2019 10:16	Cowan Elementary	<p>I am very concerned and upset that the new Cowan/Boone school zones being proposed in Map 9 is splitting the Sendera neighborhood. Our neighborhood is very important to us. It is the reason we joined the sendera community. Breaking up our neighborhood will cost our daughter her friends and our sense of community.</p>
6/2/2019 13:08	Cowan Elementary	<p>We are very upset about plan 9 being chosen, and the possibility of our Sendera neighborhood being divided. Students have been crossing Davis and Brodie for years, so why is this just now a concern? If this plan goes through, our daughter will be separated from her friends and our community will be negatively impacted in multiple ways. Please don't change our zoning.</p>
6/3/2019 10:31	Cowan Elementary	<p>I am very upset over the Board's choice and reasoning to move ahead and propose Map 9 for rezoning of the Cowan/Boone school zones. Kids have been crossing Brodie for years and will continue to cross Brodie after this rezoning goes into effect. So that point is not valid. What is valid and not being taken into consideration is the breaking up of neighborhoods and communities. We have spent years building the Sendera community up with other families and now that is being ripped from us. We will have to break our kids up from their friends and lose our neighborhood and the community we have poured our hearts into. Map 13 is the correct map because it keeps communities whole.</p>

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6/3/2019 10:39	Cowan Elementary	BAC selected Plan 9 as the top plan to reorganize Boone/Cowan ignoring the fact that Plan 13 ranked higher. By AISD guidelines, plan that should be selected should be the plan that ranked the highest. Plan 9's ranking was 20.82 while Plan 13 was ranked 21.23. Why is the BAC disregarding guidelines provided by AISD? Please review and adjust this decision to align with what AISD's criteria and instructions which would make Plan 13 the correct option for Boone/Cowan reorganization.
6/3/2019 10:46	Cowan Elementary	I am very concerned that the BAC is considering Map 9 over Map 13 even though Map 13 is the rezoning that had the highest rating and approval. What is the point of people choosing and having opinions if the board is going to do that they what anyway? Map 9 rips apart the Sendera community. I do not feel like this is being given enough consideration. Keeping families together should be a priority. The rezoning does not stop kids from crossing Brodie lane. Something that has never been a problem before.
6/3/2019 10:46	Cowan Elementary	It is my understanding that Map 9 was chosen as the preferred map for the Cowan / Boone boundary change. I have to say I am shocked and highly confused! Your own criteria guidelines state under RESULTS - "Highest score is the preferred map. If there is a tie - then the map with the highest primary criteria becomes the preferred map" Map 13 scored the same or higher on every criteria point as Map 9! Map 13 has an overall higher score than Map 9 as well. I would like for someone to explain how Map 9 was chosen even though Map 13 was the better map according to the criteria given. It even states in the AISD document that the "HIGHEST SCORE IS THE PREFERRED MAP" I would like the committee to reconsider this decision because it goes directly against the criteria set forth. I BELIEVE AISD AND THE COMMITTEE SHOULD STAND BY THE CRITERIA THEY SET FORTH AND CHOOSE THE MAP THAT SCORED THE HIGHEST.
6/3/2019 18:35	Cowan Elementary	We are very upset the committee has proposed a plan that breaks up the Sendera neighborhood into two school zones. Sendera invests so much in creating close neighbors. As families, we are raising our children together. Sending our kids to different schools creates division. It takes a village and we have a strong village in a Sendera that wants to stay that way and we aren't a massive subdivision like Circle C or Shady Hallow.
6/4/2019 9:47	Cowan Elementary	I am very concerned that rezoning is dividing Sendera Community. It seems to me that the issue is between having children from The Bella Vista apartments cross Brodie or breaking apart an established community. While safety is always a concern a long standing community should always be considered before an apartment complex . Renters tend to come and go while the Sendera neighborhood had been around for close to 25 years.
6/4/2019 11:39	Cowan Elementary	Proposed Map 9, splits up our Sendera neighborhood. PLEASE DO NOT SPLIT UP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!!! I would rather the entire neighborhood goes to either Cowan or Boone. Sendera spans from about Alexandria to Norman Trail (North and South Boundary) and from about Latta to Corran Ferry Drive (East and West Boundary).
6/5/2019 7:48	Cowan Elementary	We are so upset and feel duped by this decision. We bought this home specifically to be in the Cowan system four years ago. Our three daughters have attended there and the fourth will attend in 2020. Until this plan. Everything we heard was so it would be easier to walk, but there is still no way to walk up Davis. It seems this division should be left as is and once the transfers go away the school will even our. Please reconsider this plan. The neighborhood is getting split up and this affects our lives. We feel angry and unheard. We've attended meetings but haven't been able to speak.
6/5/2019 11:36	Cowan Elementary	I am concerned that the BAC is ignoring the AISD's guidelines in choosing new school zones, Weren't the AISD instructions to BAC to select the highest rated plan based upon predetermined criteria? Didn't Plan 13 actually scored higher (21.23) than Plan 9 (20.82)? If so why did the BAC still selected Plan 9? This is very concerning and seems underhanded.

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6/6/2019 20:08	Cowan Elementary	When buying the family home community and schools are a huge part of that decision. Moving the school boundary line will split the community and it's children. Find another way and leave this community in tacked!
6/12/2019 10:06	Cowan Elementary	We the Residents of Sendera are very concerned that the BAC is proposing to splitting up our neighborhood and not following the guidelines set forth by the AISD as to which map to propose. We started an online petition (the link is below) that has comments by residents of Sendera as to why they are against the Map 9 proposal. This petition coupled with the signatures collected are close to 200 people that are against this proposal. https://www.thepetitionsite.com/155/832/386/keep-sendera-whole/
6/12/2019 10:08	Cowan Elementary	We moved to our home in Sendera in July 2018 in order for our daughter to be able to attend Cowan. We have made a community with our Sendera neighbors that we worry will be broken if our school zoning lines are redrawn.
6/12/2019 10:10	Cowan Elementary	We bought our home just last year because it is zoned to Cowan. We've toured 3 times and our daughter is ecstatic to start kindergarten in the Fall. We feel all of the Sendera community should remain together at Cowan.
6/12/2019 10:10	Cowan Elementary	Keep Sendera together. Myself and so many other families did the research and worked hard to purchase a home in Sendera because of the schools. It would be detrimental to the Sendera community to split the neighborhood.
6/12/2019 10:10	Cowan Elementary	We would like to see continued community continuity.
6/12/2019 10:12	Cowan Elementary	I want my kids, who have grown up with our neighbors, to go to the same schools. Our neighborhood is very small. We would love to keep our families together!
6/14/2019 11:21	Cowan Elementary	As a Sendera resident- it is SO VERY important to me that our neighborhood stay together at Cowan. Our kids are growing up together, our neighborhood is very active and it is so necessary for us to keep these kids together in school.

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6/17/2019 9:03	Cowan Elementary	<p>I would like BAC to reconsider recommending Plan 9 for purposed boundary changes between Cowan and Boone Elementary as Plan 13 is the better option.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Only 11 committee members scored all Cowan/Boone plans. All members should be scoring these maps considering these changes are very important to the community. 2. Plan 9 was scored inaccurately as committee was unaware of lack of walk-ability for the neighborhoods/apartments being effected. One committee member stated she would've probably voted differently given the information provided by Cowan parents at 6/13/19 BAC meeting. 3. The only difference between Plans 9 and 13 involves Sendera North and Villages at Bella Vista apartments. Walk-ability from the apartments to Boone is significantly safer in Plan 13. Plan 9 would force kids to cross busy residential roads (including Copano Rd) which lack sufficient crosswalks. 4. Plan 13 takes Cowan's enrollment to 110% by year 3, which Cowan is comfortable with, and increase Boone to 74%. Plan 9 would drop Cowan enrollment to 104% by year 3, potentially opening Cowan to transfers again, while Boone enrollment increases to 79%. Add in the number of transfers graduating from Cowan in the next 2 years then their population projection would decrease even further. Getting Cowan enrollment to the point where they would be open for transfers within 3 years would negate the need for rezoning and would really upset the community who intentionally moved into homes that feed to Cowan. I suspect a large number of families would transfer their children out of Boone back to Cowan if given the opportunity. 5. Cowan community does not want, or need, assistance with over crowding. Enrollment will naturally decrease as transfer students move to middle school. Lets be honest, these changes are to boost Boone's enrollment. AISD needs to make Boone a more enticing campus instead of pulling students for Cowan under the guise of reducing overcrowding. The most sustainable way to increase Boone's enrollment is by adding sought after programs, such as dual language, to the school. 6. There is absolutely no need to separate a subdivision to increase Boone enrollment. Plan 13 satisfies the goal of repopulating Boone while providing relief to Cowan and impacting the fewest families. <p>Please recommend Plan 13 for Cowan/Boone rezoning.</p>
6/18/2019 10:39	Cowan Elementary	<p>The BAC is over looking one of the rating guidelines. Secondary #2 states "use major roads AND Subdivisions as boundaries" They are not taking the subdivisions into account. The BAC is proposing to split up the Sendera Neighborhood. Needlessly harming families and children.</p>

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6/19/2019 8:14	Cowan Elementary	<p>At last night's BAC meeting the committee asked for additional feedback from the stakeholders (Principals, Asst Principals, CACs, etc) to use to make boundary decisions. The same individuals then immediately decided to completely disregard stakeholder feedback regarding grandfathering for students impacted by boundary changes. Effected school CAC's requested the following grandfathering for their campus.</p> <p>Kiker - Rising 5th graders Baranoff - Rising 4th and 5th graders Cowan - Either all students currently enrolled at time of change OR rising 5th graders and their siblings.</p> <p>BAC elected to not use CAC feedback. Instead, they proposed to have one option for all schools to avoid negative feedback from community. The community told the BAC what they wanted for each of their schools!!</p> <p>Cowan's situation is different from Kiker and Baranoff in that our overcrowding will naturally resolve as transfer student graduate to 6th grade. AISD enrollment numbers are not reflecting the 79 transfer students that will be gone by 2021/22. By year 3, Cowan enrollment will drop to approximately 688. That's about 106% capacity.</p> <p>Since AISD is determine to move kids from Cowan to Boone, do it in the gentlest possible way for existing students. Give all enrolled Cowan students, or at least rising 5th and siblings, the opportunity finish elementary at Cowan. There is no need to quickly move students out of Cowan to relieve overcrowding.</p> <p>In reality, Cowan's rezoning is to boost Boone's enrollment. The best way to increase, and maintain, Boone enrollment is to add sought-after programs, such as dual language, to Boone, not to appropriate kids from Cowan.</p>
6/19/2019 13:22	Cowan Elementary	I am writing in support of choosing Plan 13 for the Cowan/Boone rezoning.
6/19/2019 13:23	Cowan Elementary	<p>Good afternoon,</p> <p>I am a resident of Sendera neighborhood and would like to advocate for adopting plan 13 to keep the Sendera neighborhood together and zoned to Cowan Elementary School. My wife and I are parents to two children that will be part of AISD, with our eldest starting kindergarten in fall 2019. In the time that we have lived at our address (redacted), our family has made solid relationships and developed a strong network with the families of Sendera. We believe keeping our neighborhood all zoned to the same schools is central to the growth and development of our children and the health and wellness of our community.</p> <p>Please consider our request.</p> <p>Warmly, (redacted) Pronouns: she/her/hers</p>

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6/19/2019 13:28	Cowan Elementary	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I am a resident of Sendera neighborhood and would like to advocate for adopting plan 13 to keep the Sendera neighborhood together and zoned to Cowan Elementary School. My husband and I are parents to two children that will be part of AISD, with our eldest starting kindergarten in fall 2020. In the time that we have lived at our address at (redacted). our family has made solid relationships and developed a strong network with the families of Sendera. We believe keeping our neighborhood all zoned to the same schools is central to the growth and development of our children and the health and wellness of our community.</p> <p>Please consider our request. (redacted)</p>
6/19/2019 13:48	Cowan Elementary	<p>Good afternoon,</p> <p>I am a resident of Sendera neighborhood and would like to advocate for adopting plan 13 to keep the Sendera neighborhood together and zoned to Cowan Elementary School. It would be horrible to separate the solid relationships and strong network of the families of Sendera. We believe keeping our neighborhood all zoned to the same schools is central to the growth and development of our children and the health and wellness of our community.</p> <p>Please consider our request.</p> <p>Sincerely, (redacted)</p>
6/20/2019 13:17	Cowan Elementary	Please select Plan 13 for Cowan rezoning.
6/21/2019 11:10	Cowan Elementary	I am extremely disappointed at the BAC overlooking the highest rated map. They did it again at the Jun 18th meeting. Either the rating system is flawed or the BAC does not care about it's own guidelines.
6/21/2019 13:47	Cowan Elementary	<p>After the BAC voted to recommend Plan B for Kiker leaving (3 yr = 110% capacity) and Plan I for Baranoff (3 yr = 112% capacity), I am angry., because if the did absolutely NOTHING to Cowan/Boone boundaries, in 3 years Cowan would be at about 105% capacity. This shows that Cowan population is staying flat or increasing slightly and enrollment is going down only slightly. If we had 35 transfer students graduate this year, why are Cowan's enrollment numbers only going down by 7?! Our population would have to be increasing significantly to offset the only slight decrease in enrollment. The following year we have 44 transfer students graduating and so on. That means they CANNOT be accounting for the current transfers and the enrollment numbers they are projecting are WRONG.</p>

6/25/2019 8:16	Cowan Elementary	<p>Dear BAC,</p> <p>I'm writing you to ask that you reconsider your recommendation for Cowan/Boone Elementary schools before the July 18 open house.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is absolutely no need to separate a subdivision to increase Boone enrollment. Plan 13 satisfies the goal of repopulating Boone while providing relief to Cowan and impacting the fewest families. • The BAC is in direct violation of one of its core principals when making their decision on which Plan they would recommend to the community potentially the Superintendent and Board of Trustees. I'm referring to the May 29, 2019 meeting. The principle state: WE WILL BE GUIDED by facts and data—not by assumptions or rumors—in decision-making. When the decision was made to go with Plan 9 committee members were persuaded by the opinions of a few members on the board. The Bella Vista Apartments are luxury not lower income families. The other assumption that was made by the committee was that it would be easier for the folks in the Bella Vista apartments to walk to Cowan instead of Boone. This was another assumption made because there are no sidewalks on Davis to get to Boone. Also, if you look at the map Bella Vista to Boone is 0.7 mile compared to Cowan is 1.8 miles on a walkable path. • Plan 9 was scored inaccurately as committee was unaware of lack of walk-ability for the neighborhoods/apartments being effected. One committee member stated she would've probably voted differently given the information provided by Cowan parents at 6/13/19 BAC meeting. • Plan 9 would open Cowan up for transfers long-term and divide a neighborhood. Why not recommend Plan 13 and keep neighborhoods together for the long-term that helps to build children with deep roots and understanding of commitment to your community. • Boone can increase enrollment by offering special programs like Dual-Language. <p>Lastly, I would like to comment on the Committee's continued comments about breaking hearts and people don't want to change. First I want to say that I agree with those statements on certain level, but I believe in doing what is best for the community, and nobody knows their community better than the people that live there. There seems to be a real lack in giving weight to what parents and the CACs are saying. You cannot in good conscious tear communities apart in order to meet a forever changing bottomline. WE ARE NOT NUMBERS! I'm from a small town in Wyoming and through this process I've learned why I find keeping a community/subdivision together is so important. That is because if we want to build strong, independent, respectful citizens that care we have to start at the local community level and for me that means knowing and being involved in the lives of my direct neighbors. Listen to us, please. #savesendera</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration, (redacted) Mother of 2, resident of Senders</p>
6/25/2019 14:04	Cowan Elementary	<p>There is absolutely no need to separate a subdivision to increase Boone enrollment. Plan 13 satisfies the goal of repopulating Boone while providing relief to Cowan and impacting the fewest families.</p> <p>Plan 13 takes Cowan's enrollment to 110% by year 3, which Cowan is comfortable with, and increase Boone to 74%.</p> <p>The Cowan community does not want, or need, assistance with over crowding. Enrollment will naturally decrease as transfer students move to middle school.</p> <p>Please recommend Plan 13 for Cowan/Boone rezoning</p>

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6/27/2019 13:52	Cowan Elementary	<p>Residents for Sendera disagrees with the results of this vote for the following reasons:</p> <p>The vote was not needed as Plan 13 received the highest score (21.23) in the scoring of all Plans. The Guidelines provided for the committee to follow stated at the bottom of the page that the "Highest score is the preferred map."</p> <p>The secondary criteria that was used to rank the Plans was NOT scored properly by the committee.</p> <p>The lack of knowledge of the neighborhood streets, landscape, distance of walking, and safety made the determination of walkability incorrect and not sound in judgement.</p> <p>The results of scoring show that the committee members that did score the Plans did NOT use the secondary criteria 2 "Use major roads AND subdivisions as boundaries" in ranking the Plans. It seems apparent that some members only used major roads and not subdivisions in their scoring.</p>
6/29/2019 21:02	Cowan Elementary	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>I live in the Maple Run subdivision which was recently moved to Boone Elementary. I have a incoming 3rd grader who has been at Cowan since Kinder and I feel very distressed at having her move for the last two years of elementary. Can you please allow children who are already at Cowan to finish their time there? I also teach at Lake Travis but love Cowan. If my daughter can't finish her time at Cowan, I will very likely pull her from Austin ISD.</p> <p>She loves her school so much and just wants to be a "Cowan since Kinder" at her 5th grade graduation.</p> <p>Thanks so much for your time. (redacted)</p>
7/11/2019 16:13	Cowan Elementary	<p>I am very concerned about the BAC's decision to recommend Plan 9 when Plan 13 meets all the AISD requirements (school enrollment and capacity) and keeps our children out of harm's way. Plan 9 calls for kids to either walk on Davis Lane, which has no sidewalks, or travel close to 2 miles. I feel strongly that the BAC should revote after learning these facts.</p>
7/11/2019 16:22	Cowan Elementary	<p>Good afternoon,</p> <p>I am a resident of Sendera neighborhood and would like to advocate for adopting plan 13 to keep the Sendera neighborhood together and zoned to Cowan Elementary School. In the time that we have lived at our address at (redacted), our family has made solid relationships and developed a strong network with the families of Sendera. We believe keeping our neighborhood all zoned to the same schools is central to the health and wellness of our community.</p> <p>Please consider our request. (redacted)</p>

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7/20/2019 12:30	Cowan Elementary	<p>To Whom it May Concern:</p> <p>I understand you are faced with difficult decisions, but I wanted to request you reconsider only grandfathering 5th graders. As you know, all grade levels and their families have been a part of our school's positive environment and formed a community. If it is important not to move a 5th grader, then why 4th? 3rd? etc? Since the change will only have a marginal effect at the start, I think it is more important not to force change on our students' environment. Both my husband and myself transferred schools at the Elementary level, and the experience had an affect on our social and emotional learning. I hope you will reconsider and grandfather all current students.</p>
3/5/2019 11:27	Kiker Elementary	<p>I live in the Wildflower Park section of Circle C (redacted). This is a small subdivision on the east side of Mopac off La Crosse. We are zoned to Kiker and would like to stay that way. We are less than a mile to Kiker and it is the closest school to our neighborhood. Once the new bridge is finish going over Mopac we will have a safe way to bike or walk to school avoiding the need to drive or take a bus. Please do not rezone this neighborhood. The traffic will make it very challenging to get to any other school in the area. Again we are less than a mile to Kiker. Our neighborhood has one exit and entrance onto LaCrosse - getting to any other school would require getting on to a highway and making a much longer journey.</p> <p>Thanks.</p>
3/27/2019 8:49	Kiker Elementary	<p>Please keep Kiker for our families and CC Wildflower Park neighborhood. Its an environmentally sound decision, as many parents and children walk or bike to Kiker each day from the CC Wildflower Park. It makes no sense to have parents and children that walk together and/or ride bikes to have to get into a car and drive or have children put onto a bus that is nearly four miles away when Kiker is a 1/2 mile from our neighborhood.</p>
4/3/2019 17:25	Kiker Elementary	<p>I received a notice that the Wildflower Flower Park neighborhood may be zoned to the Southwest Elementary School. I was wondering if parents of students from the WFP neighborhood have been polled to see if they rather stay at Kiker or not. In addition, do we know if students attending Kiker from WFP mostly walk, bike, or take the bus, or do their parents drive them? Would there be an increase in cost to bus these students to Southwest?</p> <p>I live in the WFP neighborhood and have a child that will begin kinder in 2020. We would walk or bike to school most days if our child was going to Kiker. I think it is wonderful when kids can walk and/or bike to school which won't be realistic if these children are zoned for Southwest. I recognize maybe other parents don't care to walk or bike, so maybe we are in the minority here. How much time would kids from WFP spend on a bus if they go to Southwest? I don't love the bus so we would probably drive our child if they attend Southwest. All of that being said, we would love to do the dual language program with our child, which isn't at Kiker, so we are hoping we could convince Southwest Elementary to being a dual language school, though we assume that is a long shot.</p> <p>Anyhow, I would love to hear the reasoning for switching WFP to Southwest. I'm not necessarily against it, or for it at this point, but would like to know what makes the district consider such a change. Thank you.</p>

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4/3/2019 22:03	Kiker Elementary	We have lived in South Austin since 2007 and know the area well. We moved from our previous house for no other reason than for the schools. When we first started to talking about moving, we spent over two years researching schools all over South Austin and decided on Circle C SPECIFICALLY because of Kiker Elementary (and Gorzycki/ Bowie). Our old house was much more financially comfortable for us, but we knew that our children's education was too important NOT to move to this school district, so we made the sacrifices necessary to invest in our children's education. Once we decided on Circle C, we chose Wildflower Park because it was walking distance to Kiker and Bowie was practically in our back yard. We moved the summer before our oldest child started kindergarten. (redacted) I have never been more grateful for our choice to move here, as Kiker is known far and wide for their amazing special ed and reading support programs. I honestly don't know what we would do if Wildflower Park were to be rezoned. Moving to another part of Circle C is not possible financially, but taking my son away from his trusted support system is not an option either. It devastating for our family if we were rezoned.
4/4/2019 8:11	Kiker Elementary	My family lives in the Wildflower Park neighborhood in Circle C on the east side of La Crosse. We are zoned to Kiker and believe we should remain zoned to Kiker. I recently returned from a visit to Los Angeles. The city represented a dystopic warning for Austin of what can happen when there are too many cars on the road. The city is full of bad air and car crashes. We have all experienced the traffic congestion relief in the summer months. Students are not commuting to the schools. With this in mind, Wildflower Park is in the unique position to provide traffic relief during the school year. We can simply walk and bike to Kiker. It is good for the environment, good for the community, and good for the kids. Please consider keeping Wildflower Park zoned to Kiker as it will alleviate further traffic congestion in Southwest Austin.
4/4/2019 9:22	Kiker Elementary	Hi, I live in the Wildflower Park neighborhood of Circle C and I have two boys that attend Kiker. We would like to remain within the Kiker boundary for a number of reasons. The most obvious reason for us to stay at Kiker is the distance between our neighborhood and Kiker. We live at the back of the neighborhood, and even then, our walk to Kiker is only 1 mile. Once the LaCrosse bridge is complete (by the end of the summer), our route to school on foot or bike will be easily accessible and safe. We are looking forward to walking to our neighborhood school. The new elementary school is 4 miles from our home and would require us to take either the bus or drive to school on very busy highways. Not only is the bus/car option to the new school more dangerous than walking/driving to Kiker, it is also more time consuming, which would put a strain on families in the morning to get their kids out the door even earlier than they do now. No other elementary school is closer to Wildflower Park than Kiker. I'd ask that you please keep the Wildflower Park neighborhood zoned to Kiker. The walkability, safety, and time management issues all point to Kiker as the most reasonable and safe choice for the Wildflower Park neighborhood. Thank you.
4/4/2019 9:41	Kiker Elementary	We are writing to request that Wildflower Park be allowed to stay within the Kiker boundary. We chose our neighborhood and home based upon the close proximity of Kiker and our ability to hopefully walk or bike there. Thank you for your consideration.

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4/4/2019 9:43	Kiker Elementary	Hello. I am a resident of Circle C Wildflower Park and have a child at Kiker Elementary. Circle C Wildflower Park would like to remain zoned to Kiker Elementary School, which is within walking distance of our neighborhood. We would like to remain at our current school for environmental reasons, safety reasons, consistency, to maintain our property values, and because it is geographically close. Staying zoned to Kiker helps the environment because many parents and kids walked to school before the construction and would like to resume walking to school once the construction is complete. Walking is more environmentally friendly than driving, and also helps cut down on morning vehicle traffic. Many residents purchased homes in this neighborhood for the specific reason that it is zoned to Kiker Elementary School. Kiker Elementary school has many superior programs that attract people from all over. Changing the zoning would cause our property values to decrease, and for many of us, our homes are our biggest investment. The residents of Circle C Wildflower Park feel strongly that we should remain zoned to Kiker Elementary School.
4/4/2019 10:13	Kiker Elementary	Circle C Wildflower Park would like to remain zoned to Kiker Elementary School, which is within walking distance of our neighborhood. We would like to remain at our current school for environmental reasons, safety reasons, consistency, to maintain our property values, and because it is geographically close. Staying zoned to Kiker helps the environment because many parents and kids walked to school before the construction and would like to resume walking to school once the construction is complete. Walking is more environmentally friendly than driving, and also helps cut down on morning vehicle traffic. Many residents purchased homes in this neighborhood for the specific reason that it is zoned to Kiker Elementary School. Kiker Elementary school has many superior programs that attract people from all over. Changing the zoning would cause our property values to decrease, and for many of us, our homes are our biggest investment. The residents of Circle C Wildflower Park feel strongly that we should remain zoned to Kiker Elementary School.
4/4/2019 10:15	Kiker Elementary	This is in response to the proposed boundary change for Wildflower Park to be zoned to the new SW elementary school instead of Kiker Elementary. My husband and I purchased our home last year in Wildflower Park because it was so close to Kiker Elementary and are expecting our first child in just a few months. It would be devastating to us to have to rezone to a different elementary school. We choose this location specifically because of the schools. It is so important for us to stay zoned with our neighbors. Please reconsider the re-zoning of Wildflower Park and keep us within the Kiker boundary. Thank you so much.
4/4/2019 10:33	Kiker Elementary	Circle C Wildflower Park would like to remain zoned to Kiker Elementary School, which is within walking distance of our neighborhood. We would like to remain at our current school for environmental reasons, safety reasons, consistency, to maintain our property values, and because it is geographically close. Staying zoned to Kiker helps the environment because many parents and kids walked to school before the construction and would like to resume walking to school once the construction is complete. Walking is more environmentally friendly than driving, and also helps cut down on morning vehicle traffic. Many residents purchased homes in this neighborhood for the specific reason that it is zoned to Kiker Elementary School. Kiker Elementary school has many superior programs that attract people from all over. Changing the zoning would cause our property values to decrease, and for many of us, our homes are our biggest investment. The residents of Circle C Wildflower Park feel strongly that we should remain zoned to Kiker Elementary School.
4/4/2019 10:35	Kiker Elementary	I'm a Wildflower Park resident and am hoping you will keep our children at Kiker. We live in close proximity to the school. Children make friends at school and many of their friends live just across MoPac. Once the LaCrosse overpass is completed, we will only be a few minutes away, actually in walking distance. If students ride the bus, it's a short commute and low fuel cost for the district. Please do the right thing for our children and don't change the boundaries for Wildflower Park. Thank you!

4/4/2019 10:38	Kiker Elementary	Circle C Wildflower Park needs to remain zoned to Kiker Elementary School, which is within walking distance of our neighborhood. This is for environmental reasons, safety reasons, consistency, to maintain our property values, and because it is geographically close. Staying zoned to Kiker helps the environment because many parents and kids walked to school before the construction and would like to resume walking to school once the construction is complete. Walking is more environmentally friendly than driving, and also helps cut down on morning vehicle traffic. WE PURCHASED OUR HOME IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD for the specific reason that it is zoned to Kiker Elementary School. My wife is an elementary school teacher and when we moved to Austin she substitute taught at Kiker and fell in love with the school. Afterwards she drove around the neighborhood and fell in love with the homes as well – that is the whole reason that we live in Circle C. Kiker Elementary school has many superior programs that attract people from all over. Changing the zoning would cause our property values to decrease, and for many of us, our homes are our biggest investment. The residents of Circle C Wildflower Park feel strongly that we should remain zoned to Kiker Elementary School.
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4/4/2019 10:39	Kiker Elementary	<p>We purchased our home in Circle C Wildflower Park 4 years ago for one main reason, which is the schools. Prior to purchasing, we toured Bowie, Kiker and Clayton, and would have purchased elsewhere in Austin for less money most likely, if it weren't for those specific schools (and of course also Goryzicki Middle School).</p> <p>We have considered relocating to less expensive neighborhoods many times over this period, and the most unmovable reason we remain, is because we have children in Kiker and Goryzicki (GMS), and who plan to go to Bowie. It never occurred to us that the children at Kiker who live in Circle C Wildflower Park might ever be separated from the rest of their friends at Kiker, since it is the larger neighborhood and community to which we belong and that we chose to be a part of.</p> <p>Our home is our MAIN INVESTMENT, and we count on its property value for our future. If rezoned, not only will it undermine the entire reasoning and planning we've done in the past 4 years by taking away the very reason we are here (Kiker, GMS and Bowie), but also it will ABSOLUTELY have an impact on property value, since Kiker, GMS and Bowie are rated higher than alternative middle and high schools. (the new elementary school rating is obviously tbd, but part of the appeal of Kiker is also the special programs it offers and its reputation.)</p> <p>We moved into this community for a sense of community, belonging and continuity for our children, and rezoning to other schools would take that away from them, and undermine ALL the reasons for our financial and emotional investment, in this community. Honestly, the ONLY reasons we chose to remain here and put up with 3 years of disruptive construction, is</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) because the work underway will serve to LINK US MORE TIGHTLY to the community and schools in which we and our children belong, and make Mopac more safe for our kids to cross. Our plan is to have them bike to GMS when the construction is done. and 2) Because of its potential to improve property value. <p>Moving away from Kiker will fly in the face of both of those reasons, and we do not support it in any way.</p> <p>Decisions past and future, have been made with the expectation that our Wildflower Park kids will continue to go to Kiker. (and it follows, to Goryzicki Middle School of course.)</p> <p>It is noteworthy, that Kiker Elementary School is within walking distance of our neighborhood (as if Goryzicki easily going to be bikeable for middle school age kids).</p> <p>We would like to remain at our current school for environmental reasons, safety reasons, consistency, to maintain our property values, and because it is geographically close. Staying zoned to Kiker helps the environment because many parents and kids walked to school before the construction and would like to resume walking to school once the construction is complete. Walking is more environmentally friendly than driving, and also helps cut down on morning vehicle traffic.</p> <p>The residents of Circle C Wildflower Park feel strongly that we should remain zoned to Kiker Elementary School.</p> <p>On a related note, and if it comes into play at a later time, we feel VERY strongly that as a general statement and NOT just for elementary school this holds true.</p> <p>Where we're zoned for schools is why we're here.</p>
4/4/2019 10:59	Kiker Elementary	<p>The reason we moved into our neighborhood in the wildflower section of circle c is because we wanted to be able to walk our kids to school at kiker elementary. It is really important for accessibility reasons, that we can all keep walking our kids to school there instead of them being bussed far away, when there is already a school within walking distance. I would think, that to maintain equity, the district would want to keep the closest neighborhoods to the actual school zones for each school.</p>

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4/4/2019 13:18	Kiker Elementary	I live in the Circle C Wildflower Park neighborhood and we are currently zoned to Kiker Elementary School. Weather permitting, my family walks or rides their bicycles to school. We moved into this neighborhood 5 years ago specifically because Kiker was an excellent public school within walking distance. From door to door, our walk to Kiker is six-tenths (.6) miles. It is no exaggeration to say the commute to the new school would be impossible by foot or bicycle, unless we want our elementary school aged children riding their bicycles on the shoulders of Mopac. Even then, it would be a 3.6 mile ride. I am confident the members of the boundary advisory committee have enough common sense to keep Wildflower Park zoned to Kiker, given it is practically in our backyard. Lastly, allow me to express one parting thought. Wildflower Park has always been an easy target for zoning changes because we are our own little pocket of homes. We had to fight tooth-and-nail to rezone us from Baranoff which was 5.5 miles away. We will fight again if we have to. Zoning us to the school that is only half-mile away makes too much sense.
4/4/2019 13:40	Kiker Elementary	Dear Board Members, My family and I moved to Circle C Wild Flower Park (WFP) in the summer of 2016 with our 2 little ones. My wife and I are longtime South Autinites and we actually only moved a short distance from our previous home after we had children to a community that fed into better rated schools. The move was for several reasons as we were beginning to grow out of our first home with our growing family but our greater concern was turning towards the education of our soon to be school age boys. When we set out looking, we specifically told our realtor to look in the Kiker Elementary School boundaries due to its great reputation and neighborhoods. WFP checked every box on our list for making the move, the top box being Kiker. We definitely understand the need for a new school in the area due to overcrowding and the growing community but we would ask that WFP remain in the Kiker boundaries. The proximity to the school is just a short ½ mile walk from our home and changing WFP to another elementary would greatly burden our family for the inconvenience of unnecessary travel when we have the school we wanted to be in, right down the street. We ask you to heavily consider this in the decision process on rezoning for the new elementary school. Sincerely, (redacted)
4/4/2019 13:55	Kiker Elementary	Kiker Elementary is very close to our neighborhood. After all the issues with highways and crossing the highways, it would be unfair to the kids to not be able to walk/bike to school when the roads get much safer for them to do so. Biking/walking to the new school would be out of question because the children would need to stay on the highway throughout and knowing how accident prone the roads are, we could not ever let our kids walk/bike the way they were meant to. Kindly consider keeping us at Kiker Elementary. Kindly keep our kids active and safe and letting them be kids by walking/biking to school.

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4/4/2019 14:04	Kiker Elementary	<p>We are residents of Wildflower Park and our son is thriving at Kiker for many reasons. We walk or bike him to school every chance we get which gives him a healthy start to his day. And being so close to home we can easily volunteer there on a frequent basis, getting to know the staff and teachers and helping out where possible.</p> <p>We already have a super early start time and wouldn't want to increase that by being shipped to a school further away. Sleep is so important for our little ones.</p> <p>Kiker is one of the highest rated elementary schools in our state and our son is currently getting really great results there, developing wonderful relationships with his teachers and classmates. He even has a personal relationship to the principal, Mr. Crissey, who's been testing him for the Gifted & Talented program.</p> <p>Wildflower Park is a big part of the Kiker Community, and also a big part in our desire to live here. We sincerely hope we can continue this wonderful, practical, safe and productive relationship in the future.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration, (redacted)</p>
4/4/2019 14:58	Kiker Elementary	<p>I live in Wildflower Park community where is 0.5 miles from Kiker vs 3.5 miles from the new Southwest elementary school. My kids and I walk to Kiker every day and enjoy our family time with each other while walking to Kiker. Above reason as my family and I top one reason to buy my house before we moved in from SC. Please let our Wildflower Park neighborhood remain rezoned to Kiker!</p>
4/4/2019 15:04	Kiker Elementary	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am reaching out as a concerned resident of the Wildflower Center in regards to the boundary proposal. The Lacrosse/Mopac intersection is currently undergoing construction. By it's completion, our children will be able to cross over from the Wildflower Center to Kiker with ease - even more so than before. There will be a shared use path, less vehicles traveling on the overpass (as most will go under to stay on Mopac), and a dedicated sidewalk for children to walk on LaCrosse. It will be a very safe, very environmentally friendly, 5 minute walk. The new SW school will be 4 miles from our house and it won't be within walking distance AT ALL. It will add to even MORE traffic along Mopac, which we will already be subject to thanks to the new toll crossover that is almost complete. I know that walkability and safety are two huge concerns for the city of Austin - the Wildflower Center is much more walkable to and from Kiker than other portions of Circle C! It makes no sense for a child to get in a car or bus and drive further away to a school that they can otherwise walk or bike to, especially when the shared pathway has also just been updated with a multi-million dollar construction overhaul! Please do the right thing and keep the Wildflower Center kids at Kiker, Gorzyicki, and Bowie! When it comes to our highschool, we can see Bowie from our backyards! We can hear their band practice at night! Students can walk there from our neighborhood, and the Violet Crown Trail will help to walk or bike to Bowie without taking up parking spots! These schools are much closer to our neighborhood, and it is unreasonable to add extra congestion, pollution, and chance of traffic accidents to get to these schools!</p>

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4/4/2019 15:07	Kiker Elementary	Circle C Wildflower Park would like to remain zoned to Kiker Elementary School, which is within walking distance of our neighborhood. We would like to remain at our current school for environmental reasons, safety reasons, consistency, to maintain our property values, and because it is geographically close. Staying zoned to Kiker helps the environment because many parents and kids walked to school before the construction and would like to resume walking to school once the construction is complete. Walking is more environmentally friendly than driving, and also helps cut down on morning vehicle traffic. Many residents purchased homes in this neighborhood for the specific reason that it is zoned to Kiker Elementary School. Kiker Elementary school has many superior programs that attract people from all over. Changing the zoning would cause our property values to decrease, and for many of us, our homes are our biggest investment. The residents of Circle C Wildflower Park feel strongly that we should remain zoned to Kiker Elementary School.
4/4/2019 15:09	Kiker Elementary	Here is my comments: I live in Circle C Wildflower Park. Circle C Wildflower Park would like to remain zoned to Kiker Elementary School, which is within walking distance of our neighborhood. We would like to remain at our current school for environmental reasons, safety reasons, consistency, to maintain our property values, and because it is geographically close. Staying zoned to Kiker helps the environment because many parents and kids walked to school before the construction and would like to resume walking to school once the construction is complete. Walking is more environmentally friendly than driving, and also helps cut down on morning vehicle traffic. Many residents purchased homes in this neighborhood for the specific reason that it is zoned to Kiker Elementary School. Kiker Elementary school has many superior programs that attract people from all over. Changing the zoning would cause our property values to decrease, and for many of us, our homes are our biggest investment. The residents of Circle C Wildflower Park feel strongly that we should remain zoned to Kiker Elementary School. Thank you!
4/4/2019 15:39	Kiker Elementary	We moved into WFP SPECIFICALLY for the dyslexia services at Kiker. We also ride our bikes and walk to school. Changing this boundary would be a significant disadvantage to my three kids and my family.
4/4/2019 15:42	Kiker Elementary	I own a home in the Circle C Wildflower Park neighborhood and we chose this location primarily because of the current schools that we are zoned to. Before the La Crosse/Mopac construction started, my children and I either walked or rode our bikes to and from Kiker Elementary every day. Every time our lives are disrupted due to this construction, and there have been many, I remind myself that we'll get to spend that quality time together, exercising to school, starting again next school year. The walkability factor in our being zoned to Kiker Elementary is HUGE! Please consider our neighborhood's 0.6 mile distance from Kiker, and the fact that we will be able to safely walk to school once the Austin metro changes are complete, verses a situation where we'll all be forced to add to the local traffic jam and drive our children to/from the new SW Elementary which is about 3.6 miles from our neighborhood.

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4/4/2019 16:32	Kiker Elementary	<p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>We are a family living in Wildflower Center neighborhood. Upon knowing Kiker might not be my boy's future school, we are deeply anxious and sad. We moved to Austin 3 years ago from Europe. Being so far away from home, we wanted to find a house where we could truly call home and most importantly a school for my boys. It took us a long while of thorough research and thoughts that we settled down in the neighborhood. Kiker is so close to us, my boys will be able to walk and bike home, and when we see so many of neighbors' children learning and thriving in Kiker, we want the same for our boys. If Kiker was ever zoned out of our neighborhood, it would cost us tremendous time and energy just to get them to other schools, and the precious opportunity for all the kids in the neighborhood to bond and grow up in an intimate environment as in Kiker. We certainly hope to be remained zoned within Kiker. Please hear us out from all the families in our neighborhood and consider our requests. Thank you very much.</p>
4/4/2019 16:33	Kiker Elementary	<p>Hello. As a family living in the Wildflower Park neighborhood of Circle C with two children who attend Kiker and one who soon will attend, we feel very strongly against the rezoning being proposed for rezoned for several reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kiker Elementary is exactly .6 miles from our front door. The new Southwest Elementary School would be 3.6 miles away, which makes no sense why our children would have to be uprooted from the school they know and love. We've enjoyed walking to and from school with our children for the past five years and look forward to resuming that environmentally-friendly, peaceful commute once road construction is complete. We've been living with the dust, noise, construction traffic and inconvenient re-routing for months and we should be able to fully appreciate the end result, which will be even safer and more pedestrian-friendly than before. 2. I feel that my kids are safest being a half-mile away from school. One of our children has (redacted) and in the event of an emergency, I can be at his school within 90 seconds. We won't have that peace of mind and safety measure in place if we are rezoned to the new school located 3.6 miles away—especially considering the potential increased traffic when 45 SW opens. 3. We specifically purchased this house for our children to attend Kiker Elementary and Gorzycki Middle School—two exemplary-rated schools which heavily weighed in our decision when it came to finding a home in Austin. Our home has almost doubled in value since we purchased it 7 years ago. If Wildflower Park is rezoned, it would have a negative impact on our property value. <p>These are just a few of my main concerns, but there are many more. I appreciate your time and consideration and sincerely hope the residents of Wildflower Park will be able to stay within our current zoning.</p> <p>Respectfully, (redacted)</p>
4/4/2019 17:33	Kiker Elementary	<p>Please don't rezone Wildflower Park. We enjoy the short walk to our school and moved to this neighborhood because of the schools it is zoned to.</p>
4/4/2019 17:45	Kiker Elementary	<p>It would be an enormous mistake to re-zone Wildflower Park families to the new elementary school. Kiker is LESS THAN ONE MILE from our subdivision and is indeed, our neighborhood school. We want to keep it that way!</p>

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4/4/2019 17:49	Kiker Elementary	As a native Austinite & resident of Circle C Wildflower Park , we would like to remain zoned to Kiker Elementary School, which is within walking distance of our neighborhood. We would like to remain at our current school for environmental reasons, safety reasons, consistency, to maintain our property values, and because it is less than a mile from our homes. Staying zoned to Kiker helps the environment because many parents and kids walked to school before the construction and would like to resume walking to school once the construction is complete. Walking is more environmentally friendly than driving, and also helps cut down on morning vehicle traffic. Many residents purchased homes in this neighborhood for the specific reason that it is zoned to Kiker Elementary School. Kiker Elementary school has many superior programs that attract people from all over. Changing the zoning would cause our property values to decrease, and for many of us, our homes are our biggest investment. The residents of Circle C Wildflower Park feel strongly that we should remain zoned to Kiker Elementary School.
4/4/2019 18:01	Kiker Elementary	We live in wildflower park and attend kiker elementary. Please do not rezone our children. We have heavily invested in our neighborhood and school. This is our 8th year at kiker and we have built a wonderful community for our children. We can walk to both kiker and bowie high school from our home making our commute eco friendly and keeping cars off the road. Many of our neighbors bought homes here due to the local school and such a change will adversely affect property values. It would be crazy to move our children from a school just across the street to a much further destination.
4/4/2019 18:14	Kiker Elementary	2 of our children attend kiker and a third attended kiker and is at middle school now. We can walk to kiker and I can see and hear Bowie high school from my back yard. My family has invested 8 years in building a school community here and my teenager is looking forward to Bowie. As a former public school teacher, I strongly believe in public education and I participate in my local schools. I cannot fathom that the district would move us from schools across the street where we can WALK to and send us through heavily congested traffic on brodie, slaughter, etc. to a much farther away destination. Please keep wildflower park zoned to schools that promote an eco friendly walking/biking lifestyle, maintain our property values , and preserve the school community we have invested in for so long. Thankyou.
4/4/2019 18:46	Kiker Elementary	My wife and our 2 children moved to Circle C Wildflower Park just over 4 years ago for the amazing amenities offered by the neighborhood, as well as the terrific schools. To think that my children may not be able to attend the schools we moved here for is very troubling. We are a mere 20 minute walk to Kiker, a 5 minute drive to Gorzycki Middle, and a 5 minute drive to Bowie High. Knowing we are this close in case of an emergency is very calming, but now we may be forced to take our kids to schools more than double the distance. We will not have the security of being close in proximity to the schools, which really worries my wife and I. How can our neighborhood be considered part of "Circle C" and be able to take advantage of all that is offered through the HOA, but yet our children will have to attend different schools than the rest of the neighborhood? Our children share parks/playgrounds, swim pools, and other amenities. It is not fair that they may be split up and not be able to attend the same schools as their best friends who live a mere half mile down the road. I strongly urge you to leave our school zoning alone and allow all residents to attend the schools that we moved to this amazing neighborhood for.
4/4/2019 20:45	Kiker Elementary	We moved into this neighborhood because of the schools it's zoned to: Kiker Elementary, Gorzycki Middle and Bowie High. We have made great efforts to be in the wildflower neighborhood and would be devastated if our kids were forced to go to different schools. Currently (when there is no construction) we take great pleasure and pride in being able to walk our children to school as Kiker elementary is that close to us. Not only is walking emotionally, mentally and emotional healthy for our children, but it also cuts down on morning traffic and environmental pollution as well. We strongly oppose any rezoning of the Wildflower Park Circle C neighborhood. We greatly appreciate you listening to our requests as I know many whom feel the same.

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4/4/2019 20:55	Kiker Elementary	<p>Our family currently lives in Circle C Wildflower Park, and I thought appropriate to reach out to emphasize the interest our community has in remaining zoned to Kiker Elementary school.</p> <p>Our family moved to Austin almost 6 years go, a few months after our oldest was born, and after living in several mega-cities. We left family and friends behind because we wanted our children to grow up in a smaller, tightly-knit community; where they could meet and play with friends in their neighborhood park, walk or ride their bikes to school, and stay away from the constant rush and traffic from big cities. And we're fortunate enough to have found just that here at Circle C Wildflower Park.</p> <p>Kiker elementary is less than 1 mile away from our neighborhood, and until the current construction project at LaCrosse avenue blocked us from doing so, we would walk or ride bikes or scooters to school most days of the week. Being zoned to any other elementary school would mean no more walking / riding bikes to school and back, and it would mean putting many more cars on the road, which is detrimental not only to our kids but also to our neighborhood and to our city.</p> <p>Additionally, our kids feel pride in living so close to the actual Wildflower Park, where many kids from Kiker Elementary, that do not live in Wildflower Park, come to play every afternoon. Most of the friends my kids have today, started because they got to start playing together at that park, and that has made a very good and healthy transition into Elementary School for them, because they go to the same school their friends go. If we were to get zoned to a different Elementary School, particularly one outside of Circle C, it would be detrimental to our kids, and more than likely it would have some sort of academic impact as well. As you consider new school boundaries, I invite you to empathize with all the parents in Circle C Wildflower Park, and having to explain to them that even though the school they know and love, where all your friends go is half a mile away from our house, now we have to drive to a school much farther away.</p>
4/4/2019 21:55	Kiker Elementary	<p>I live in Circle C Wildflower Park and I believe we should stay zoned to Kiker Elementary. We are a small community East of Mopac but our family community is Circle C and we should not be cut off from them. Before the construction I would often walk to the Circle C CDC (my daughter starts Kinder in August) and I was planning on walking to Kiker. I know lots of Wildflower parents walk this short distance and rezoning us will have an environmental impact because of the increased car emissions. The close proximity to the kindergarten was one of the reasons we purchased our house because I felt it was important because that's how I grew up. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
4/4/2019 22:08	Kiker Elementary	<p>My family lives in Circle C Wildflower Park. Our house's proximity to Kiker Elementary was a major selling point for us to move into the area. We want to stay in the Kiker boundary. We are less than one mile from the school, within walking distance. Our neighborhood will lose the option of walking to school if we are taken out of the Kiker boundary, leading to more cars on the road at rush hour. Kiker is the best option for Wildflower Park. Thank you.</p>
4/5/2019 20:16	Kiker Elementary	<p>We are writing to express our hope that our neighborhood, Wildflower Park of Circle C will stay zoned to Kiker Elementary. Our primary concern is walkability. We purchased this home in part because we hoped to be able to walk and bike to Kiker when the construction ends. If we are to be bused several miles away to the next nearest school, that would add unnecessarily to road congestion and pollution as well as making the commute more dangerous for the children in our neighborhood.</p>

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4/7/2019 19:32	Kiker Elementary	Please DO NOT move families in the heart of Circle C (I am using 45, Escarpment, MoPac, and Slaughter as boundaries to define the heart of Circle C) from Kiker Elementary to the new Avana school. Having children who live across the street from each other attending a different school from their dear friends is a terrible thing for our neighborhood and divides us. I understand that some students will need to leave Kiker but I suggest taking students from Circle C North, Vintage Place, and the Wildflower neighborhoods and relocating them to the Avana school. These sub neighborhoods of Circle C are already divided by geographic boundaries from the rest of the Circle C and so moving these entire units over to the Avana school will not impact the community and neighborhood feel of these neighborhoods as all their resident students will stay together.
4/7/2019 19:46	Kiker Elementary	Kiker needs extreme relief. In drawing the boundary lines for the new Southwest school, the committee should take this opportunity to redraw multiple schools' lines to adjust the extreme over crowding in multiple schools at one time. All the schools in this area are top schools. While some families may not be happy about switching schools, it is necessary for the preservation of the over crowded schools and they would be moving to an equally rated school. I understand that the new Southwest school will only open with 500+ kids. However, I further understand that there is room for physical additions to the school to have 600+ kids. The initial zoning should be for the 600+ kids! Half of Kiker and other schools are in portables; the new school can have kids in portables until the addition is built. To go through a redrawing of boundaries yet again when the new addition is built is inefficient at best and will be met with further upset. Kiker should be within the acceptable overcrowding limits as recommended by AISD. The committee should do everything in it's power to adjust all schools in the area to spread out the overcrowding. To have one school with hundreds of extra kids in the same area are schools with only 10+ extra kids is ridiculous - especially when the schools with the less over crowding are newer facilities! Kiker simply cannot support these numbers. Extreme action is necessary and it's better to do it once rather than year after year as the new school expands. I recommend Mills, Baldwin, Baranoff, and Clayton boundaries all be examined to more evenly distribute the population.
4/7/2019 20:34	Kiker Elementary	As a homeowner of one of the first homes built in Circle C, it is critically important to my family and me that we remained zoned to Kiker. It's is by far the main reason we purchased our home as it is walking distance and an integral part of the community in which we belong.
4/7/2019 20:54	Kiker Elementary	We live in Avaña and moved here for the schools, including Gorzycki. I hope the new SW elementary school will continue to be zoned to Gorzycki- it should be, for many reasons. Thank you very much for all you do for Austin kids!
4/7/2019 21:02	Kiker Elementary	This comment is in regards to the SW Elementary School Relief boundaries. We live at (redacted)- in Fall 2019 our oldest will be in 2nd grade at Kiker and our youngest starting Kindergarten. Our daughter rides her bike to school and we walk home. That's how close to Kiker we live. It is absolutely irresponsible to zone us across a major intersection to get to elementary school. These changes must be addressed- if we wanted to traverse 45 we would have bought a house in Avana. Wildflower center is already across an intersection and on a bus route. Clearly that has been overlooked as the better option for rezoning and providing relief. We will fight against this and to stay at Kiker, which is right up the road from our house. You must reconsider these boundaries, or you will be held responsible for the death of children when they attempt to bike or walk across 45 to get to school, because parents have to work and that's why we live here- for safety and accessibility of school. This is ridiculous and must be addressed. I'm sure more logical solutions can be obtained.

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4/7/2019 21:11	Kiker Elementary	<p>We live on (redacted) and moved here in the fall SPECIFICALLY to be able to send our 2019 kindergartener to Kiker in the fall.</p> <p>We do NOT want to be rezoned.</p> <p>How terrible to move elementary children to new schools. And an outrage for parents that spend so much money just to get their kids to Kiker.</p>
4/7/2019 21:12	Kiker Elementary	<p>I live in the Wildflower Park section of CC and I currently have a 1st grader and an incoming kindergartener. I would like to strongly request that we stay zoned to Kiker. I walked my daughter from school almost everyday prior to the construction and plan on doing so once the Lacrosse overpass is completed. Many of my WFP neighbors do this as well. The walkability factor will limit both road traffic and parking congestion—it is quicker to walk to the school then it is to drive and attempt to drive and park. It will also decrease bus capacity. I moved to this neighborhood to go to Kiker and have additional friends that have moved away from the Boone elementary school in order to go to Kiker vs remain at Boone. Being rezoned to Boone or the new SW elementary school would have a significant impact on our property levels and currently WFP is the only part of CC that remains affordable for first time homebuyers. Please consider keeping WFP zoned to Kiker.</p>
4/7/2019 21:31	Kiker Elementary	<p>The criteria for the school boundaries needs to include some common sense around commuting / traffic. What amazes me about this entire process is that this boundary issue is coming up now. Austin controls the schools and the development permits. You know where you are issuing housing permits. You know, statistically who is going to move into these homes. You build the roads. This stuff does not "seek up" on you. The boundary for the New Southwest school should have be drafted when Avana was being permitted! Use your head. You cannot ask people from Circle C to have their kids walk or ride their bikes south across route 45 in the morning. Are you honestly contemplating having kindergarteners walk across a major commuting road where the speed limit is 65 mph? Is that honestly on the table? If yes, I want my tax dollars back because someone is not doing their job. The new Southwest Elementary school should serve those houses that are naturally separated from Circle C by the very busy, main road of route 45. Any home south of route 45 should be on the table to attend New Southwest Elementary.</p>
4/7/2019 21:32	Kiker Elementary	<p>I would like for our students to continue their trajectory to Kiker and then to Gorzycki. It is the environmentally sound choice, since those are the schools closes to us, and the socially sound choice, since our children's community is Circle C. We live in the Wildflower Park part of Circle C and moved here 15 years ago so that we could go to Kiker, pleased to have Gorzycki built, and so we could go to Bowie. We would like to have this remain the same.</p> <p>Thank you, (redacted)</p>
4/7/2019 23:23	Kiker Elementary	<p>My family has 2 sons currently enrolled at Kiker. We live in the Circle C Wildflower subdivision. This school is walking and biking distance for us (which we have). I sincerely hope it is not a consideration to move our subdivision to another elementary school. Kiker is our neighborhood school. We are heavily invested in it and we hope to be able</p> <p>To continue sending our children there.</p>
4/8/2019 8:04	Kiker Elementary	<p>I live at (redacted) and am zoned for Kiker ES. I am very opposed a to any boundary change that would move my home and neighbors to the new SW ES. Busing our children further south, across a major highway is dangerous and ill advised, not to mention an added expense for the district. For families who will choose not to bus, the added single family vehicles will only add to the terrible traffic issues ahead for the one lane Escarpment in front of that school. Leave us at Kiker where we have been since the the day my daughter walked through those doors the first day it opened and where my grandsons spent happy days too.</p>

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4/8/2019 8:30	Kiker Elementary	I would like to see a pedestrian overpass added at SH45 and Escarpment if/when a portion of Circle C North of SH45 is rezoned to the new SW Elementary school. We bought our house in part because we could ride bikes or walk to elementary school. 'Safe Routes to School' comes to mind. I hope to make it to the meeting on Thursday April 11th. Thanks!
4/8/2019 9:40	Kiker Elementary	Here's hoping you will consider keeping students who are within 2 miles of Kiker and currently walk or bike, AT Kiker, rather than moving them across a MAJOR highway to a new school. If moved, students will NEED to be driven, causing much more traffic in the mornings, upping the chances of more accidents crossing a busy highway, using more gas to get them there, causing more traffic through Avana....the list goes on. I no longer have students in elementary school but feel strongly I would have the same opinion if my children were still elementary school ages. Thank you for your hard work and consideration on the new boundaries and school.
4/8/2019 10:20	Kiker Elementary	We would urge AISD to allow some level of choice with kids that would potentially be moved from Kiker. We moved specifically to attend the school, and our boys love it there. We are on (redacted), north of 45, and I don't believe we even have bus service due to our proximity to the school. We strongly request that we stay zoned to Kiker. However, if not, we request to have the opportunity to continue to attend Kiker. Thank you.
4/8/2019 10:36	Kiker Elementary	We purchased our home in (redacted) right before our daughter would start kindergarten at Kiker. Now the possibility of rezoning is disheartening. We bought our house in part because we could ride bikes or walk to elementary school. We bike / walk to school often and look at this as our bonding time with our daughter. Rezoning to the new school in Avana would make this completely impossible with having to cross 45. 'Safe Routes to School' would be a huge issue that comes to mind. Additionally, the line of traffic going in and out of Avana (1-lane Escarpment) at 7:30 am with kids drop offs would be a traffic nightmare and a safety hazard for us who would prefer to walk or bike.
4/8/2019 11:27	Kiker Elementary	Please reduce the zoning area at kiker. It is way too overcrowded. There should be a better line to separate Clayton/kiker since Clayton doesn't seem to have the same issues as kiker....maybe escarpment as the west border?
4/8/2019 12:53	Kiker Elementary	As a resident that lives on (redacted), my children have often biked to school. It would be upsetting to lose that option because the new school would require crossing 45 which is unacceptable. Also, bussing would be required which is a major expense and an unnecessary expenditure.
4/8/2019 13:35	Kiker Elementary	I am a big proponent for Kiker relief. I am supportive of these plans including rezoning areas north of 45 to the new school. I also question why there appears to be no consideration of rezoning Circle C North to Mills Elementary. For a majority of the homes Mills is not only shorter distance, but it would also reduce the number of buses that currently serve Kiker. I encourage the district to move forward with tough decisions and think about future growth. The community's rally a decade ago to keep a majority of Circle C together and Avana zoned to Kiker is what got us into this mess in the first place.

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4/8/2019 14:15	Kiker Elementary	<p>We live 15 minutes from Kiker by foot, it is closer by bike. We don't have to cross ANY intersections. Nor highways. Not even La Crosse or Escarpment. Yet in every scenario, our house is proposed to be zoned to the new school, where it is not possible to walk or bike. According to your secondary criteria, there is absolutely no reason we should be rezoned. We are requesting to stay at Kiker- the entire side of the street where the school is actually located, within all of the boundaries you list below, should remain. Thank you and we'll see you on Thursday.</p> <p>Secondary criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain as much walkability and biking as possible, while providing for safe routes 2. Use major roads and subdivisions as boundaries 3. Carefully consider transportation routes
4/8/2019 15:19	Kiker Elementary	<p>I live on (redacted). One of the proposed maps is to have half of the street zoned to the new school and half of the street zoned to Kiker (existing zoned school). PLEASE keep the homes North of SH 45 Zoned to Kiker. The thought of sending my children to school crossing the highway twice daily is terrifying. I can't imagine this would be cost effective to run busses from North of SH 45 to the new school either.</p>
4/8/2019 16:43	Kiker Elementary	<p>I see some of the proposals (Plan 1 and 5) have current Kiker students who live in Circle C central (less than a mile from Kiker) and live north of SH 45, re-zoned to the new SW elementary school which is south of SH 45 inside Avana. This is extremely dangerous as kids who are walking, biking to school via inside community roads (Backbay, Southbay, Gorham glen) will be forced to cross the SH 45 freeway where trucks and cars regularly drive at 75 mph+. The traffic on this freeway is only expected to get worse with the SH 45 extension and the Mopac underpasses at Slaughter and Lacrosse. Please withdraw these proposals.</p>
4/8/2019 17:37	Kiker Elementary	<p>Why did you not all consider Clayton's boundaries? What is their capacity? We live on (redacted) and would prefer to feed into Kiker. Our children can safely ride their bikes to school now. If our children were moved to the new SW school (south of 45) then they would have to ride a bus or we would have to drive them. I am not sure if you are considering other maps, but why not shift Clayton's boundaries to the east and then reduce the number of kids at Kiker that way? I would prefer for all kids north of 45 to attend either Clayton or Kiker. Crossing 45 is going to be a nightmare when the tollway is complete. Just for safety, I would encourage you to have elementary kids attend a school that is on 'their' side of 45. Kids south of 45 (Greyrock and Avana) would go to the new SW school. Kids north of 45 go to Kiker (if they are east of Escarpment) or to Clayton (if they are west of Escarpment).</p>

4/8/2019 21:21	Kiker Elementary	<p>While I appreciate the work that is being done to address the problem of overcrowding in our schools, I have great concerns about the rezoning proposals. I live in a portion of Circle C Ranch that is rezoned to the new elementary school in all current proposals. Thus, all proposals involve sending my child to a new school. This raises concerns on many levels, but my primary concern is for the safety of my child and other children who are similarly affected. As evidenced by the ongoing construction at Slaughter & Mopac and Lacrosse & Mopac, crossing Mopac/45 has long posed serious safety risks. The new school is a wonderful solution for those who will no longer have to make that crossing to attend school, but what is the rationale for requiring students to cross a known dangerous intersection when they have not previously had to do so? Frankly, if it is truly a goal of the Boundary Advisory Committee to "Maintain as much walkability and biking as possible, while providing for safe routes," knowingly sending any student across 45 to attend school seems like a terrible idea. The idea is even more nonsensical for someone in my location, for whom in the distance to the new school is significantly greater than the current distance between my home and Kiker!</p> <p>If all of this is not enough to demonstrate why these proposals seem ridiculous to someone in my situation, add the fact that there remain areas within the Kiker zone that are far enough away from Kiker that they require buses to get there! This includes sections of Circle C in close proximity to Mills Elementary, a school with sufficient space to allow transfers to it!</p> <p>My concern about these proposals naturally leads to the question of whether children will be grandfathered in to their current school and not be required to change schools. My youngest will be entering the fourth grade in 2020 after spending 4 years at Kiker. Under these proposals, the great majority of her current friends will remain at Kiker while she is sent off to a new school. Thus, an additional concern is the potential impact that leaving her friends and a school she loves might have on her social and emotional well being.</p> <p>If grandfathering is a possibility, it will obviously alleviate the concerns I have for my child, but it does not address the potentially serious impact these proposals have on the safety of other children in our neighborhood. Many of these children have not even begun to attend school, but like my family, their parents purchased homes and settled here with the vision and intent of sending their children to Kiker. I hope that these concerns and the many others you will no doubt be hearing soon will be taken into serious consideration moving forward.</p>
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4/9/2019 7:22	Kiker Elementary	<p>Our entire family is very upset about the new zoning maps. We are south of South Bay, so that means my daughter will be changing schools in 4th grade!!</p> <p>I do not understand the reasoning behind this decision, as the zoning does not make sense at all. We are in walking and riding distance of Kiker, and you all say that is an important part of the decision making in this process, yet, we will be further away from the new school and will NOT be able to walk or bike. We are also in the section of Circle C that does NOT get bus service to Kiker, because we are so close, yet children from CC North and Vintage Place are bussed to Kiker, when many of them, especially in CC North could WALK to Mills. If Mills is overcrowded, then why are they still accepting transfers?</p> <p>I am DEEPLY concerned about having to cross 45 twice a day. This is a BIG DEAL to us, and one of the reasons that we never considered moving into Avana in the first place. This alone, will make us consider leaving AISD, and we do not want to do that. Secondly, I am VERY concerned about the emotional health of my child having to leave all of her friends and peer groups at a very important stage of development. This should NOT be taken lightly, given the current state of tween peer pressure, self-confidence issues in our country at this time. It is of utmost importance.</p> <p>Lastly, we have spent the last five years at Kiker, with my eldest being in 4th grade this year. It took us a good while to build a community here in Austin and in Circle C, but we finally have one. It is a group of people whose children also attend Kiker. It is made up of moms and dads that I can count on and call to help me with pick up or taking my kids to school if I have an emergency, etc. I do not take this community for granted, as I worked very hard to build it, and it will be devastating to all of us if we have to move away from it at this stage in the game.</p> <p>It is all of these reasons and MORE that I hope and pray that AISD will change the proposed zoning maps, and or allow my daughter who will be in 4th grade in 2020, to be grandfathered into Kiker. If this does not happen, we will strongly consider enrolling her in a school outside of AISD.</p>
4/9/2019 7:39	Kiker Elementary	<p>Why do none of the proposals have the Wildflower neighborhood going to the new elementary school? The district is already paying for a bus for them.</p>
4/9/2019 7:42	Kiker Elementary	<p>Hello! I live in central circle C. I find all these plans to be appalling as they all cut through central circle c. It is ridiculous to be zoned to the new Avana school when we live walking/biking distance to Kiker, which is why we bought into this neighborhood. Especially considering students from miles away are being considered for Kiker! I think it is dangerous for my and other children to be bused across to Avana, not to mention it being so congested. The 45 forms a natural boundary for the Avana school. Please keep to it and leave central circle c as is. We love Kiker!</p>
4/9/2019 8:23	Kiker Elementary	<p>The current proposal would make a bus necessary for children just north of 45. I can say that we chose to move into our house because we wanted to attend Kiker. I feel that we should have a choice on attending a new school and not have to lug our child across a main highway to attend a school that wasn't our choice.</p>

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4/9/2019 9:03	Kiker Elementary	<p>Regarding Kiker Elementary boundaries, I would like to share a handful of comments left by neighbors on our neighborhood's Facebook page, consolidated and edited for clarity:</p> <p>A. Primary criteria for developing these plans was feedback from the school CACs, and secondary is, word for word:</p> <p>1. Maintain as much walkability and biking as possible, while providing for safe routes</p> <p>Comments: Those of us located North of 45 and East of Escarpment currently have a walkable and bikeable route to Kiker. We live so close to Kiker in fact that bus service is not offered. We can currently bike/walk to school without crossing any major street. It is not safe to walk or bike to the new SW elementary school location.</p> <p>Why is AISD bussing kids from Circle C North and Vintage Place to Kiker instead of sending them to Mills? These areas are farther from Kiker and do not have the safe pedestrian/bike route that us others do. Why reassign those of us who are close to Kiker and continue bussing kids in from other areas? A safer route to school would be for Circle C North and Vintage Place to be assigned to Mills, as a safe route to Mills exists for them, travelling on minor streets, crossing no major intersections, shorter distance.</p> <p>If Mills is overcrowded, why are they accepting transfers?</p> <p>2. Use major roads and subdivisions as boundaries</p> <p>Recommendation: Use the roads as natural boundaries. North of 45 and East of Escarpment and south of Slaughter should be Kiker. North of 45 and West of Escarpment and south of Slaughter should be Clayton. North of Slaughter should be Mills.</p> <p>3. Carefully consider transportation routes</p> <p>Comments: There seem to be very logical boundaries for schools that aren't currently being used.</p> <p>Other:</p> <p>I'm very surprised by the proposals. I'm also surprised that the rezoning does not include any Mills/Clayton boundaries.</p>
4/9/2019 9:53	Kiker Elementary	<p>Thank you for working to alleviate overcrowding at Kiker elementary. I am a resident of Vintage Place and I appreciate that we are not being considered for rezoning. Back in 2008 it was a very emotional time to be rezoned from Mills to Kiker. I understand that residents affected by the new boundaries are very emotional and would prefer to have Vintage Place students to be sent somewhere else so that they can stay at Kiker. I think they are failing to see the amazing opportunity the new school will provide. After all, Circle C residents voted for the bond to fund the new school in very high numbers. Now that is a reality, residents don't want to change schools. They prefer to ask the committee to redraw boundaries so that they aren't affected.</p> <p>I think the boundaries proposed are appropriate.</p>
4/9/2019 12:24	Kiker Elementary	<p>Looking at the map, it seems like it would make more sense to me for Wildflower (already bussed to Kiker) and Muirfield (already bussed to Clayton) to be moved to the new SW elementary school. Then, shift the Clayton boundary on Aden to Escarpment. The current division line on Aden has half the street attending Clayton and half attending Kiker. Kiker kids on Aden are still within walking distance to Clayton. Keep the kids between South Bay and 45 at Kiker since they are in walking distance. If space permitted at Clayton, it would make more sense to me to move all kids west of Escarpment to Clayton to help ease the overcrowding at Kiker and Escarpment is a really good natural boundary for the schools.</p>

4/9/2019 14:29	Kiker Elementary	<p>As a parent with two children in schools in the Circle C school area, I appreciate the work that is being done to address the problem of overcrowding in our schools. However, I have great concerns about the rezoning proposals. I live in a portion of Circle C Ranch that would be rezoned to the new elementary school in all current proposals. Thus, all proposals involve sending my child to a new school. This raises concerns on many levels, but my primary concern is for the safety of my child and other children who are similarly affected. Crossing Mopac/45 has long posed serious safety risks. While new school provides a solution for those from the Avana community who will no longer have to make that crossing to attend Kiker, what is the rationale for requiring students to cross a known dangerous intersection when they have not previously had to do so? Frankly, if it is truly a goal of the Boundary Advisory Committee to "Maintain as much walkability and biking as possible, while providing for safe routes," knowingly sending any student across 45 to attend school seems like an irresponsible, unsafe, and impractical idea. The idea is even more nonsensical for someone like me, because the distance to the new school is significantly greater than the current distance between my home and Kiker!</p> <p>If all of this is not enough to demonstrate why these proposals seem ridiculous to someone in my situation, add the fact that there remain areas within the Kiker zone that are far enough away from Kiker that they require buses to get there! This includes sections of Circle C in close proximity to Mills Elementary, a school with sufficient space to allow transfers to it. Why have boundary reviews not been considered for those areas?</p> <p>My concern about these proposals naturally leads to the question of whether children will be grandfathered in to their current school and not be required to change schools. My youngest will be entering the fourth grade in 2020 after spending 4 years at Kiker. Under these proposals. The great majority of her current friends will remain at Kiker while she is sent off to a new school. While kids are resilient, the change to a new school can often prove to be traumatic for some children who have certain needs. Thus, an additional concern is the potential impact that leaving friends and a school she loves might have on her social and emotional well being.</p> <p>If grandfathering is offered as a possibility, it will alleviate the concerns I have for my child, but it does not address the potentially serious impact these proposals have on the safety of other children in our neighborhood. Many of these children have not even begun to attend school, but like my family, their parents purchased homes, as we did, and settled here with the vision and intent of sending their children to Kiker Elementary.</p> <p>I hope that these concerns and the many others you will no doubt be hearing soon will be taken into serious consideration moving forward. We appreciate your time and look forward to voicing these concerns at public meetings.</p>
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4/9/2019 14:32	Kiker Elementary	<p>Board Members,</p> <p>Thank you for taking public feedback regarding the SW elementary school boundary map. I live in Wildflower Park and currently have a first grader attending Kiker and another child who will start kindergarten in 2020. We moved to Wildflower Park 3 years ago for the distinct purpose of attending Kiker. Although we are across Mopac from Kiker, it's a short 1/2 mile walk and we are very excited for the completion of the Mopac and La Crosse pedestrian bridge so we can start walking to/from school again. Several of my neighbors attending kiker walk or ride bikes as well. When we can all walk it dramatically cuts down on traffic, It's better for the environment, it's better for our health and the health of our neighbors. There is no safe walking route from Wildflower Park to Avana. Please consider the health of our children and families when making your final boundary decision and keep Wildflower Park within walking distance of our elementary school.</p> <p>Kind Regards, (redacted)</p>
4/10/2019 3:03	Kiker Elementary	<p>All -</p> <p>I think I could assemble research and feedback from experts that says the value of a home is significantly impacted by location which is also related to public schools. If you defy common sense and redistrict homes that are currently north of SH 45 (in Circle C) to an inconvenient and lower ranked school south of 45 you are likely to materially impact the value of those homes. There is plenty of precedent throughout the country for parents bringing legal action against school boards for redistricting plans.</p> <p>I think you run this risk if you continue down the current path.</p> <p>Regards, (redacted)</p>
4/10/2019 8:37	Kiker Elementary	<p>The more I think about this, the more angry I get. Why are you breaking up neighborhoods? Circle C Central should ALL go to Kiker. Period!!! Our children play in Circle C central and should go to school with those in their neighborhood. It makes more sense for those in Wildflower to go to the new school in Avana than it does for those of us south of South Bay in Circle C. Yes, many of those people from Wildflower walk or ride their bikes to Kiker, but so do those of us south of South Bay in Circle C. I realize that there is not an easy answer, and that people are going to be mad. But, the boundaries should make logical sense. Why complicate the issue?</p> <p>It seems to me that when decisions are made based on natural boundaries and logic, instead of politics, more peace can be found.</p>
4/10/2019 10:51	Kiker Elementary	<p>On many of these proposals for the new SW elementary, the northern boundary line is South Bay Lane. We live on (redacted) and would appreciate the consideration that the road is not split in half. I rely heavily on my neighbors for carpool and would not like to see my across the street neighbor's kids going to a different school. Thank you.</p>

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4/10/2019 11:23	Kiker Elementary	<p>I live on (redacted), south of South Bay Lane. Currently, from what I can tell, all proposed plans are showing my street and section of Circle C as being rezoned to the new Southwest Elementary school. There is a part of me that thinks "yay, a new pretty school!" Yet we live SO close to Kiker and enjoy walking and riding bikes to and from school on our safe neighborhood streets. If we are rezoned to the new SW school, we will have to cross a major highway, and walking/biking would be out of the question. Doing this makes absolutely no sense. Re-zoning kids (who are currently within a safe walking route to their current school) into a new school - farther away AND having to cross a huge, fast, unsafe highway - is downright insanity. There are so many other ways to draw new boundaries that would relieve overcrowding at Kiker, AND keep all kids safe, AND would eliminate the need for adding bus routes.</p> <p>For example, the kids living in Circle C North and/or Vintage Place could be re-zoned into Mills Elem. Or, since they already have a bus route in place currently - they could ride the bus to Clayton instead of Kiker. Mills or Clayton makes the most sense for taking on some boundary changes, since these schools are currently open for transfers. In fact, the kids living in Circle C North wouldn't even have to get on a bus to get to Mills! It is less than a one mile walk for them to get to Mills, on safe neighborhood streets and trails. This would be a much safer option for ALL kids, AND it would eliminate the need for several busses going to Kiker, lessen Kiker's vehicle traffic, and lower AISD transportation costs. Win-win-win.</p> <p>Another re-zoning option that could help MORE kids have a 'Safe Route to School' would be to re-zone anyone living in main Circle C, west of Escarpment Blvd., into Clayton. Again, since Clayton currently accepts transfers, they should be an option for re-zoning. The kids living west of Escarpment, in the 'original' Circle C, would be able to walk or ride bikes to Clayton on safe neighborhood streets and would not have to cross any major highways or roads. So this, too, is a better option than sending our small little portion of Circle C south across a huge, fast, dangerous highway.</p> <p>Our little section of south Circle C does not want to be cut off from our friends and neighbors who live just to the north of us a few blocks. We have spent years or decades building close friendships, and we are a tight-knit community with our surrounding streets and school friends - we have carpools established, and kids that have been together since preschool. We would feel cut off and isolated if we were sent to different schools by a blunt line drawn on a map. SH-45 is a scary, fast, and deadly highway that no child, parent or bus should have to cross unnecessarily on a daily basis. We hope that common sense and safety will prevail in this decision.</p>
4/10/2019 12:39	Kiker Elementary	<p>I live on (redacted). In half of the proposals, we'll stay at Kiker, in half we'll go to the new school. I'm ok either way. We love Kiker and the community we have there. If we go to the new school, I'll be excited about the fresh, new facility, the new technology, and the enthusiastic new staff.</p>

4/10/2019 20:21	Kiker Elementary	<p>I live on (redacted) in the Cornerstone at Circle C. We are across the fire station north of 45. We chose to live in this section on the north side of 45 for many reasons. #1 reason was for Kiker. Our oldest son is a 1st grader at Kiker and our youngest son will start Kindergarten in 2020. We love Kiker and have established ourselves at that school. My 1st grader has been asking if he can ride his bike to school next year or the year after (which is an option for us at Kiker) but certainly will not be at the new Southwest school. It seems insane to send kids north of 45 across an extremely dangerous highway. Right now there isn't even a sidewalk on the proper side of the street to cross over 45 (the side that the sidewalk is on currently ends upon entering Avana which means kids will have to cross in the middle of the street to connect to the sidewalk). As a runner, I would love to run in Avana but it is near impossible to cross over 45 safely. This MUST be addressed before any consideration can be made to send kids north of 45 to the new school. Additionally, Avana is a "one way in and one way out" neighborhood. I can't even imagine the amount of traffic that will build up at drop off and pick on on Escarpment waiting for the ridiculous light at 45 to turn. It will be a nightmare for ALL zoned to the new school and all who live in Avana. I am also very concerned about our property values for those north of 45 zoned to the Southwest school. We will be completely isolated from the "main Circle C" and as someone who understands the real estate market, property values for all of us in Cornerstone, Aden Ln, South Bay, etc. will be affected negatively by this rezoning decision. Finally, I am shocked that Mills isn't being addressed as Vintage Place or Circle C North would be much better rezoned to that school, again created less crossing over major streets with a safer way to school. All and all, it is clear that the % capacity is the #1 goal despite any logistics (safety driven or economic driven, etc.) That makes me really sad. It reminds me of the decisions often made at a large corporations at a headquarter level without considering the people affected by the decisions on the ground each and every day. Other factors besides a pure number of how many kids attend each school should be addressed. Possibly before a final decision is made someone would like to meet me at Escarpment & 45 so we can cross the street together, just that experience alone would make anyone second guess the choice (maybe TX Dot can meet us too so they can do something about that intersection).</p> <p>I would like to see the Southwest Elementary school specifically for all of those in Avana (including all of the new homes being built currently) & Gray Rock Ridge and all of those in the sections north of 45 listed above stay at Kiker.</p> <p>Thank you for the consideration. Feel free to contact me at (redacted) if you have any questions.</p>
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4/11/2019 12:21	Kiker Elementary	<p>Regarding the new SW Elementary school, please confirm there will be bus transportation provided for all students who live North of State Highway 45.</p>

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4/11/2019 14:16	Kiker Elementary	<p>Hello...</p> <p>I would like to raise few concerns as a parent as my son currently attends Kiker.</p> <p>We live in Cornerstone community and are about a mile from Kiker/Clayton and it makes it safer/easier for my son to bike/walk to the school. With the proposed boundary change that means he has to walk/bike/travel across the HW 45 which in past has seen various serious accidents at the intersection.</p> <p>It does not seem the safety or logistics of transportation were taken into account with these proposed maps.</p> <p>From the past meeting notes I see below:</p> <p>Primary criteria was feedback from the school CACs, and secondary is, word for word:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Maintain as much walkability and biking as possible, while providing for safe routes2. Use major roads and subdivisions as boundaries3. Carefully consider transportation routes <p>I don't think any of those points were even considered.</p> <p>Hopefully the committee can rethink about the safety concern for the North of 45 community in mind before rezoning.</p> <p>Thank You!</p>
4/11/2019 15:40	Kiker Elementary	<p>Thank you to the committee for their difficult work. I would like to support Proposal 1 that has the most relief for the overcrowding of Kiker.</p>

4/11/2019 16:58	Kiker Elementary	<p>I live on (redacted) and am affected greatly by the proposed plans for rezoning. Both of the plans submitted for feedback show my street being cut off from the rest of my community and rezoned to the new SW Elementary School. I have several very serious concerns with these proposals:</p> <p>1) I am a member of the CAC at Kiker. (redacted), I participate in the monthly CAC meetings. At our March 4, 2019 meeting, our CAC was tasked with developing criteria for consideration in the BAC process. It was clear-- and is reflected in the minutes from that meeting-- that impacting traffic and maintaining walkability was our criteria. Yet this criteria seems to have been completely disregarded and ignored. Many people from our street ride bikes to Kiker, and some walk. A large number of us also carpool with neighbors. When driving to Kiker, we use the back neighborhood streets (South Bay, Gorham Glen, Dalgrheen). We park on Dalgreen and walk our kids into the building. So any vehicles that do originate from our area of the neighborhood rarely affect vehicular traffic or participate in the drop off line. By rezoning a section of the neighborhood that largely bikes, walks, or carpools on backroads to school, you have ignored the criteria established by our CAC.</p> <p>2) Rezoning would require crossing a major highway. This puts all kids and adults at risk for having to cross IH45 multiple times a day. Rezoning these streets to a school that is further away and crosses a major highway is dangerous and irresponsible.</p> <p>3) Our section of Circle C does not currently receiving busing services to Kiker. In order to attend the new SW Elementary and to cross IH45, we would require several buses to attend. This is costly to AISD and unnecessary. Why not consider an area that already has busing services-- like Wildflower Park-- and simply bus them to the new SW Elementary School.</p> <p>4) Our section of Circle C is in the heart of the neighborhood. Our kids have grown up with kids on the surrounding streets and play sports and swim together on the neighborhood swim team. Many of us have long-established carpools with families who will not be rezoned along with us. It makes no sense to arbitrarily cut off a few streets randomly. We are part of the heart of the main Circle C neighborhood. Any area considered for rezoning to a new school should be a self contained community-within-a-community, such as Wildflower Park. Major roads (like IH45) should be used as the boundary line, not quiet neighborhood streets and cul-de-sacs. Communities like Wildflower Park already have their own community activities, events, Facebook pages, Moms groups, etc. and they would be kept together if they were rezoned as a group to the new SW Elementary School. The few streets included in this proposed rezoning would be ripped away from our community. This does not make sense. IH45 is a natural boundary line for the new school-- they are on the same side of the highway as Avana.</p> <p>5) It is shortsighted to consider this currently boundary process only looking at the Kiker/SW Elementary/Baranoff line. Our community is simply too large to consider only these narrow boundaries. We MUST include the Clayton and Mills boundary line in this process in order to come up with boundaries that make sense for the long-term for the Circle C Community. Haphazardly gerrymandering a random boundary just to fill seats at a new school does not serve our community well for the long term. At a minimum, Circle C North and Vintage Place should be evaluated for rezoning to Mills Elementary, which is a much closer and a safer route than Kiker. Additionally, the line between Clayton and Kiker should be reconsidered, especially looking at future projections of Clayton being significantly under capacity in future years. Both Clayton and Mills should be closed to transfers if they are not already in order to absorb more students.</p>
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4/11/2019 19:37	Kiker Elementary	<p>Looking at the map, it seems like it would make more sense to me for Wildflower (already bussed to Kiker) and Muirfield (already bussed to Clayton) to be moved to the new school. They should shift the Clayton boundary on Aden to Escarpment and then keep the kids between South Bay and 45 at Kiker, especially since they are in close walking distance.</p> <p>I know people say that many walk from Wildflower, but many walk from this area of CC too. Why make SO many kids have to cross dangerous intersections. If Wildflower goes to the new school, that will alleviate the danger of pedestrian crossing on Mopac AND alleviate so many people from having to cross 45 twice a day. We avoid that intersection at all costs, and I am terrified of having to take my child over that intersection every day! That alone is enough to consider leaving AISD all together.</p> <p>Another idea: Since Kiker is on the east side of Escarpment, allow the kids who are south of South Bay on the east side of Escarpment to remain at Kiker.</p> <p>It seems very short sighted to not consider all of the Circle C boundaries globally when drawing new boundaries. The current BAC process should be expanded to look at all schools that serve our neighborhood and think about what boundaries should like 5 and 10 years from now. Looking at future projections, Clayton will be down to 89% capacity by 2023. We need to plan boundaries for the long term, not to just immediately fill seats in a new school.</p>
4/11/2019 20:17	Kiker Elementary	<p>My husband is at the AISD BAC meeting tonight. He said that whenever anyone brings up the safety issue of those south of South Bay having to cross 45 twice a day that the answer is always, "They will be riding the bus." First of all, we live close enough to Kiker to walk, and you are going to take us away and put us in a school that requires children being bused. NO thank you!! Putting children in a bus, does not make the trek to the new school any safer. The intersection of highway 45 and Escarpment is known for very serious and fatal accidents. We hear sirens going there weekly. This issue is not one to be taken lightly. We moved to Circle C central for a reason, and that was Kiker. We do not live Avana for this very reason. The intersection is very very dangerous.</p> <p>You are blowing off the safety concerns, and they are crucial and critical to many families.</p>
4/12/2019 10:31	Kiker Elementary	<p>Hello..</p> <p>I would like to raise a valid concern about the new proposed plan of boundary rezoning.</p> <p>My son currently attends Kiker and we live off of North West 45 near the Fire Station on escarpment and its perfectly safe for my son to walk/bike to Kiker as both Kiker/Clayton are close enough for a safe commute.</p> <p>However, I see all the plans proposed are putting some portion off NW of 45 including Cornerstone community, Aden Ln, South bay to new SW elementary and that puts my kids alongwith others that live around fire station at a much greater risk as they have to cross the major highway 45 which in past has seen various tragic accidents.</p> <p>Considering the increase of traffic activity duw to opening of HW 45 toll road and plus the usual busy morning traffic it would put kids at much greater risk unless there was a overpass bridge at that intersection to safely cross the HW 45 into Avana community.</p> <p>The new SW Elementary school is gonna be fantastic but nothing against it but safety comes at the top first.</p> <p>I would like to request the committee to re-think about this very carefully and hopefully they can keep all of NW of 45 zoned to Kiker or Clayton for children's safety and wellbeing.</p> <p>Thank You!</p>

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4/12/2019 11:31	Kiker Elementary	<p>As a resident of Vintage Pace, I'm concerned that the subject of resining outer subdivision to Mills was discussed again. The new SW school needs kids to go to it. Are we seriously considering relieving Kiker by sending VP kids to Mills and leaving the new SW school under enrolled??? The southern boundary of Kiker is the only portion close to the new SW school. It relieves the pressure of Kiker. Not sure how else this school gets to 100% enrollment. Please do not look at redistricting a very small portion of kids and under enrolling a school. No one wants change. We all love Kiker, but a new school was built and it needs to be used.</p>
4/12/2019 14:23	Kiker Elementary	<p>Austin ISD BAC -</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concern with some of the draft proposed maps I have seen regarding the new SW Elementary School in the Avana section of Circle C. We happen to live in the area(s) that all get re-zoned to the new school although we don't live in Avana.</p> <p>Safety:</p> <p>I am very concerned about crossing a major intersection. The intersection is dangerous enough that they had to put lights in not that long ago (used to be a 2-way stop sign) because an endless stream of cars are driving at 65+ MPH.</p> <p>Cost:</p> <p>Along with that, I believe you have to provide buses for kids that have to cross these types of intersections. Wouldn't this add an additional cost (physical buses, gas, FTEs to drive buses plus their salaries and health care, etc...)? And other areas of Circle C already have buses (Circle C North, Wildflower and Vintage Place - why aren't they being considered since they already have an established busing system). More buses doesn't help with budget constraints, traffic and safety.</p> <p>Future distribution:</p> <p>I noticed the projected enrollment map in just 4 years shows Clayton at 89%, Mills at 101% and Kiker at 147%. Aren't there other options for a more fair distribution. Circle C North is literally a stone's throw away from Mills. On the west side of Escarpment, another example, there are lots of Kiker families and Escarpment would be a great dividing or boundary line. Everyone west of Escarpment would go to Clayton. I am not advocating for them to go to Clayton but shouldn't there be lots of presentable options. Picking the first 3-4 streets on the north side of 45 seems arbitrary.</p> <p>Community:</p> <p>Dovetailing off my last sentence, Circle C has geographic communities. Wildflower, Avana, Circle C North, Vintage Place, On the Park, all have their own subcommunity - as do we. The proposed map rips us from that and throws us in with a fairy tight-knit community. This would be more than disruptive to those relationships.</p> <p>I don't envy your task. I know no matter what the BAC and Austin ISD decide, there will be opposition and hurt. I just ask that all schools and subcommunities be on the table, subcommunities try to be kept together, safety considered, and additional and potentially unnecessary costs be kept in mind.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
4/13/2019 9:31	Kiker Elementary	<p>I purchased my home in Circle C Ranch so that my daughter would be zoned for the best elementary school I could provide for her. She has now attended Kiker Kindergarten orientation and is very excited to be a Kiker Komet. However, I recently heard that it was proposed to move Circle C North and Vintage Place kids to Mills Elementary. This is extremely frustrating to me. None of the previous maps included this change and I am strongly opposed. Circle C Ranch should stay at Kiker, Clayton and the new Avana school.</p>

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4/13/2019 9:38	Kiker Elementary	I do not think it's fair to move CCN out of the Circle C schools (should they get zoned for mills). Families that bought in CCN were buying so their kids could attend Kiker. They will be literally removed from the circle C community and property values will reflect the change. There are other options that would help relieve the population issues.
4/13/2019 9:45	Kiker Elementary	Please do NOT take away zoning for Kiker elementary for houses that are south of I45, west of Mopac, and south of LaCrosse. These kids are within walking distance to school and that is a magical time of their lives. It would be both dangerous and cost more in bussing these kids to make the cross over i45 to get to school!
4/13/2019 16:37	Kiker Elementary	We live in Circle C Ranch just south of South Bay Ln. When drawing the boundaries for the new SW elementary school, please consider making 45 the boundary instead of South Bay Ln. This would cut us off from the rest of our neighborhood, and Kiker Elementary has been our neighborhood school since it opened. Also, please consider grandfathering in both incoming 4th and 5th graders when opening the new school. Thank you very much in advance for your consideration.
4/15/2019 9:35	Kiker Elementary	BAC Committee, I am opposed to any rezoning/redistricting proposal that divides a neighborhood. In several of the proposals a portion of Circle C is being considered for rezoning. We live south of South Bay and our kids walk/ride bikes to Kiker and don't have any bus service to Kiker, yet we are the ones being proposed to be sent to the new school? It prejudicial to segregate a portion of a neighborhood and eliminate our option of walking/biking to school. We bought our house, 675,000 to be able to walk/bike to our neighborhood school that is less than 1 mile away. In addition, Kiker Elementary offers programs that our children use (Dyslexia and Gifted & Talented) that are not offered at any other school. To not consider the undue stress on the families that you are segregating from our neighborhood and how that will impact the emotional and educational outcome of these students if very disappointing. We are gathering neighborhood support and will fight this proposal as you are taking away our right to walk/bike to our neighborhood school and actively putting our children in harm way by crossing 45 which cars race at 65mph. In addition, you will be adding buses and demands on families to areas that already are highly congested with traffic. It would be logical to relocated Vintage Place residents and the new St. Mary apartments residents to Mills over cutting a neighborhood that can walk. This makes no sense and I am very disappointed that this is even a consideration. We are getting our District Representative Yasmin Wagner involved and actively investigating legal action to prevent us from being rezoned. Regards, (redacted)
4/15/2019 10:36	Kiker Elementary	Hello Committee members, We are in real stressful situation as this new boundary rezoning is throwing us off al-together. Our house North of SH 45 near Fire Station is zoned currently to Kiker as we did a lot of research before buying any house (redacted) and he is thriving at Kiker due to the various programs and all for the special needs kids over ther(redacted). Now looking at the new rezoning proposals, it will zone us to the new SW Elementary school and we are scared to death considering how well our son is doing at Kiker. Also, another thing is that we don't have to worry much as he walks/bikes all the way to Kiker which otherwise would mean no walk/bike to new school as they would have to cross the SH 45 into Avana. We kindly urge the committee to re-think about it and keep north part off of SH45 zoned to Kiker only and hoping for the best. Thanks (redacted)

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4/16/2019 9:16	Kiker Elementary	While I had seen many of the previous boundary plans before which moved students from Kiker to the new Southwest school that is being built, this is the first I've seen or heard of moving children who have been going to Kiker since Kindergarten to move to Mills which is already over 100% crowded. This is not part of the Southwest school boundary. This is taking our children out of an overcrowded school to move to another overcrowded school. This is ridiculous. Both maps project Mills to be over 100% capacity currently and in the future. This is not a sound plan. This follows none of the purpose or principals I read on the Southwest/South Central Boundary page and while Kiker is overcrowded this is not solving a problem. This is shuffling kids from one overcrowded situation to another. This is unacceptable and we must do better for our kids. We can't just keep flipping Circle C North from Mills to Kiker to Mills. My daughter has been at Kiker since Kindergarten and therefore all her friends are at Kiker. Moving her 5th grade year to an older school which is over capacity makes no sense when you look at doing what is right for the children. This is not a fix to overcrowding or to the Southwest school boundary! I believe this is why it wasn't in any of the earlier plans. Plans 7 and 8 just shift problems and are not acceptable! Please ensure our kids can be at schools where they can be safe and receive the quality education in an environment that supports them. Do not move areas from one over 100% capacity school to another!
4/16/2019 13:20	Kiker Elementary	Thank you to the committee for these hard discussions and decisions. The new plans (7 & 8) proposed at the last meetings are problematic and seem to be driven by upset parents rather than planning for the future. There is no reason to go through the rezoning process and leave the new SW elementary under capacity - this just means that in a few years lines will have to be redrawn again (with no fewer emotions and disagreements at that time). Mills is already projected over capacity without the addition of Circle C North - no new areas should be added to Mills lines unless they are being shifted elsewhere to compensate. Why would it be appropriate to redraw lines to leave an older school at well over capacity (when it was close to or even over target goals to begin with) and to have the new school be well under capacity (only 70% compared to 122% for Mills)? Especially since the new SW elementary hits a hard border with Hays ISD, there will be no further expansion in that direction so the only source of new students will be redrawing lines. It is unacceptable to leave it this far under capacity.
4/16/2019 21:06	Kiker Elementary	Has there been any consideration of how the changes will affect the special needs population? Will there be any consideration for allowing grandfathering in special education kids (with IEPs) to stay in their current schools? Kids on the autism spectrum, in particular, are resistant to transitions. Additionally, parents of SPED kids already must deal with an arduous process to get an IEP. Having a resistant child adjust to a new school while the parents also must hammer out a new IEP with a completely unfamiliar administration who do not know their child would be an added burden to folks already under considerable stress.
4/17/2019 12:06	Kiker Elementary	We live at the (redacted) intersection in Circle C. We bought our home here as it is zoned to Kiker Elementary. Our daughter and many kids in the neighborhood walk to Kiker Elementary via Escarpment & La Crosse. Boundary changes putting us into a different elementary requiring cross highway 45 will be very problematic --- Our daughter and many kids in the neighborhood will not be able to cross highway 45 and walk to school.

4/17/2019 20:43	Kiker Elementary	<p>Dear Boundary Advisory Committee,</p> <p>I know there will be folks complaining that they are on the side of the redrawn boundaries where they are rezoned to the new school and others who complain they DON'T get to attend the new school. Please just make the appropriate decision that will get the maximum relief for Kiker to lower enrollment to no more than 100% capacity immediately when the new SW school opens its doors. Kids attending Kiker have sacrificed long enough with the overcrowding and resources stretched paper thin. Teachers are on top of each other. My daughter is working in noisy hallways because there is no other space available. Last year there were TEN Kinder classes and she was eating lunch at 10:15 am! There is too little green space and there are too many portables. Include Mills and Clayton in the redraw of boundaries if need be, but please get MAXIMUM RELIEF for Kiker!</p> <p>And with any decision you make redrawing the boundaries, please keep in mind that the enormous apartment complex being built by Gorzycki. There will be kids living there because people will sacrifice space for more affordable housing and better schools. Despite what folks may think of the smaller size of the units there, assume there will be lots of kids moving there who will all be zoned to Kiker. Also, the new townhomes being built at the corner of Lacrosse and Mopac will also bring yet more kids to Kiker. Please consider all of this plus the virtual certainty that more families with children will be moving to homes in Circle C and redraw Kiker's boundaries accordingly so our kids do not have to continue to suffer from overcrowded facilities.</p> <p>Thank you, (redacted)</p>
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4/18/2019 17:15	Kiker Elementary	<p>I live on (redacted), south of South Bay Lane. I've recently learned from many of our friends and neighbors that the proposed re-zoning plans include our neighborhood in the new Southwest Elementary School. I'm extremely disappointed. We moved from North Austin to this neighborhood about 3 years ago because my son was about to go to Kindergarten and we wanted him in the best public schools he could grow up in (elementary, middle and high). We specifically picked Kiker elementary neighborhood due to the school itself (the structure and layout of the building) and the amazing feedback about the staff and teachers from our friends. We'd heard about the overcrowding but didn't think that any re-zoning or changes would effect us because we live so close to the school - there are no major roads that separate us from the school, we live literally behind the school. Escarpment doesn't even separate us. It's extremely frustrating to realize that we may have to cross a major highway (that has lots of morning traffic) every morning for 6 years (we have a 4 year old as well as a 1st grader). We live so close to Kiker and could walk or ride bikes or scooters when the kids get a bit older to and from school on back-road neighborhood streets. No major roads needed...not a highway and not even Escarpment Road, which is quite busy in the mornings as well. I honestly don't understand the thought behind the current proposals. There are so many other ways to deal with the overcrowding without making people cross a highway every morning. A highway that my kids nor myself cross everyday. It's actually a highway I avoid everyday, if I can help it.</p> <p>I do feel like there are other ways to help with the overcrowding. I believe that some neighborhoods north of Slaughter zone to Kiker. I don't know how they don't route to Mills as I expect it is closer and they wouldn't have to cross Slaughter to get there. Or, since they already have a bus that takes them to Kiker, the bus can take them to Clayton. Mills or Clayton can take on more kids, I expect, since these schools are open for transfers. These would be a much safer option for ALL kids (because NO ONE would have to cross a HIGHWAY) and lessen vehicle traffic around Kiker (which is brutal on Escarpment and La Crosse). Another option would be to re-zone anyone living west of Escarpment into Clayton. Since Clayton accepts transfers, they should be an option for re-zoning. The kids would no longer have to cross Escarpment at La Crosse (which is currently unsafe) and would be able to walk or ride bikes to Clayton on back-road neighborhood streets.</p> <p>I'm obviously a very concerned Mom regarding the safety of my kids EVERYDAY, but I'm also concerned about property values. I feel like we just bought here, and we definitely paid a higher price than other neighborhoods because of KIKER. Not just because of Gorzycki Middle or Bowie High Schools, but specifically because of Kiker. I know others have done the same. If I had bought in Avana, I wouldn't be sending this letter, but I bought here for the purpose of going to this school. I worry that future buyers in our neighborhood won't have the same incentive/purpose to buy here, and thus our property values will go down.</p> <p>Elementary school is the school you go to the longest, and from my childhood, the school I remember the most fondly. I want it to be a safe, consistent experience for my children and I hope that you all can make that happen by allowing them to stay in the school that we hand picked for them</p>
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4/22/2019 19:12	Kiker Elementary	The proposal to redistrict Circle C Ranch residents out of Kiker is ridiculous. We live at (redacted) which is less than 1 mile from Kiker. The proposed redistrict would move our daughter to a new school which is further away and across a major highway. It would literally divide our community which is centered around Kiker, and would cause more danger for our children to have to cross a major highway to go to school. Students at Kiker can now safely walk and bike to school from our street. One of the major reasons we purchased our home 3 years ago was to be in Kiker's district, and we pay a lot of money to AISD (over \$5000/yr) which should more than cover the cost of keeping Kiker in place with current enrollment levels. The district should look at dividing the line for the new school to be south of US Route 45 which would make logical and practical sense, not moving kids that live around the corner from Kiker!
4/23/2019 9:48	Kiker Elementary	Please take emotion out of the equation and do what is best for the students of kiker by reducing overcrowding at kiker which is currently at 160%.
4/24/2019 9:20	Kiker Elementary	<p>I am opposed to the South Bay/Back Bay division in the middle of the Kiker Community though an area currently too close to the school to have a bus and where kids from this area currently ride their bikes to school. This is a short-sighted "solution" to achieve a "fill-number" which is ever changing and growing, and this proposal only will prove to be a future problem this committee must readdress in a short time.</p> <p>Intact communities such as Vintage Place, Wildflower Park- each with their separate buses, communities, transportation groups, social media groups, and family connections, should move as a community to other schools - Mills, Clayton, and the new SW school to preserve continuity in each community. Please pick natural boundaries - major roads, highways, bus zones- for as a more long-term and natural solution to long term overcrowding problems.</p> <p>A grandfather rule must be enacted as an option for all rising 5th graders plus siblings to remain at Kiker for at least 2 years!! To require a 5th grader to move one year before the difficult transition to middle school is enough reason to depart AISD as would be separating siblings from the same school and requiring two different modes of transportation to two different school for the same family.</p> <p>Please address the grandfather policy in future meetings, comments and proposal options so that families can be informed and have the opportunity to weigh-in and comment on the grandfather/transition in addition to the boundary lines themselves.</p>

4/24/2019 11:43	Kiker Elementary	<p>Hello Austin ISD BAC Committee,</p> <p>As a resident in Circle C Ranch I am very disappointed to find out that my family, in addition to others within safe walking distance to Kiker Elementary, are proposed to have a boundary change to New Southwest Austin Elementary. A key deciding factor people use to buy a home, is the public school and the community that surrounds that school. The proposed boundary that removes part of Circle C from the Kiker catchment area is unacceptable. This proposed boundary would hurt the children's educational and emotional development, divide a neighborhood, threaten the safety of the children, and be a material financial loss to homeowners and to Travis County.</p> <p>Children's educational and emotional development Parents in Circle C Ranch have had every reasonable expectation that Kiker would be their school. Moving the children will break existing bonds and add unnecessary emotional distress. Early intervention in childhood development yields significant benefits and Kiker has some specific educational programs (SBLC, Take Flight & GT) and additional reading resources to support the children. For example, Kiker Elementary is #1 in AISD for dyslexia students and provides unique early intervention to those students.</p> <p>Divide a Community A community is created by shared experiences and physical location. Tearing children out of a school that is ~1 mile away, without the need to traverse a busy road, and moving to a school with significant physical barriers (SH 45) will ruin those shared experiences and the sense of community. Circle C residents support the right for our children to ride or walk their bike to their school in support of the Austin ISD sustainability goals. Austin ISD has the potential to REDUCE the amount of buses and cars on the road by building a new school if boundaries are implemented that consider efficient logistics and physical boundaries. Working families rely on walk/ride as a necessary mode of transportation, and encourage it to reduce the amount of traffic on Escarpment.</p> <p>Safety / Accessibility The current draft boundaries take homes that can have their children walk/ride ~1 mile to school without crossing any busy road and would have them crossing SH 45 – a 4 lane road with cars regularly going 65+mph. We should take advantage of any opportunity to remove children from having to cross a busy road – regardless of the mode of transportation. All it takes is one distracted driver going 65+ mph to slam into a vehicle carrying children on the way to school for people to start asking “Why are they crossing that busy road to go to that school when Kiker is ~ 1 mile away and no busy roads are involved?” Why would you take that risk? We have the opportunity to mitigate a risk.</p> <p>Financial harm to homeowners / taxpayers / Travis County</p>
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4/24/2019 11:44	Kiker Elementary	<p>Hello Austin ISD BAC Committee,</p> <p>As a resident in Circle C Ranch I am very disappointed to find out that my family, in addition to others within safe walking distance to Kiker Elementary, are proposed to have a boundary change to New Southwest Austin Elementary. A key deciding factor people use to buy a home, is the public school and the community that surrounds that school. The proposed boundary that removes part of Circle C from the Kiker catchment area is unacceptable. This proposed boundary would hurt the children's educational and emotional development, divide a neighborhood, threaten the safety of the children, and be a material financial loss to homeowners and to Travis County.</p> <p>Children's educational and emotional development</p> <p>Parents in Circle C Ranch have had every reasonable expectation that Kiker would be their school. Moving the children will break existing bonds and add unnecessary emotional distress. Early intervention in childhood development yields significant benefits and Kiker has some specific educational programs (SBLC, Take Flight & GT) and additional reading resources to support the children. For example, Kiker Elementary is #1 in AISD for dyslexia students and provides unique early intervention to those students.</p> <p>Divide a Community</p> <p>A community is created by shared experiences and physical location. Tearing children out of a school that is ~1 mile away, without the need to traverse a busy road, and moving to a school with significant physical barriers (SH 45) will ruin those shared experiences and the sense of community. Circle C residents support the right for our children to ride or walk their bike to their school in support of the Austin ISD sustainability goals. Austin ISD has the potential to REDUCE the amount of buses and cars on the road by building a new school if boundaries are implemented that consider efficient logistics and physical boundaries. Working families rely on walk/ride as a necessary mode of transportation, and encourage it to reduce the amount of traffic on Escarpment.</p> <p>Safety / Accessibility</p> <p>The current draft boundaries take homes that can have their children walk/ride ~1 mile to school without crossing any busy road and would have them crossing SH 45 – a 4 lane road with cars regularly going 65+mph. We should take advantage of any opportunity to remove children from having to cross a busy road – regardless of the mode of transportation. All it takes is one distracted driver going 65+ mph to slam into a vehicle carrying children on the way to school for people to start asking “Why are they crossing that busy road to go to that school when Kiker is ~ 1 mile away and no busy roads are involved?” Why would you take that risk? We have the opportunity to mitigate a risk.</p> <p>Financial harm to homeowners / taxpayers / Travis County</p> <p>Kiker Elementary is one of the best public schools in Austin. The property prices / home values reflect this accolade. If boundaries of</p>
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Boundary Comments - As of July 22, 2019 (9:30 am)

4/25/2019 9:52	Kiker Elementary	I saw that in the most recent Boundary Planning maps, in Plans #7 & #8, Circle C North is zoned for Mills. I do not approve of this move. We bought in CCN to attend Kiker Elementary not Mills. This would introduce a challenge for our children as well. Being part of Circle C Ranch, we have community activities that are only open to residents of CCR. Since not all of the attendees of Mills are in CCR, it would introduce challenges with our children being able to set up activities with their friends without having to pay fees...ie. the swimming pool. This may seem like a minor inconvenience, this is part of the reason that we bought in CCN. To be able to partake in the community activities and that the friends our children make at school will be able to partake with them. Rezoning CCN would affect that. Mills might be a good school, but again we did not buy in the location that we did to attend Mills.
4/25/2019 20:48	Kiker Elementary	Please do not create a boundary line that would send children who live 1 mile from their current school and have access to safe bike route without crossing any major highway to a school that is further away and across a major highway. One of the things we live about CCR is the encouraged active lifestyle (biking walking) and sense of community. For my current student to be forced to be split up from her peers whom she has gotten to know the last three years would be traumatic! And for my son who would have one year at Kiker under his belt to have to make a switch would be equally hard! Please reconsider these boundary lines and keep kids in the school they are geographically closest to, and that have been attending. One of the main reasons (if not THE reason) we purchased our joke was so that our kids could bike to school. Thank you.
4/26/2019 13:00	Kiker Elementary	Hello, We are at (redacted), Our 4 year old is now zoned into the new elementary school. The new school is not only further from our home as compared to Kiker, it is also not walkable. We would be okay sending our son to Clayton/Mills or Kiker. We are just terrified of SH 45 as a primary crossing to school.
4/26/2019 16:45	Kiker Elementary	Hi there, When will the minutes from the last two meetings be posted on the website? Thanks for all you do! (redacted)
4/26/2019 17:01	Kiker Elementary	After asking the question about the last two meeting's minutes, I realize that I am really only looking for one set of minutes as I assume y'all will have to approve the last meeting's minutes at the next meeting. Thanks y'all, (redacted)

4/30/2019 11:51	Kiker Elementary	<p>Hello BAC members,</p> <p>We are really getting disturbed with whats being in planning for now with respect to rezoning areas as we live in CornerStone Community just opposite to fire station on escarpment.</p> <p>Currently our (redacted) son goes to Kiker and is thriving in there as it has a well established program for such kids and many of our neighbours kids also go there due to the same fact.</p> <p>However, with the rezoning proposal, it zones us to new elementary school and that not only puts unnecessary stress on ourselves but our son as well as you might all know that routine and other factors play a critical role in their day to day life.</p> <p>Plus, there have been lot of accidents recently off of Sh 45 and that puts added distress as to the safety of our son and other kids who bike/walk to the school.</p> <p>I sincerely hope that you guys can kindly look into it and have us all continue with Kiker north of SH 45 so that we can be sure that our son's progress is not hampered.</p> <p>Not sure if there is a way for special need (redacted) parents who might end up getting affected from the final rezoning in the area north of SH 45 like Cornerstone community, Aden lane would get a chance to keep their kids at Kiker or choose new elementary considering the well established special needs program at Kiker/Clayton and already set routine that our son follows alongwith other such kids.</p> <p>Thank you so much and hope for the best.</p> <p>Concerned Parent(redacted)</p>
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5/1/2019 22:24	Kiker Elementary	<p>Regarding the main priority of balancing enrollment throughout the AISD system along with secondary/ancillary goals of geographic proximity, safety, efficient transportation and traffic flow, and cost, please consider the following as it relates to proposed options of altering existing boundaries for Kiker Elementary in preparation for the proposed opening of the Southwest Elementary School in August 2020. Based on information presented during the April 11th AISD meeting, I feel better options exist compared to the primary option presented at the meeting. Furthermore, several members of the committee mentioned that regardless of the number of draft plans, that the board should present only the originally-drafted plan (and maybe one or two other option) at future public events for simplicity's sake. The public is intimately familiar with the nuances in their own neighborhood and will have no problem digesting multiple plans for a true pros/cons comparison, and I fear based on past experiences that often the "first plan" becomes the option chosen despite other plans that have better merits due to "inertia" effects. Please reconsider providing all options to the public in the future.</p> <p>1. A primary alternative option to consider is relocating children in the "Vintage Place" subdivision of Circle C to Mills Elementary in order to alleviate much of the 150% over-population at Kiker Elementary. This is basically the plan that Ms. Erika Boyd presented during the April 11th AISD committee meeting (and in paragraph 4 I present a small nuance to her proposal). The advantages of this option include Vintage Place's geographic proximity to Mills Elementary School, safe roads (reduction in the number of major intersections and distance to Mills vs. Kiker), reduction of vehicular traffic and congestion on Escarpment Blvd and Slaughter Lane, and reduced cost of AISD bus service due to the subdivision's proximity to Mills Elementary. Also, because Vintage Place is already geographically separated from the heart of Circle C due to Slaughter Lane and the 1-mile park/soccer fields/greenbelt area between Slaughter and Lacrosse Lanes, there would be much less "community disruption" as elementary-aged children tend to form initial friendships with other children on their own streets, cul-de-sacs, and adjacent streets at young ages. Breaking up or splitting a tight-knit geographic neighborhood should be avoided if possible, especially for elementary-school-aged children based on these reasons. Finally, a historical precedent exists as children in Vintage Place previously attended Mills Elementary prior to the current re-districting to Kiker Elementary.</p> <p>2. Conversely, the original plan presented at the April 11th meeting creating a north-south split in the portion of Circle C that is east of Escarpment Blvd (the primary plan presented at the April 11th AISD meeting) goes against almost all of the secondary/ancillary goals of the AISD redistricting effort. As more homes continue to be built in Avana and Greyrock subdivisions, along with continued expansion of subdivisions farther south into Hayes County, Highways 1826 and 45, both with posted speed limits of 55-65 MPH, create increasing traffic/vehicular safety hazards/congestion challenges, and this will only get worse as parents/buses from the heart of Circle C closest to Kiker Elementary now have to walk/bike/drive across Highway 45/Mopac. It also creates added cost to AISD because school bus options must be made available due to the distance. While I know the primary goal of redistricting is school "population control," in this case I think there are better options to rebalance population percentages at Clayton, Mills, and Kiker Elementary Schools than the primary plan presented at the AISD meeting on April 11th. Plus, the projections for overpopulation in the near future at Kiker and Clayton might be overstated as outlined below in paragraph 2.</p>
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5/3/2019 12:00	Kiker Elementary	<p>Hello BAC members,</p> <p>As a concerned parent of a (redacted) kid who currently thrives at Kiker due to the well established system/program for such kids, was the only and main goal at the time we bought out house north of SH 45 in (redacted) opposite to fire station on escarpment.</p> <p>Now with the new boundary rezoning proposals, it puts a lot of stress not only on us all but to the our (redacted) kid who will lose his independence of going to the school on his bike which is one of the great motivation and positive factor in helping him go through daily routine which is super critical for such kids.</p> <p>On top of that I will never allow my kid to bike or cross SH 45 which is recent has seen multiple deadly accidents.</p> <p>Plus its totally not fair and acceptable that Circle C north which are roughly 2 miles from Kiker be zoned to Kiker while we being only 1 mile from either Kiker or Clayton put to new elementary school. I don't have anything against anyone but looking at the practicality of the divide that the proposals have created, its totally not acceptable and fair against the community just north of SH 45 to be just sent to new elementary school. Our community (redacted) is not even listed on the maps which is again disappointing to see.</p> <p>I hope the BAC members will look into it and do the right decision.</p> <p>Thank you Concerned parent (redacted)</p>
5/3/2019 14:36	Kiker Elementary	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>Our family is an active part of the Kiker community. We moved to the neighborhood before having children just to be a part of the school. We chose our home on Utica Cv. within the central part of Circle C because we didn't want to have to change schools and would be part of the central core of Circle C. Our home was built in 1996 and has always been within the Kiker boundaries. Geographically it makes sense that the southern border of Kiker would be the SH-45 to the south and Slaughter Ln. to the north. We can walk to Kiker in twenty minutes and ride bikes in ten. We do not need crossing guards and use no traffic lights to get to our school. Waking up earlier to catch a bus to another part of our community does not make sense. With the proposed boundary, my son has friends that he plays that are two streets over and would not go to the same school as him. Please use common sense and use 45 as the southern boundary of Kiker. The 45 is notorious for accidents and was not a well planned road. Please walk our community for yourselves before deciding our fate. I look forward to seeing you on Monday at the Kiker boundary meeting. Please keep Utica Cv. at Kiker! Thanks for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely, (redacted)</p>

<p>5/6/2019 10:02</p>	<p>Kiker Elementary</p>	<p>I would like to ask that all members of the BAC pause to consider if they are truly comfortable with prioritizing enrollment over safety. As stated on the AISD website, the “primary” goal of the BAC is to balance enrollment, while the “secondary” goals include "providing for safe routes." Is the committee really interested in risking my child’s safety to meet enrollment goals?</p> <p>I live north of 45 in a section of Circle C Ranch that stands at risk of being rezoned to the new southwest elementary school. Thus, my child, who could easily and SAFELY walk or ride her bike to her current school (Kiker), may be required to cross a road with a 65 mph speed limit that is known across Austin to be dangerous in order to attend a different school. It is quite clear that this proposal disregards safety, and in fact, this proposal fails to consider any of the "secondary criteria" set forth by the BAC.</p> <p>First, the proposal does not “maintain as much walkability and biking as possible, while providing for safe routes.” Needless to say, children in our neighborhood will not be walking or biking across 45, but no matter how one crosses 45, it is obvious to anyone living in this part of town that NOT crossing 45 is always the safer option.</p> <p>Second, this proposal fails to "use major roads and subdivisions as boundaries.” The proposal in question uses either Back Bay Lane or South Bay Lane as its northern boundary. These are hardly “major roads” and they cut right down the middle of Circle C Ranch. Thus, their use as boundaries breaks up the neighborhood and sends established friends and schoolmates to separate schools</p> <p>Finally, the previous two points have made it painfully obvious that this proposal also fails when it comes to the last of the secondary criteria; it does not “carefully consider transportation routes.”</p> <p>Frankly, I find it hard to believe that any aspect of this particular boundary proposal was carefully considered.</p>
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5/6/2019 19:46	Kiker Elementary	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>I appreciate that members of the BAC came to Kiker to present the potential boundary maps that have been in the works. I am on (redacted). in the purgatory between South Bay and Back Bay. We walk or ride bikes to school with my son at least once a week. One big question that I have is why is Clayton not being impacted in the same way that Kiker has had to in the past? Kiker had to absorb the majority of growth and development from Avana and is again being asked to have it's community disrupted by the building of the new school. The boundaries of Clayton are not being changed at all. I think that if a small portion of homes that are West of Escarpment and North of 45 were zoned to Clayton and East of Escarpment and North of 45 were zoned to Kiker that the crowding of Kiker would be reduced. Removing the people that live South of Back Bay or South of South Bay should not be a part of the solution with regards to zoning to the new school. Furthermore, the children that will be living in the apartment complex on Slaughter and 1826 should be zoned to Clayton. The bus distance via 1826 is closer to Clayton than to Kiker. These changes alone should remove a large enough population of students from having to be displaced across the 45 to the new school. Thanks for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely, (redacted)</p>
5/7/2019 7:58	Kiker Elementary	<p>We are a family that lives in Circle C North and are currently attending Kiker Elementary school. We are against being rezoned to Mills Elementary due to the fact that we will shift our children from one over-crowded school to yet another over-crowded school. While both schools are quality elementary schools, this has everything to do with what is best for our children. This does not seem like a viable option and it only seems to be a bandaid fix to the overpopulation situation in southwest Austin. I do not want my children and my neighbors children to be the "ping pong ball" that keeps getting shifted back and forth between elementary schools, simply because of the area in which we live. Consistency is key for these early elementary years and making this change will only disrupt the lives of many families in Circle C North. Keep Circle C North at Kiker Elementary.</p>

5/7/2019 11:39	Kiker Elementary	<p>We are a family from Circle C North. I have a daughter in second grade who has a wonderful foundation at Kiker. I am shocked and sickened that AISD is truly considering sending our neighborhood to Mills. This move would rip her away from her friends and her community, as well as move her from one overcrowded school to another. Moving Circle C North to Mills would overcrowd Mills, per AISD's definitions. How many times can you justify moving this pocket of kids from one school to another?? I would NEVER willingly up-root my child to a new neighborhood, as she is as she is entering 4th grade, for fear of how that would impact her social and emotional growth. While I would never do that to my child, AISD is deciding that for her. You would be isolating this one area of Circle C and sending these kids to a new school with all new people for 2 years. After those 2 years, she would have to leave almost all of the new friends that she has made at Mills to go to a middle school with kids that she hasn't seen in 2 years. So you would be doing this to my child two times! TWO TIMES!! What happened to AISD trying to track kids together? Are you aware that adults in other parts of Circle C are now "affectionately" referring to Circle C North as "the ghetto of Circle C" because we are being isolated?? Do you know how hurtful that is? How do you justify sending just our area, "the ghetto of Circle C", to a different school than the rest of the community; even allowing Vintage Place to stay at Kiker when they are right there with us on Slaughter? How is that fair?? Who decided that was a logical boundary? I speak on behalf of many parents in Circle C North when I say that we are feeling very unwanted by all the schools at this point. I also speak on behalf of many parents when I say that Mills is obviously a wonderful school. It's not about which school is the best, it's about our kids being isolated from the community. Circle C North was not even up for discussion until the Back Bay area of Circle C got upset about going to a brand new Circle C school in Avana. One of their biggest arguments has been how it will effect their property value!! Really? What about our property value?! We will have the isolated kids! We will be the area that doesn't go to school with the rest of the neighborhood. Before people purchase in Circle C North they will realize that, for some reason, our area is not part of the community schools. Our neighborhood kids will be with kids that will almost all track to Small Middle School (with a very small percentage of Mills kids going to Gorzycki). When my child goes to our neighborhood pools, she will not be with her peers. She will be swimming with a bunch of kids that she doesn't have ties to anymore! That is horrible! It is disgusting that the board is even considering doing this to a group of kids. The last point that I want to emphasis is that moving the overcrowding from one school to another is not fixing anything. The original plan, to move kids from Kiker to the new Avana school took care of 2 issues; it fixed the overcrowding at Kiker and it fills the new school. Moving us to Mills and overcrowding them does not fill the new school. I really hope that AISD does the right thing here. I am pregnant with our second child and I would really love for this child to grow up with the same sense of community that my daughter has had at Kiker. If my new child goes to Mills, she will not be meeting any of the kids that she graduate with until 6th grade, even though we're in the same neighborhood. My husband and I would never have purchased our home had I known that this would happen. Intentionally isolating children from their community is in very poor judgement, especially when it's avoidable.</p>
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5/7/2019 12:43	Kiker Elementary	<p>Hello BAC members,</p> <p>Hope you all are doing well.</p> <p>I wanted to thank once again Melissa and other BAC members that came and gave us more insight into the project at Kiker yesterday. I know this rezoning job is enormous but we are confident that at the end we all will end up with a good solution for the entire community.</p> <p>I live in Cornerstone community close to Aden Ln/South Bay north of SH 45 which is in all the maps showing to be rezoned to new elementary school. We all as a community have given our feedback yesterday to Melissa and other BAC members about how it will affect our families and our kids. Just to let the committee know that our home like other affected families is around 1mile from Kiker/Clayton and its not fair our kids be forced to go to new school wherein they would have to cross SH45 and is going to be roughly 2 miles away.</p> <p>Personally I have a (redacted) kid who is currently thriving at Kiker with the well established system for such kids who rely on their critical daily routine which starts from walking/biking to the school and then back, which not only gives them confidence, safety sense and makes them more n more independent which is the ultimate goal for our son.</p> <p>I would not like other parents allow my kids to walk/bike across SH 45 to go to new elementary school. it not only puts their safety into jeopardy as well as takes their motivation, independence away by not being able to walk/bike to the school.</p> <p>We bought in this neighbourhood just for the main reason for our son to thrive in day to day life and being overall independent and Kiker with their well established system has proven very fruitful so far in how his disability is going away day by day. Every aspect starting from biking with other kids in our neighbourhood to the school and coming back not only allows them to be socially and mentally stronger day by day which is very critical for such kids.</p> <p>I as a concerned special needs kids parent urge the BAC members to look into consideration wherein SH45 can be set as the boundary limit for Kiker and not divide the part of the community and most importantly harm our kids futures.</p> <p>Thank you. Concerned (redacted) Parent.</p>
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5/8/2019 8:26	Kiker Elementary	<p>Austin Independent School District is putting numbers over safety.</p> <p>Children in southwest Austin's Circle C Ranch who live in close proximity of their elementary school, Kiker, are the ONLY group of students NOT currently being bussed to this school and who could walk and/or ride the buss to school are potentially being rezoned to a new school in Avana. The main problem with this rezoning is that it requires these children and their families to cross a very dangerous intersection on Highway 45 several times a day. Students in the section of Circle C Ranch called Avana - where the new school is being built, have been bussed over Highway 45 for several years now, and we consider it great progress that they will no longer be forced to do so in order attend public school.</p> <p>Why then is the AISD Boundary Advisory Committee (BAC) now recommending that these other Kiker children who could walk to their elementary school cross Highway 45 daily to attend the new school? NUMBERS!!!! The Boundary Advisory Committee only cares about the numbers and not opening a school at 70% capacity. The BAC does not really care about the safety of the children and their families.</p> <p>When the issue of safety has been brought up at the BAC meetings, it is glossed over and/or ignored. One member of the BAC committee even said, "We are not asking the children to cross 45, they will be in a bus." Well, busses have to cross Highway 45 and busses are just as susceptible to motor vehicle accidents as any other car or truck.</p> <p>Members of the BAC also attended a meeting at Kiker elementary and reported on the meeting at the AISD meeting last night. One of the main concerns at the Kiker meeting was that of safety and these children being in close proximity of Kiker. However, when the member reported on the meeting, these concerns and details were left out and not reported.</p> <p>We understand that a growing community may have to endure school boundary changes from time to time. However, it is extremely frustrating and frankly depressing that our school district is not validating AND/or truly investigating our safety concerns.</p> <p>There were discussions about the safety of crossing Brodie Lane and Slaughter for those students in Shady Hollow, but neither of those streets compare AT ALL to the safety of crossing Highway 45.</p> <p>AISD wonders why it's enrollment is going down. THIS is why!!! They do NOT put safety first. That is what we care about AISD. Safety!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Safety is first!!!!!! Children cannot learn if they are not safe!!!!</p>
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5/8/2019 9:19	Kiker Elementary	<p>Please don't adjust Circle C north Kiker kids to Mills, this will have a huge impact on the children and kiker family's who have been sending their children there.</p> <p>Not only will it just make Kiker less crowded but Mills will then be overcrowded. We want our children part of their neighborhood schools and we don't want Circle C north to always be adjusting their boundaries lines. Have you considered adding children to Clayton ?</p> <p>Please understand our children love their school and I want my children in a school where their friends live and to be in our communities of Circle C. We specifically bought our home as it was zoned to Kiker no other reason.</p> <p>Concerned parent</p>
5/8/2019 9:47	Kiker Elementary	<p>I wanted to express my displeasure at re-zoning Circle C North to Mills. While Mills is a good school my family specifically bought in this area to go to Kiker. My youngest son is going into 3rd grade and has made friends and a support system at Kiker. This switch will pull him out of his comfort zone and into a new one. He has tentatively been diagnosed as a highly functioning autistic and moving him from what he knows to a new school would be super disruptive.</p> <p>Another concern is after school care. Kiker has 2 programs that allow kids to stay on-site for after school care. Kiker Crew is never full and it allows working parents to have a great solution for their children. Mills has one program and it is on a multi-year wait list. If Circle C North gets re-zoned then all the working parents will have no place for their kids to go after school.</p> <p>You will be disrupting children who have spent 4 years at one school. You will be disrupting children who have been able to stay at their elementary school for after care. You will be hurting the working parents who are equally as important as the stay at home parents.</p> <p>The entire picture need to be looked at, not just the overcrowding. There are far reaching consequences for a move like this.</p> <p>And per an email from Mr Crissey, the re-zoning will put Mills at 123% over-crowded. You will be moving us from an over-crowded school that we're familiar with to a new school that will also be over-crowded but will be new and not able to support after school care.</p>

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5/8/2019 9:53	Kiker Elementary	<p>In strong support of Map 11. I live in Wildflower Park on (redacted) and just moved down here so that I would be closer to my son's school (Kiker Elementary). I have scraped together nickels to buy this house so that my son can ride his bike to school and be more involved in the community here in Circle C.</p> <p>Thank you, (redacted)</p>
5/8/2019 10:12	Kiker Elementary	Please adopt Map 11. Thank you.

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5/8/2019 10:23	Kiker Elementary	<p>We moved to the Circle C Ranch East neighborhood around Kiker (on Back Bay Ln) specifically so our children could attend Kiker and be close enough to walk or ride their bikes. Most of their best friends, whom they met at Kiker, live in this neighborhood within walking distance. It is a tight knit community, and Kiker is its hub. Everyone knows that here. It is not nearly as safe for anyone living N of 45 where we live to cross 45 daily to attend Avana's new school. No child required to do that will be able to take themselves to school again. Earning that responsibility and negotiating the challenges of the independence that comes with that has been a great life teacher for our children and has deepened their friendships. I would hate to see this neighborhood permanently lose its hub, its cohesion, and the lessons and growth it brings all of us who call this neighborhood home.</p> <p>I cannot overstate how strongly we feel about this as a family, and from my conversations with others in the neighborhood there seems to be virtual unanimous agreement. We want this community...all of this community...to stay together at Kiker Elementary. Please support us as we support our children so that one day they may have the wisdom and strength to similarly support the communities where they some day choose to live. Thank you.</p>
5/8/2019 10:36	Kiker Elementary	<p>Map 11 is very close to being the perfect solution. Have you considered moving the people from circle c park place (Bavaria Ln) off Beckett/slaughter from Mills to Kiker? That might elevate some of the overcrowding that scenario places on Mills and shift them to Kiker. This map also allows for more people to walk and bike to school versus forcing them to bus or drive to the new SW school which is good for traffic, health, and the environment.</p>
5/8/2019 10:41	Kiker Elementary	<p>We live in Circle C North and have 2 kids going to Kiker, we disagree with the map proposal moving us to Mills that is already over capacity when you have the new SW school opening with less than 70% of capacity, it doesn't solve the problem and it disrupts kids lives.</p>
5/8/2019 10:51	Kiker Elementary	<p>I request that a proposed map include changing Clayton's boundaries. For the sake of transparency, this option should be reviewed or the reason for not reviewing should be made public. The large roads make natural boundaries. The community would like to understand why Clayton's boundary isn't Escarpment. This would allow direct neighbors to go to school together. To gain community support, more information about possible (or not) expansion of Clayton's boundaries along with the actual numbers being estimated for neighborhood areas would be helpful. Currently, there are so many rumors that people's moral is very low. Transparency is key. For example, we have heard that the Committee estimates 1.7 kids per household. That seems incredibly low. The community does not trust the demographic analysis as it has proven incorrect in the past.</p> <p>Additionally, the CAC at Kiker made a recommendation that only 5th grade be grandfathered when the new school opens. However, at that meeting, the information provided indicated that Kiker would only go down to 130-140% capacity. Now, all of the available plans indicate a much lower capacity percentage. However, that new information was presented at the last CAC meeting of the year without affording the CAC the opportunity to change its recommendation or provide a stair step recommendation (ie if capacity is within a certain range then these grades are grandfathered). We understood that the Committee will be making grandfathering decisions in June. It will be doing so without real input or recommendations from the relevant CACs and community as we made recommendations without accurate information.</p>

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5/8/2019 12:17	Kiker Elementary	<p>I attended the meeting last night at AISD headquarters, and was disappointed with some of the dismissive comments by a handful of the committee as soon as Plan 11 was brought up. While I understand the desire to ensure relief is given to the overcrowding at Kiker, and the desire to ensure the new school has enough students, having our students cross a major, major roadway is significant. This has been a real obstacle for the Avana students going to Kiker these past few years, and it just transfers the risk if the southern half of Circle C is now tasked with this.</p> <p>I don't know if enrollment could be improved and existing Kiker students north of 45 could be taken into consideration if all new students north of 45 were sent to the new school, but existing Kiker students could be allowed to finish their schooling at Kiker. Kiker (and the above feeder system) is THE reason we bought a house in Circle C last year. Not a reason, not one of the reasons, but the reason. I think one thing the committee should know is that most families in Circle C aren't rich...we had to stretch significantly in order to afford a house attending Kiker, and we still do. It's not a situation where everyone in Circle C is extremely well off.</p> <p>I appreciate all the work and time each of you is putting in. I know that no matter what's decided you'll disappoint a section of the community. I just urge you to uproot as few children from their friends and school as possible and maximize the safety of them as you try to achieve your primary criteria.</p> <p>Warm regards, (redacted)</p>
5/8/2019 12:28	Kiker Elementary	<p>I live in Circle C North and strongly feel that my three children, one currently attending or two attending soon, should continue to be zoned for Kiker. This is our home school and the primary reason we moved to Circle C North two years ago. I do not want the new zoning boundaries to change our, home elementary school. Keep the Circle C North neighborhood zoned for Kiker.</p>

5/8/2019 12:39	Kiker Elementary	<p>Having attended the CAC and public feedback meetings at Kiker Elementary on May 6, I am writing to address some of the concerns raised by Kiker families and to ask additional questions about the current boundary proposals. I am writing as a Kiker parent and a resident of Wildflower Park, but I am also trying to summarize the arguments that I heard from various neighborhood areas and ask questions that address school-wide issues. I understand that no solution is perfect, and every neighborhood that is either affected by an existing map or being put up for discussion in future maps has arguments for keeping that area at Kiker. It is useful, then, to begin by removing arguments that apply equally to every area and therefore cannot be used to distinguish one from another: home value and emotional attachment.</p> <p>Property value should not factor into Kiker's boundaries partially because decreasing value is a risk to any homeowner but also because the risk is not guaranteed in this case. A 2010 article from the The Review of Economics and Statistics analyzes changes in home price after a comprehensive school boundary change in Vancouver, British Columbia and provides a helpful overview of other research on the general home price-school performance connection (See Note 1). The authors' findings include several points relevant to Kiker. First, while there does seem to be a correlation between school quality as assessed by test scores and home value, changes in home prices due to rezoning depend on the relative quality difference between the schools in question. Kiker has been the most highly rated elementary school in Southwest Austin for many years, but surrounding schools such as Clayton and Mills are highly rated, too, so a house's relocation from Kiker to one of those schools should not cause a catastrophic drop in value. The new SW school is an unknown, of course, but since it will have the same socioeconomic advantages as its neighboring schools, will likely draw faculty from Kiker and other affected schools and will have better facilities, the odds for its success seem sounds. Second, the authors find that when they use a "repeat sales method" to account for other neighborhood factors which influence home value, the role of elementary school performance is not statistically significant. Third, the authors find that the effect is more significant for secondary schools, and none of the changes related to Kiker alter the vertical team of affected students.</p> <p>While the risk of property devaluation may be overstated by some residents, the challenge of leaving a school that families know and love is all but certain to come with change. However, as with property value, because the risk is equal to all, it should not be used to weigh one area over another. Families from all of Kiker's present areas have invested time, effort, and funding in the school. Students from all of Kiker's present areas feel attached to it for its teachers, its programs, or its friendships. All of Kiker's present areas include students for whom change would be difficult, encompassing social-emotional challenges common to all children as well as other challenges for students with identified academic, behavioral, or developmental needs. Some Kiker families have referenced the length of time that their area has been zoned to Kiker, but the BAC must make its choice based on current and future students, not students from the past. Unless a student is close to someone who attended Kiker in the 1990s and takes particular pride in being a second-generation Comet, the fact that their house has been zoned to Kiker since it opened is not germane to the present boundary decision. Also, just as all Kiker areas have students who love the school, all Kiker areas probably have students with other feelings. Variability can come even within a single household: I have two children currently at Kiker, and while one of them feels strongly about remaining at the school, the other would willingly leave as a sort of adventure. This variability, like attachment, like fear of change, like parental involvement, and like</p>
5/8/2019 13:00	Kiker Elementary	<p>Thank you all for your hard work. This is not an easy process. I would once again encourage you to use South Bay as a natural boundary for the Kiker zoning. This would allow the kids in the area to bike/walk to school and preserve the original Circle C neighborhood as a whole. Thank you.</p>

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5/8/2019 13:27	Kiker Elementary	I am so pleased to see that proposed Map #11 reflects the 3 secondary priorities for boundary lines! Walkability and safe routes to school, using major highways/roads and neighborhood subdivisions, and transportation routes appear to all be taken into consideration here. Thank you for keeping the part of Circle C neighborhood south of Back Bay intact to it's neighborhood instead of cutting it off and sending it across a major highway to go to school. I appreciate how Circle C North neighborhood now has a safe and close walking/biking option to go to school and also how traffic will be decreased through this as well.... and busing is decreased! Sections of the neighborhood are kept together as well in this proposed plan. Thank you and I applaud this option as it reflects key concerns within the Circle C Ranch neighborhood.
5/8/2019 14:41	Kiker Elementary	Please take a look at keeping as many students currently at Kiker at Kiker once the new school opens. I think that we all can agree that all students located south of 45 should go to the new school. I do not understand why wildflower center area is not also being looked at to go to the new SW school and then keeping everyone else at Kiker? It seems like the numbers would be about perfect for all schools?
5/8/2019 15:19	Kiker Elementary	I would like to comment on Map #11 that was recently added. I know that there is a significant amount of individuals from Circle C (between South Bay and 45) that have petitioned to stay at Kiker instead of going to Avana but if that happens Kiker would be almost at capacity, Mills would be at 123% capacity and the new school would be WAY under capacity at 63%. If this is the plan, then why would we go through the process of doing all the boundary changes. While Kiker would be greatly relieved, it would really have no room for growth and you have one school still over capacity and one school under. I know that change is hard but all three of these schools are great schools and can provide wonderful educations to all our students. It doesn't make sense to me that we would go through this whole process and not balance out the school populations. Thanks for the consideration and for the work you are doing.
5/8/2019 16:42	Kiker Elementary	To Whom It May Concern: After reviewing material provided after last night's (5/7/19) meeting, I agree with the majority of parents located in Circle C that "Plan 11" makes the most sense with regards to student numbers and physical/geographic boundaries. I am very happy with this proposal and appreciate that the BAC has taken parent input. Thank you. Sincerely, (redacted)
5/8/2019 20:42	Kiker Elementary	I am the proud father of a 4 year old (redacted). He is currently enrolled in a PPCD program at Kiker. We chose Kiker because of its exceptional (redacted)program and proximity to our house. Plans 1 and Plans 5 that have the cut off at back bay lane would virtually eliminate any chance that we have to allow our son the aspirational goal of going to school independently via walking or riding a bike. It is our hope that he grows up to be a fully functional adult and would like for him to start to practice and exert his independence in elementary school at Kiker. I feel that the plans that put the southern boundary for Kiker at highway 45 make the most sense and keep the community as together as possible. Please consider the impact of these changes on all children, but please be considerate of how a change of environment, friends, teachers, and routine impacts children with special needs.

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5/8/2019 21:46	Kiker Elementary	The new boundary map 11 makes no sense for students in Circle C North. Moving from a school that is overcapacity (Kiker) to another overcapacity school (Mills) fails the students we are trying to help. This scenario puts Kiker at 98% capacity (which was a nice reduction from current), but moves Circle C North students to Mills at 123% capacity, and opens the new school at 62%. How does this proposal even make sense to move the overcapacity issue from one school to another. Sure, it reduces the overcapacity of Kiker but the children attending an overcrowded Mills suffer for 5 years in a facility and with a staff that will be taxed to support this overpopulation. We can't make a decision for our children that not only hurts the children that are being moved to the Mills but harms existing Mills students by significantly overcrowding an already old infrastructure of a school. Please reconsider Plan 11 as those overcrowding numbers are too high to consider and all the children and staff at Mills would suffer at that overcrowding level. Thank you for listening.
5/9/2019 12:35	Kiker Elementary	Moving kids living in Circle C North to Mills does not serve these kids well. Moving them reduces Kiker down to 98% capacity but sends these kids to another school which will be over capacity, i.e, Mills ---123% capacity. Leaving them at Kiker, has the same result without disrupting their current educational experience. Is this simply a tactic to make way for new homes and homeowners into Circle C and Circle C schools while displacing those who have been here all along and have supported these schools?
5/9/2019 12:51	Kiker Elementary	I support moving the Back Bay/South Bay area of Circle C to the new school in Avana. Based upon the limited numerical data provided to us Circle C residents, this seems to be the most logical solution. Most importantly, it avoids overcrowding Kiker and Mills. Second, the Back Bay/South Bay students also have the easiest access to the Avana school, and routing them south instead of north to Kiker would relieve traffic issues. Moving CCN to Mills makes little sense, as Mr. Crissey's email advises that "This scenario puts us at 98% capacity, Mills at 123% capacity, and opens the new school at 62%." How is that an effective proposal if "The main goal of the Boundary Advisory Committee is to balance enrollment between 75-115% of a school's permanent capacity"? The population south of 45 isn't going to grow much larger, as it is very close to the Hays ISD boundaries. Where else are you going to get these students without traffic and busing issues? Please don't approve a proposal that moves Kiker's issues to Mills and fails to resolve traffic concerns.
5/9/2019 13:19	Kiker Elementary	While I fully appreciate south Circle C's interest in staying at Kiker, it does not seem fair to Mills to push it into overcrowding again and flip-flop Circle C North to/from Mills/Kiker every 10 years. Yes, people in CCN can walk to Mills. It would be great if they could walk to school, if Mills wouldn't be overcrowded then. Some of them have transferred an DO walk. Same applies to the south Circle c folks - those that need Kiker programs that aren't offered at the new school should transfer to Kiker. The bulk of the kids not needing those programs would be fine at the new school. I don't think it makes sense to send groups like VP and WFP (and CCN especially) to the new school that is so much farther away just because they're already given a bus.
5/9/2019 13:25	Kiker Elementary	Option #11 that keeps students from Kiker at Kiker instead of going to the new school is unacceptable. Sending CCN students and crowding Mills elementary is not a viable option that fits into the overall AISD restructuring by Dr Cruz.

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5/9/2019 14:29	Kiker Elementary	<p>After reviewing the feedback from the meeting on May 8, I am very concerned about the proposal of re-districting Circle C North to Mills Elementary School. My main concern is around the following comment: map #11 children that live in Circle C North attending Mills Elementary puts us (Kiker) at 98% capacity, Mills at 123% capacity, and opens the new school at 62%.</p> <p>I live in Circle C North and to see that we'd simply be moving our kids from one overcrowded school to another doesn't sound like an ideal solution. Is Mills prepared to handle this overcrowding while also providing the extra support that my child receives at Kiker? I've been informed that Kiker is going to have 2.5 reading specialists, which is far more than other schools. Do Mills' extra programs have room to accommodate overcrowding (i.e. Take Flight) to ensure that my child is accounted for as part of this potential move?</p> <p>I also question why you wouldn't keep Circle C neighborhoods in a Circle C school. We purchased our home specifically to be in the Kiker school district, and part of being in this community/school allows our children to regularly see their friends (which are made at school) at the neighborhood pools and other activities.</p>
5/9/2019 16:17	Kiker Elementary	<p>I'm a parent of a Kiker child, with his younger sibling next door at Circle C Dev Center. We want to stay zoned to Kiker. Mills doesn't have the space to take the 150 kids of Circle C North in without them then becoming over capacity. We feel that this will just take the overcrowding problem and shift it to another school. The data shows that the AISD goals would not be achieved in doing this. Moving children from Circle C North into Mills would have more negatives that come out of it than the positives. Don't forget the lessons learned 10 years which is why they moved CCN out of Mills in the first place.</p> <p>If you consider moving CC North to Mills, 1) Mills will instantly be over-crowded (it is already at 106%) & will remain that way until all transfers finish 5th grade, 2) Transfers into Mills will cease and families with children currently at Mills will not have that option for future children, 3) Children at Kiker will leave one over-crowded school and be placed in another over-crowded school. Meanwhile, the new SW school will be under-enrolled (Avana) which was the whole point in the first place for them. The kids on transfer to Mills that would get kicked out or siblings denied, are being denied an opportunity as well.</p> <p>Don't move Circle C North into Mills.</p>
5/9/2019 18:18	Kiker Elementary	<p>I am completely baffled that this committee is even considering shifting the Kiker over enrollment to Mills while leaving a brand new school under enrolled. Parent complaints because they don't want to move, but want everyone else to should not be a factor. This is purely numbers and over enrollment at Mills puts a significant burden on other families and teachers because a few parents don't want to go to a brand new beautiful school. Crossing 45 is not a hardship.</p>
5/10/2019 12:27	Kiker Elementary	<p>I live in Vintage Place and my kid goes to Kiker. We've had a great experience at Kiker. That being said, I'd love for my kid to attend a less overcrowded school. I would not mind being moved to Mills (an equally great school) if it means less overcrowding. However, if students from the North of Circle C are moved into Mills and this just shifts the overcrowding problem from Kiker to Mills and still leaves the cutting-edge new Avana school under-enrolled, that's not right. I Kindof envy the new school Avana is getting and do not understand the resistance of those that may have an option to go there, but don't want to (unless it means their oldest kid is being moved in the final year of elementary- that's a tough sell and I'd support these kids being "grandfathered").</p>
5/10/2019 20:42	Kiker Elementary	<p>Hello, as a Circle C resident with a kindergartner I would like to keep Circle C North in the Kiker district. Thanks!</p>

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5/11/2019 13:36	Kiker Elementary	My husband and I are concerned about the rezoning of Circle C North students from Kiker Elementary to Mills which would mean that we are moving from one overcrowded school to another. We have already experienced a class in a portable and would like to lessen the chances of that happening each year. The current maps do not solve the overcrowding issue, therefore, we do not approve of this proposal. Thank you for listening.
5/11/2019 19:46	Kiker Elementary	We moved to Circle C specifically to attend Kiker (or Clayton). We belong to a neighborhood community of Circle C who all funnel into Kiker or Clayton and I would hate for my child to lose that tie being forced into another school. Please leave Circle C North zoned to Kiker.
5/16/2019 12:44	Kiker Elementary	I've just recently joined the Circle C Facebook group and learned my home my be redistricted to the new school Avana? being built. I am utterly opposed to this shift. We just moved back to Texas in November, to this area, to this house because of Kiker!! My best friend who is a VP at an AISD Middle School gave me the zipcodes that funnel into Kiker so my 2 year old son could attend. We moved to Texas for a better life for our son and being only 10 minutes walking distance to one of the best elementary schools in the state was reason number 1 for our move. I'm beside myself knowing that this may soon not be the case. I urge you to reconsider your redistricting plans and allow my area Needham Lane to remain at Kiker. I would love for my son to be able to ride his bike to school or walk on his own when he's older like I did as a child. I want him to make friends that live close by and thrive in his community. We would never have to drive to school if he remains at Kiker which in the long run is better for the environment and our community. Thank you in advance for your time.
5/16/2019 12:52	Kiker Elementary	Just looking at the map and I seriously can't believe you'd cut out 7-9 streets from the circle c...literally splitting my street where one side goes to Kiker and the other to this new school. I'm so upset. Please extend the boundary for this tiny section of circle c and allow us to stay. We will live here feeling like outsiders now. Harrison will grow up without any direct close school friends. I'm in tears.
5/21/2019 11:38	Kiker Elementary	We are in support of the current boundary shown on the "Austin ISD Attendance Boundary Planning Plan 7" that zones Circle C- Vintage Place for Kiker elementary. We are in a smaller neighborhood within Circle C and participate in the Circle C Community activities. As a small neighborhood it is helpful for our children to make friends at school where a majority of other Circle C kids attend. We have a (redacted) child and familiarity is very important to her peace of mind. Seeing kids at the pool that she also sees at school is tremendously helpful. Thank you.

5/23/2019 8:27	Kiker Elementary	<p>Dear AISD Boundary Committee:</p> <p>I've lived in Austin for over 30 years as a renter and property owner. Now as a father planning for success, my wife, daughter and I moved into Circle C North precisely because we highly desired Kiker Elementary as our daughter's elementary school from K-5. The move one year ago and her kindergarten experience have been fabulous, and she is 100% a Comet looking forward to 1st grade. Everything has been great, until the prospect of Circle C North being redistricted to Mills.</p> <p>I want to thank you for the extensive work that you've done and for listening to family stories like mine. Because of the information you've made available, I've slowly been able to understand the proposed district changes. I see how planning several years ago and building a new elementary are a big part of where we are now, and I do agree that changes need to be made to alleviate overcrowding, open a new school at appropriate attendance levels, and to enable transfer students at most if not all schools to help promote more diverse campuses city-wide.</p> <p>In that regard, I want to bring the following points to your attention:</p> <p>Circle C North was rezoned from Mills to Kiker less than 10 years ago. There is a history of both of those schools being overcrowded, and as a parent, I don't think rezoning us again to Mills is a long-term solution and also sets a precedent of our neighborhood volleying between the two elementary schools. This is stressful as a prospect to my wife and child.</p> <p>In terms of specific numbers, based upon the projected enrollment numbers available for the 2021-2022 school year, I compared the maps moving Circle C North and those that do not to illustrate why it is not worth the student disruption:</p> <p>MAPS MOVING CIRCLE C NORTH TO MILLS:</p> <p>Plans 7 and 8 put Mills at 123% capacity, well over the ideal 75-115%. Those two maps also put the new elementary school at 72%, which is below the ideal capacity.</p> <p>Plan 11 also puts Mills at 123% capacity, but puts the new elementary school at 62%, which is way below ideal capacity.</p> <p>MAPS KEEPING CIRCLE C NORTH AT KIKER:</p> <p>Plans 1 and 5 put Kiker at 101% and the new school at 85% -- both within the ideal capacities.</p> <p>Plans 2, 6, and 12 put Kiker at 110% and the new school at 72% -- this puts the new school at less than ideal capacity.</p> <p>Keeping CCN at Kiker keeps nearly all of Circle C together between Kiker, Clayton, and the new elementary school. Keeping neighborhoods together has been mentioned as an AISD goal and played a role in our choice to move to this area.</p> <p>Looking at the provided projections, Clayton Elementary is at 101% now, and Mills next year with the same boundaries it has today will</p>
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5/31/2019 13:57	Kiker Elementary	<p>Two issues: 1) Your primary criterion is a target, not a requirement, 2) With my Plan, Kiker can be 117% in Year 3 and New SW can be 75+% by Year 3</p> <p>1) The primary criterion the BAC is using is.... "The student enrollments for these schools should be within the target range of 75-115 percent of permanent capacity. "</p> <p>This says "should be" it does NOT say "must be", "shall be", "is required to be", etc..... this is a TARGET only. This range is NOT a requirement</p> <p>2) If Circle C North + South Bay and Back Bay stay at Kiker....</p> <p>The Kiker capacity will be (enrollment based):</p> <p>Year 2 115.9%</p> <p>Year 3 117.4%</p> <p>Year 4 115.5%</p> <p>Year 5 112.9%</p> <p>The New SW capacity will be (population based):</p> <p>Year 2 66.1%</p> <p>Year 3 69.9%</p> <p>Year 4 76.3%</p> <p>Year 5 76.3%</p> <p>If you want to meet an arbitrary Year 3 target you have options.... Open New SW to transfers for one year and then stop new transfer applications and offer a tuition based Pre-K.</p> <p>You cannot claim to be concerned about capacity ad then REJECT viable options to increase capacity. You cannot tear apart a community based on arbitrary targets and an arbitrary timeline. Kiker can work at 117% - it is the #1 performing ES in AISD, it gets \$100+ in donations from parents each year, it has no problem filling teacher vacancies.</p>
6/3/2019 10:50	Kiker Elementary	<p>Please keep kids north of 45 at Kiker. This would allow them all to be able to walk/bike to school, preserve the neighborhood and use a natural boundary. Consider that Avana and Grey Rock are NOT down building houses that will very likely be filled with families. We don't want to open a new school to overcrowd it just a few years after opening.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

6/3/2019 12:02	Kiker Elementary	<p>Hello BAC members,</p> <p>I would like to give another feedback as I have earlier.</p> <p>I see there have been new plans proposed and out of that PLAN 11 assigns our community in north of SH45 to Kiker which is very much reasonable in many fronts like not diving the community, maximum walkability and safety of our children and is just 1 mile from Kiker.</p> <p>For us it goes beyond as we have a (redacted) son who currently thrives at Kiker as his day starts biking/walk to the school which is part of critical daily routine. Plans other than Plan 11 assigns us to new SW which takes away biking/walking to the school from our son and disrupts his critical routine which will not only hamper our son's progress as we have seen so far what happens if something goes missing in his daily routine as will be vouched by his teachers and others around him and we have various special need families in our community north of SH 45.</p> <p>We can understand the district is trying to open the new school at a 75%, which can be easily achievable by doing few things like below:</p> <p>Allow some transfers into New SW and offer a tuition based Pre-K - these two things will bring New SW to 75% and gross \$100,000+(in transportation savings) for AISD. We all know there is a huge demand for Pre-K education as research has proved that to be very much beneficial for the Kids going into Kinder and beyond.</p> <p>Also, its totally not fair to our north of SH45 community to be assigned to new school while allowing some far areas like Circle C north to go to Kiker wherein they could have walked easily to Mills and on top of that transfers into Mills isn't helping either. We believe that transfers are kind of stealing our community's right as many of us have invested more than 30 years to Kiker.</p> <p>So we as a concerned parent of (redacted) kiddo and resident of Circle C north of SW urge the board to not to hamper the progress/future of my son and many other kiddos like him in our area and keep us together with Kiker only.</p> <p>We are hopeful that a just and fair decision will be made.</p> <p>Thank you Concerned Parent (redacted)</p>
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6/3/2019 14:01	Kiker Elementary	Please support MAP 11! It keeps subdivisions and neighborhoods intact, promotes SAFE biking and walking routes to school, saves the district money (no buses!), prevents traffic concerns heading in and out of the Avana neighborhood during a rush-hour time, and protects property values. Following this map, at year 3, Mills will be at 10%, Kiker at 117% (vs current 150%), and \$100,000+ will be saved in transportation costs per year by eliminating buses! Please keep in mind new transfers to the new SW school as the neighborhood is still growing and many current families have preschool aged children. A for-profit Pre-K program could be offered at the new school for an annual \$\$\$ benefit to the district and fully utilize the facility. Please, respect the families who are in central Circle C Ranch; a safe walking distance to their elementary school who have invested in Austin. It is disrespectful to taxpayers/homeowners to play a numbers game with lines on a map that don't follow subdivision or major highways to meet arbitrary targets. In doing this, you are showing a lack of respect for our investment in Austin, nor are you being fiscally responsible or doing what is in the best interest of the children. Sincerely, a very frustrated and concerned parent, taxpayer, and resident, (redacted)
6/3/2019 15:37	Kiker Elementary	We live on (redacted). It is a short 10 minute walk to Kiker. We are extremely upset that it is under consideration to bus on a busy highway to a school further away. This is a more dangerous way to school, more costly and is less convenient. We are vehemently opposed to going anywhere but Kiker.
6/3/2019 19:36	Kiker Elementary	I've had a lot of time to sit with the proposed boundaries and am following up as I realize my initial reaction was based on emotion alone- never a good state in which to do much of anything. In all but 1 of the maps, we are proposed to go to the new SW elementary school. And while I still struggle with the transportation logistics (easy and safe walk to Kiker crossing no roads), I know this is the most logical path forward to relieve Kiker and ensure adequate occupancy at the new school. In terms of facilities I know this will be a wonderful opportunity for my children, who will be entering 3rd and 1st grade as the school opens. In part, I'm writing to apologize for the brashness of my original response, and thank you for your effort on a thankless and highly emotional job.

6/3/2019 19:52	Kiker Elementary	<p>I am writing to you as a Mother, yes I am a homeowner, and a tax payer, but I am a mother first!!</p> <p>I am DEEPLY disturbed that the BAC is putting numbers above safety and putting me and my family in an extremely difficult situation. If you require that those children south of South Bay attend the school in Avana, we will be forced to either sell our house and move, or take our children out of AISD. It is that simple. We are NOT willing to risk the lives of our family everyday by having to cross the very fast and dangerous highway 45 in order for our children to attend public school. In fact, just today, one of the Kiker teachers was over at our house tutoring one of our children, and he commented on the fact that the intersection of Escarpment and 45 was "so dangerous that you don't want to be the one who is first in line to cross 45 in case someone runs the red light." EXACTLY!!!!</p> <p>PLEASE hear what we are saying to you!!!!!! With the building of the Avana school, progress is indeed being made by not having to bus children across 45 anymore. Don't try to appease us by saying the the children "will be bussed over." That does not make us feel any more safe. Busses get into accidents all of the time. Please do not ask us to do this. There are SO many things that we have to worry about these days, why make us have to worry about one more? There is no reason that numbers should be put over safety - EVER - NO MATTER WHAT!!!!!!</p> <p>In addition to our safety concerns, there is a clear path to ease the Kiker capacity concerns, make the right long term preparations for SW Austin, and be fically responsible. You must put create a plan that keeps all homes north of SH 45 (Circle C North, Back Bay, South Bay, est) at Kiker.</p> <p>At Year 3, this will put Mills at 105%, have Kiker at a VERY REASONABLE 117% (vs current 150%, a 23% reduction!), and save \$100,000+ in transportation costs. You must, for one year at opening, allow some transfers into New SW and offer a tuition based Pre-K - these two things will bring New SW to 75% and gross \$100,000+ for AISD. Combined, this is an annual gross benefit of \$200,000+ for AISD and teachers!</p> <p>The current decision-making approach is flawed. The BAC cannot on one hand say that the goal is to open New SW at 75%, but then on the other hand and reject all reasonable options to reach that %. The options you are currently discussing will tear apart a community, will be reversed in the future, and IS NOT in the best interest of the children. What matters is results, not arbitrary numbers. A target of a certain % by a certain Year is arbitrary - what parents care about is results. Kiker is #1 ES in Austin, the PTA raises more than enough money each year, the parents are engaged and teacher vacancies are quickly filled - all of this points to a high performing team and community.</p> <p>It is disrespectful to taxpayers/homeowners to play a numbers game with lines on a map to meet arbitrary targets that are not grounded</p>
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6/3/2019 22:57	Kiker Elementary	<p>I recently moved my family to Austin specifically to the Kiker school district. Our kids had an adjustment from their Boston schools to California schools 18 months ago, then again in starting school in Austin in January. We specifically shopped Kiker-boundary houses ONLY and moved in 5 months ago. The house we bought was built in 1994, two years after Kiker opened. So far as I can tell, this house has always been zoned for Kiker. We have a 1st and 4th grader and are devastated that this is how we were greeted into the education community. We are trying to settle into the area and our first impression is being told we are being kicked out of the school we just drove 1700 miles to get to.</p> <p>I realize the overcrowding situation has negative impact over time, and the crowding at Kiker should be seen as an indicator of its quality and success. Instead of pushing children away from the school they can walk to and have attended, the focus should be on making the other schools the magnet that Kiker has become.</p> <p>We live on (redacted) and are currently slated to make our kids cross the very busy SH45 at rush hour to attend the new SW elementary. This proposal is dangerous at best and insane at worst. Instead of busing Avana children north, the current proposal flips the direction of the bus and ships South Bay / Aden Lane students South. The busing previously was out of necessity, the current proposal adds unnecessary safety risk, expense, and emotional turmoil by splitting up communities by random borders.</p> <p>Please reconsider the borders. Look to the natural dividing lines (Mopac, SH 45) to avoid kids crossing exceptionally dangerous roads (75 MPH+ on each). Don't split up existing communities (that have been together for 25 years!), allow the natural ebb and flow of students to balance out over time (more houses are being built closer to the new Elementary school, new homes should be zoned to the new school), figure out how to make the other schools more like Kiker instead of pushing and pulling kids this way or that.</p> <p>Thank you (redacted)</p>
6/4/2019 14:06	Kiker Elementary	<p>Dear Boundary Advisory Committee,</p> <p>My family lives in Circle C North and my daughter attends Kiker Elementary School. She will be entering 1st grade this fall. Two of the rezoning maps move our neighborhood to Mills Elementary School. This would cause my daughter to experience extreme anxiety as she does not cope well with change. Everything that I have seen regarding those scenarios shift the over crowding from Kiker to Mills. I don't understand how that would be a worthwhile reason to disrupt her learning. We moved to this neighborhood last spring so that she could attend Kiker. When I was a child, I unfortunately attended several elementary schools and I know how disruptive that can be to a child's learning, well-being, and self-confidence. Considering this information, I respectfully and sincerely ask you to please consider leaving Circle C North at Kiker.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration, (redacted)</p>

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6/12/2019 22:39	Kiker Elementary	<p>During the BAC meeting on 5/7/2019, there were 3 specific points during the committee discussion that raised great concern and caused me to question committee members' ability and/or commitment to carefully and objectively carry out their duties.</p> <p>First, shortly after beginning to discuss Plan 11, one committee member asked if the committee could move on without discussing it further because, as she put it, "we don't like this map." The blatant disregard and disrespect this showed for families who are impacted by this plan was frankly offensive. If a committee member is not willing to take the time to seriously consider the issues put before her, she should not be on the committee.</p> <p>Second, when it came time for the committee to discuss the rating procedure, there was actually discussion amongst the committee regarding whether or not they should do the ratings. This was mind boggling, and indicated that many on the committee seem to lack a fundamental understanding of their responsibilities.</p> <p>Third, in response to concerns regarding the safety of crossing 45, one committee member said "we are not asking students to cross 45, they will be in a bus." This simply demonstrates a lack of understanding of the safety concern coupled with a naive belief in the safety of school buses. Simply being in a bus does not negate the serious safety concerns associated with crossing a 65 mph road to get to and from school.</p> <p>Together, these issues seem to demonstrate that there are individuals on the committee who either lack an appreciation for the issues at hand, or do not care about them, or both.</p> <p>I implore the committee to take the time to listen to our concerns and not disregard or dismiss them so blatantly.</p>
6/12/2019 22:41	Kiker Elementary	<p>There is an "elephant in the room" in any discussion surrounding the potential under-enrollment of the new southwest elementary school. Specifically, there has been so much focus on solutions to the problem that no one is discussing the cause, and that cause is clearly poor planning.</p> <p>You build a school to meet a need. If you build the school and find that the need is not there, you admit that you planned poorly and you wait for the need to catch up. You do not make the lack of need someone else's problem, and you most definitely do not download the problem onto the children you are supposedly trying to serve.</p> <p>It is simply being taken for granted that the new school cannot open at low enrollment. Why is that not acceptable, yet it is apparently perfectly acceptable to disrupt the lives of children, uproot them from their school and community, and risk their safety to send them to a new school? The answer to this question is simple; IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.</p> <p>AISD needs to find another solution that does not place our children's safety and well-being at risk.</p>

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6/14/2019 8:38	Kiker Elementary	<p>Good job BAC committee!! You have succeeded in making a decision based on an arbitrary number and have made that 70% number more important than the safety and wellbeing of the children south of South Bay!! You made your decision because you do not feel comfortable opening a school at 70% because schools is East Austin may be closing.. Well we are not East Austin, and this decision should NOT be based on what is happening in east Austin. It should be based on this area and what it means to the people living here. Clearly, not all of you have a good sense about our area and what this means to our neighborhood and our families. You are breaking up a neighborhood! In a world where community is harder and harder to attain, you are doing a good job at making it even more difficult.</p> <p>We voted on the BOND for relief of Kiker so the GreyRock and Avana areas could have a school. NOT so that kids who could WALK to KIKER would be re-zoned to the new school. THIS was very dishonest and deceptive.</p> <p>This battle is not over.</p>
6/14/2019 8:55	Kiker Elementary	<p>A few more thoughts and questions regarding the re-zoning of those south of South Bay into the Avana school.</p> <p>1) Who decided that opening a school at 70% was the magic number? Where did this number come from? How do you KNOW that in 2020 there will not already BE 70% or more students living in the GreyRock and Avana areas to fill the school? There could already be now. There is room for much error in your analysis. Why make a decision based on this number and the very strong chance that it is and will be incorrect?</p> <p>2) WHY in God's name are you making that arbitrary number the top priority OVER safety, well-being and community? Shouldn't THOSE things come first?</p>
6/14/2019 8:57	Kiker Elementary	<p>We love on Back Bay Lane, which is south is South Bay and do not want to attend the new school. We bike to school and all of our sons teachers have said what a difference it has made for him in the classroom. That exercise and community in the morning has made a huge difference for him. We bought our home specifically for our kids to be able to bike to school and attend kiker. Please do not cut us out of our school!!</p>
6/14/2019 9:09	Kiker Elementary	<p>I just saw the email with the Plan B recommended map that keeps Circle C North attending Kiker. I support this Plan over any of the others that I have seen.</p> <p>My fiance and I, along with our son, moved to Circle C to specifically attend Kiker. Our son,(redacted) has loved the school, it's teachers and have made many friends over his first year there. We are hopeful that this Map comes to fruition as it truly broke our heart to see that we were suddenly being subdivided into Clayton.</p>

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6/14/2019 9:21	Kiker Elementary	<p>Hello,</p> <p>Thank you for sharing the proposed map. My family and I strongly support keeping Circle C North within the boundaries of Kiker Elementary School.</p> <p>THANK YOU ALL!!! (redacted)</p>
6/14/2019 10:00	Kiker Elementary	<p>Any plan that requires Kiker students to cross SH 45 is simply an unacceptable solution. I would rather prefer a slightly more overcrowded Kiker than have to cross SH 45.</p>
6/14/2019 10:26	Kiker Elementary	<p>An incremental 26 students is all that is required to get NewSW at Year 3 from 70% to 75% for Plan D. Those 26 students can easily come from the Baldwin catchment area. Baldwin is over 115% capacity with a catchment area approximately 12 square miles. Kiker's catchment area is less than 2 square miles. We can find 26 students that want to transfer into New SW.</p> <p>The decision to allow over 130 transfers into Mills, which is artificially putting pressure on Kiker, which is not leading the BAC to tear apart Circle C Ranch is a cascade of bad decisions that needs to stop.</p> <p>Let's make reasonable long term decisions for SW Austin.</p> <p>Stop new transfers into Mills.</p> <p>Keep the intent of the New SW which was to serve the growing, new developments</p> <p>Keep Back Bay and South Bay walking to Kiker as they have been for almost 30 years</p> <p>Open up New SW to transfers from Baldwin to reduce Baldwin capacity to below 115% and prepare for growth in SW Austin.</p> <p>Parents / taxpayers want to be in areas with the best schools. This area is SW Austin. Growth will continue in SW Austin. Let's establish a reasonable approach to manage this growth over the long term and respect the significant investment homeowners have made. If you do not respect this investment you will continue to lose students. YOU ARE LOSING STUDENTS to Round Rock, Dripping Springs and charter schools. If you continue down your current path and split apart Circle C Ranch, it will get worse.</p>
6/14/2019 14:22	Kiker Elementary	<p>I'm glad to see the area between Back Bay and South Bay is still part of Kiker. As we are physically closer to Kiker and on the north side of 45, this makes a lot of sense to me, for all of the priorities (maintain walkability and biking, use major roads & subdivisions as boundaries, consider transportation routes).</p> <p>Thanks (redacted)</p>
6/14/2019 15:15	Kiker Elementary	<p>Regarding recommending Map B:</p> <p>- My child currently rides his bike to Kiker, but if going to SW ES will now have to cross a highway. As safe routes to school is a criteria for boundary determination, what accomodation will be made to ensure safe passage for students living north of SH45</p>

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6/14/2019 15:15	Kiker Elementary	Regarding recommending Map B: - Why are Clayton and Mills not being considered in the mix for taking relieving Kiker? Residents north of Slaughter should be a natural fit for Mills, who seems to have some room. Some residents West of Escarpment could shift into Clayton, which also appears to have some room to accept additional students and still remain within the recommended saturation levels. Doing this would alleviate a need to separate children between SH 45 and South Bay from the children in their neighborhood that they currently play and interact with, and ride bikes to school with at Kiker.
6/14/2019 15:22	Kiker Elementary	Re: Consideration of Map B for SW ES Boundary: - My child has had new to Kiker teachers in both of his 2 years there, which has been a challenge to have teachers figuring out the 'Kiker Way' at the same time we are. With the prospect of now moving schools to finish out elementary the added disruption to any stability in his elementary education is not encouraging. How is the process for staffing the New SW ES going to ensure the best possible outcome for it's students through a transition process that no doubt will be disruptive.
6/14/2019 15:24	Kiker Elementary	Re: Consideration of Map B for SW ES Boundary: - In it's initial year(s) will the new ES have fully formed "Specials" (Art, Music, Phys. ED) programs and will those programs be fully funded and supplied on day 1 of year 1? If not, when?
6/14/2019 15:28	Kiker Elementary	Re: Consideration of Map B for New SW ES boundary: - How do we access information about the outdoor learning and playing space planned for SW ES, and how does it compare to Kiker ES? Will the outdoor spaces be fully stabilized and ready for use on Day 1 of Year 1 once the school is open?
6/14/2019 15:31	Kiker Elementary	Re: Consideration of Map B for New SW ES Boundary: - How do the planned new technologies, class spaces, library, and general learning environment at the new SW ES differ from what is currently employed at Kiker.
6/14/2019 15:32	Kiker Elementary	Re: Consideration of Map B - Are there any plans or discussions to have New SW ES considered for revised MS or HS attendance boundaries?
6/14/2019 21:45	Kiker Elementary	Given that the criteria for this decision are walkability, keeping communities together, and using natural boundaries the optimal plan is the one that puts the southern border on 45. It is the only plan that fits all of the criteria and it provides the relief that all of the schools are looking for.
6/15/2019 19:51	Kiker Elementary	Plan B looks perfect! Thank you for creating this new plan this week!

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6/16/2019 10:31	Kiker Elementary	<p>We live on (redacted) in Circle C. We have three children, two of whom have attended Kiker- one just graduated from 5th grade and our youngest started there in Kindergarten and will enter 3rd grade this fall. It is IMMENSELY important to our family for our last child to finish elementary at Kiker where her older brother finished. It has become part of our family, we love to support the school and teachers. All of her best friends live within the boundary that will stay at Kiker so she would be the only one of her friends to have to move to the Avana school, which would be devastating for her. I have some other more personal reasons for her to need to stay at Kiker as well which I will share directly. Further, Aden Lane is within the central part of CC and within the neighborhood area that will stay at Kiker, it makes no sense to put our street at the Avana school. There are only a small number of homes on this street affected which makes sense to keep them at Kiker and not disrupt a street that already experience a boundary move when it was split for Clayton and Kiker. PLEASE keep Aden within the Kiker boundary!!!!</p> <p>Sincerely, (redacted)</p>
6/16/2019 21:09	Kiker Elementary	<p>We live on (redacted) - one of the original subsections built in circle c - and kiker was the original elementary school. We think our child should still go to kiker due to this fact. Thank you,</p> <p>(redacted)</p>
6/17/2019 15:38	Kiker Elementary	<p>Hello, I live in Circle C, my children go to Kiker Elementary and I've been closely following the Kiker re-zoning discussions. I think the currently recommended re-zoning map, whereby Circle C North stays at Kiker and south of South Bay Lane goes to the new elementary school in Avana, is not the optimal solution. I understand that noone really wants to be re-zoned to a new school for a variety of reasons, but when it comes to transportation and keeping neighborhoods together, the obvious solution is to re-zone Circle C North to Mills and to keep north of 45 at Kiker. Mills has been accepting transfers for the last several years, if they were to stop accepting transfers, like Kiker and Clayton, they would plenty of room for the additional children from Circle C North. This would keep neighborhoods together, allow children to walk/bike to school and keep traffic down. Thank you.</p>
6/17/2019 19:29	Kiker Elementary	<p>The possible rezoning out of Kiker into the new school is very concerning to me.</p> <p>We live 1 mile from Kiker and we can easily bike/walk to school.</p> <p>The change would make us cross Hwy 45- which creates a significant concern in terms of safety. It's a new road and cars are driving very fast. As a trauma surgeon, I see way too many injuries in Hwy intersections. An accident involving a student the lives within a mile from a school but was rezoned to another school would be beyond tragic.</p> <p>I am sure the north part of Circle C can be zoned back to Mills and that way we all avoid the Hwy intersection.</p>

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6/17/2019 21:29	Kiker Elementary	<p>I'm sharing the following feedback as a resident of Circle C (Mordred Ln, south of South Bay and north of Highway 45).</p> <p>This year will mark my 17th year of teaching, of which the last 12 have been with Austin ISD. One essential feature I've always tried to instill in my students is independence. Austin ISD pride themselves on creating strong leaders, and obviously independence is a key characteristic when it comes to developing leadership and high self-esteem.</p> <p>As a parent I do my best to foster that same level of independence. This is something that is becoming more and more difficult in our 21st century style of urban living. Organizations, companies, schools and parents are becoming more protective, shadowing individuals, and as a consequence opportunities to develop independence are drastically decreasing.</p> <p>So, it really hurts when you, my own employer, is trying to take away such an opportunity from my own children. This very same feature that I'm working so hard to instill in the students we share. Today my two oldest are walking and biking between our house and Kiker elementary. By being in charge of getting to and from school I have seen a positive change in their self-esteem, level of responsibility and their ability to take initiative. This all translates into independence. Furthermore, they are looking forward to teaching their younger brother the same core values to and from school.</p> <p>I'm hopeful that the school district I work for shares these same values with us and sees how switching schools will rob our children of a great opportunity to develop this essential attribute called independence. Please, do not take this away from us.</p> <p>Sincerely, (redacted)</p>
6/18/2019 16:16	Kiker Elementary	<p>Just wanted to tell you that I support your efforts and thank you. From what I have heard and read from the district, you are making educated decisions that make sense. I have listened to parents complain, upset they might have to switch schools, insist their neighborhood shouldn't be split.... anyhow, keep up the good work. I hope you can make the changes that are best for the masses and not for the few that feel their needs are greater than everyone else's.</p> <p>I am curious, why isn't Clayton elementary being included in possible boundary changes?</p>
6/18/2019 18:01	Kiker Elementary	<p>The new apartments should be zoned for another school besides kiker. Nobody there has any connections to kiker so they can go anywhere- Baldwin, oak hill, Patton, new avana school. That should open up for more families already at Kiker to remain at Kiker. Also include transfers with your numbers as the new avana school will get transfers.</p>
6/23/2019 18:49	Kiker Elementary	<p>Please keep the south side boundary of Kiker at 45. You can still open the Southwest school through opening to transfers a and maintain ratios. Kiker will be under the 115 by year 3, possibly even less. Please keep Kiker kids at Kiker!</p>
6/23/2019 21:39	Kiker Elementary	<p>Hello, my son is attending Kiker 4th grade in the coming Aug. We live in Avana neighborhood. Based on the recommended plan B, the Avana kids will attend the new southwest elementary school from 2020-2021 school year. But by then my son will be in 5th grade, I heard the plan is to let him finish the 5th grade still in Kiker, not impacted by the new boundary plan even if plan B is confirmed finally. Is that correct?</p> <p>Thanks</p>

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6/30/2019 17:06	Kiker Elementary	<p>I have written once before and hope to attend a session in person. I have requested that the new boundary for Kiker NOT stop at South Bay but AT LEAST continue down to Aden Lane, one street down, which is where we live. The last of our 3 children will be in 3rd grade at Kiker this year. It would be devastating for her to have to move to a new school in her last year or two after having been at Kiker since kindergarten. It is unsafe for us on this side of 45 to have to cross over 45. This will result in not being able to safely walk or bike to school. So, while I am still opposed to draining the line north of Aden, I want to request at a minimum that you allow current Kiker students to be grandfathered in sky hat they may finish out at Kiker after the new school opens even if they are in the boundary for the new school. Perhaps current Kiker students in the new boundary area for the Avana school could be given the option of staying at Kiker or moving to the new school. This would allow current Kiker students to stay at Kiker if they wish instead of completely disrupting their elementary school experience by forcing them to move to a new school. Thank you,</p> <p>(redacted)</p>
7/5/2019 12:52	Kiker Elementary	<p>I strongly believe my daughter, (redacted), should be allowed to stay at Kiker because our home was built during the time period in which all kids from our area of Circle C were to attend Kiker Elementary (grandfather clause).</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>(redacted)</p>
7/13/2019 8:15	Kiker Elementary	<p>I'm buying a new home at (redacted), specifically because the home is in the small section of Circle C that is geographically closest to Kiker Elementary.</p> <p>Why would it even be a consideration to redraw the map so that any homes in the section of Circle C that are East of Escarpment, and between Slaughter and 45 would go to any other school - especially one that crosses a major highway?</p> <p>The families in that section have their children walk and bike to Kiker and there are no other neighborhoods closer. Plans that send those children to other schools should not even be in consideration.</p>
7/13/2019 16:13	Kiker Elementary	<p>Please consider walk and bike-ability to Kiker. As a current Kiker family with a rising 5th grader and 2nd grader the ability to bike and walk to school is a crucial benefit to families like mine living in the area of Back Bay that is a part of the rezoning discussions. This is our neighborhood, our kid's friend that they ride bikes with and meet up with. The rezoning cuts us off from our community and our school. Look past spreadsheets and look at the line you are drawing that separates our community. KEEP CIRCLE C RANCH AT KIKER!</p>
7/18/2019 11:18	Kiker Elementary	<p>Dear Southwest Advisory Committee:</p> <p>I am in complete support of the proposed new Southwest Elementary School Map. I think this committee has made a good decision regarding the boundary lines for the proposed map. The South Bay Lane students will be benefiting from a brand new school in a well established neighborhood of Avana. These students will also have the benefit of brand new facilities and smaller class sizes. This plan will also help alleviate the congestion at Kiker and give all the students there the needed relief of smaller class sizes as well. I am in full support of this new map. Thank you!</p>

7/18/2019 19:13	Kiker Elementary	<p>I am very frustrated by the arbitrary and seemingly random nature of the proposed map for Kiker Elementary and the new SW Elementary school. AISD has insisted that the new school cannot be opened below 75% capacity and so are chopping up a long-standing community just to meet an arbitrary number. An exception should be made to NOT open the new school at 75% capacity and leave the Circle C Community at Kiker intact. Within 3 years the new school will be there on it's own. There should NOT be a one-size-fits-all approach for boundaries and rezoning. Every school should be considered on it's own, and the unique needs of the Circle C Community should be taken into account. Our community wants to stay together and does not want our kids crossing a dangerous highway just so AISD can stick to it's 75% number. An exception to this CAN and SHOULD be made.</p> <p>The new SW Elementary school should open with a PreK program and allow transfers. This would increase the enrollment without having to chop up Circle C.</p> <p>It is also VERY frustrating that the rezoning of Wildflower Park was never considered. None of the proposed maps ever considered this option. Those children are already bussed across 45 and could easily be bussed to the new school. Why was this never even proposed for consideration.</p> <p>Also, AISD claims that the proposed map is cost netural since it take an existing bus route and just re-routes it the other way. By keeping South Bay Lane at Kiker, AISD could actually achieve cost SAVINGS by not needing any busses at all. With the current financial situation of AISD, why are we not favoring cost savings over simply cost neutral?</p>
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7/18/2019 19:57	Kiker Elementary	<p>I live on (redacted), south of South Bay Lane and east of Escarpment. I attended the BAC meeting today at Bailey Middle School. I've previously voiced my concerns regarding my kids having to travel across SH-45 (whether I actually trust the schools bus drivers with my kid's lives on a daily basis will be a different consideration, which I never expected to make during elementary school). I've previously offered other options on ways to decrease the number of kids at Kiker by re-zoning Mills (and no longer allowing transfers there), or by rezoning kids to Clayton (and no longer allowing transfers there). BUT it sounds like what is really needed is ideas on how to get enrollment to be high enough to validate opening a new elementary school, so here goes. Couple of options - those south of South Bay AND west of Escarpment go to the new school - specifically there is a new pocket of homes with what someone had said might be 100 kids (although not on google maps yet as too new?). Since these are a new build, they are not part of the "original Circle C" and should be treated as new subdivisions like Avana and GreyRock and be included with their school. Also, not sure why Wildflower Center was never on any plans to be bused to the new elementary school instead of to Kiker? They already have a bus and we don't. You then eliminate the bus that took the Avana and GreyRock kids to Kiker. And the Wildflower kids are already used to having a bus to elementary school. Their parents purchased in that neighborhood knowing that they would either have to cross the busy highway or bus their kids to school. That was their choice when they bought in that neighborhood. Our neighborhood never expected to have to bus our kids. I realize that doesn't necessarily factor into your decision but bottom line is that you send the Wildflower kids (about 70 or more?) to the new school and you have plenty of kids to justify the new school. And it's a bonus if you can bring in that newly built subdivision that is right on the line between Clayton and Kiker. Or vice-versa. Plus if you aren't thinking about having Pre-k at the new school you are missing out on so many additional kids. There are so many families in Avana and Greyrock with very young kids and there is a definite need for great Pre-K programs as I believe they are lacking in the area. You would have that program full the day you offered it - and would be able to fill multiple classes with Pre-Kers. And I really think you underestimate the amount of transfers you will get. There will be families in this area and nearby that will want to apply for a transfer in order to go to the brand new school with all the brand new technology and tools.</p> <p>In addition, I realize that this takes into account projections for future growth but my expectation is that the number of kids that are projected for the area and for new builds will be exceeded every year. It might not be a significant amount of difference but every kid counts, and I would expect that this new school will be easily full without having to add another bus and send kids outside of their neighborhood.</p> <p>Thanks, (redacted)</p>
7/19/2019 9:44	Kiker Elementary	<p>45 should be the natural southern boundary for Kiker. Have you stood at the intersection of Escarpment and 45? I did. Please go stand there and cross that intersection. The cars are zooming past at 65+ mph. Imagine CHILDREN there waiting to cross to the new school. Please allow the new SW elementary school to have pre-k and be open to transfers.</p>

7/19/2019 20:01	Kiker Elementary	<p>AISD wonders why people are leaving the school district in favor of charter schools, homeschooling and other options in the area. Well, it's because of decisions like the one you made last Thursday where you voted for a boundary change that would require all of the students who live south of South Bay to cross a dangerous highway to attend the new school in Avana.</p> <p>You claim that this decision meets your primary criteria of balancing enrollment, YET, according to employees of AISD, other schools in Circle C have NOT been evaluated. This is ludicrous! How can you make long term fiscally sound decisions that are reasonable and beneficial to the entire community when you are not looking at ALL of the schools at the same time? This makes NO sense.</p> <p>With all of my being, I cannot understand why a district's primary criteria in drawing boundaries is balancing enrollment OVER walkability and biking, safe routes, using major roads and subdivisions as boundaries and carefully considering transportations routes. I get that enrollment numbers are important, but there are indeed ways to balance enrollment without compromising, and frankly ignoring ALL of the secondary. This is truly unbelievable - especially when we are talking about children!!!</p> <p>It is quite clear that your focus on enrollment has little to do with any concerns about overcrowding at Kiker. Kiker would receive substantial relief by drawing the boundary logically and safely at 45, and additional relief is possible through other reasonable options that you have failed to consider and/or ignored.</p> <p>One of the main problems is that this committee is driven largely by FEAR. Fear of the optics associated with opening a new school at a level of enrollment that is only TWENTY-FIVE students FEWER than your minimum enrollment goal —when the district is considering closing schools at similar enrollment levels.</p> <p>Facts, not opinions: South West Austin elementary school population is increasing FASTER than the overall population and TWICE as fast as the South East Austin Population.</p> <p>South West and South East Austin are different and require DIFFERENT solutions!</p> <p>Decisions like this are a reason more and more families may choose to leave AISD in years to come, and no amount of campaigning or advertising is going to change that until you start making sound, reasonable, logical and fiscally responsible decisions that have a positive effect on families.</p>
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7/19/2019 22:21	Kiker Elementary	In the final minutes of the BAC meeting on June 18, the committee took only a few brief moments to come up with their recommendation regarding grandfathering. They made very little effort to consider community input or what is best for the actual children their recommendations are impacting, and once again arrived at what seems to be a poor and thoughtless decision. So, I once again find myself pleading with the committee to give this issue more thought and strive for a sound, thoughtful decision that is not rushed to in the final minutes of a long, tiresome meeting. With grandfathering, the committee actually has the opportunity to make a decision that is not driven by enrollment numbers, as they are simply not relevant, and make a recommendation that is truly in the best interests of the children who are impacted by it. Here, the decision actually seems quite clear. We know that the longer children have spent in a school, the more difficult and damaging to their emotional well-being a school change is going to be. Therefore, the recommendation should strive to minimize such damage. The way to do so is to allow children to remain in a school if they have already spent the majority of their total elementary school years there. Translation: if they have completed more than half of their total elementary school years at a school (i.e., if they have finished third grade), allow them to complete their elementary school experience at the school they know with the friends and community they have grown to love. In other words, allow grandfathering to apply to fourth and fifth grade students.
7/20/2019 12:57	Kiker Elementary	Kiker can be at ~115% if we keep the homes north of SH45 in the Back Bay and South Bay areas at Kiker - this is reasonable and can save AISD ~\$100,000 per year. Mills can be below 115% if we keep their boundaries as-is in the near term. Long term though we need to reduce transfers into Mills - this puts unnecessary pressure on other Circle C Ranch schools We can get New SW capacity to meet AISD's arbitrary, near term goals of 75% capacity AND we can earn AISD some money for teachers! Only need ~69 more students than AISD's current Year 3 estimate.... this is easy.... New SW capacity = Avana + Grey Rock + transfers from over-crowded Baldwin + a tuition based Pre-K program + new development in the area Pre-K program = ~20-30 students Transfers = ~40-50 students. If Mills can get 150 transfers, a brand new school in Avana can easily attract 40-50 New Development = they are still building in SW Austin, new families will come if AISD doe snot scare them away with bad decisions (realtors are already fielding tough questions) Baldwin is over 115% and has homes 12+ miles away in their zone - I am sure some parents would not mind their children going 1-2 extra miles for a new school. Let's give them the option... We can reduce cost + earn revenue + meet capacity targets - wins all around.
7/20/2019 15:24	Kiker Elementary	I no longer have school age children, but I do have an opinion on the proposed boundary changes. I think it's unreasonable to split off the small number of children who live between South Bay and 45 from the school they and their neighbors have attended for 20 years. It seems more reasonable to have the boundary be 45. If necessary, move the boundary to the west over to Escarpment. Why can't there be reasonable demarkations, instead of breaking streets in half?
7/20/2019 16:34	Kiker Elementary	The southern boundary for Kiker should be 45, just as is proposed for Clayton. There is no reason little kids should be crossing a highway to get to school. Find a better, safer way to make the numbers work.

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7/20/2019 21:17	Kiker Elementary	I strongly believe that 45 should be the southern boundary for Kiker, and the families on South Bay should be able to stay at Kiker. It's their neighborhood school and their kids can walk or cycle to school (as ours do on Back Bay). It would be an incredible shame to move them to the new SW school and take this option away from them, causing them to cross a major highway to get to school in a different neighborhood. The new school should be the the Avana and Greyrock subdivisions with optional transfers available.
7/21/2019 10:04	Kiker Elementary	I am requesting the grandfather option for my child - at Kiker - to stay there for the last two years (we reside at (redacted)).
7/21/2019 10:34	Kiker Elementary	I support the plan B boundary map for Kiker and the new SW elementary. I actually think the southwest boundary should be moved farther north than is currently proposed. However I know there's great neighborhood opposition to that among homeowners within the existing Kiker boundary. Perhaps you guys could consider a slow phase in of the new boundary changes and moving the boundaries even farther north while allowing currently enrolled students to continue at Kiker and require future students to attend the new Southwest school.

7/21/2019 23:12	Kiker Elementary	<p>My name is (redacted). We purchased our home specifically so our two children with two different needs could attend Kiker Elementary. We live less than 1 mile from Kiker off Back Bay Road and it is reasonable to expect that we would remain at our local Elementary School. When we heard of the proposed boundary changes, we were clearly upset. Our children have just gotten settled into Kiker. We have established carpools and friendships in our neighborhood that revolve around Kiker.</p> <p>However, after educating ourselves about the process, reading all associated material and canvassing our neighborhood to gain clarity and support (350+ signatures) we were shocked to find out this scenario is not new to AISD. So, we attended BAC, Campus Advisory Committee meetings and AISD Board Meetings using our 2 minutes to advocate for our neighbors and specifically for the children who ride bikes and don't want to ride a bus to the New SW school. One of the main reasons they like to ride to school is because they don't get enough recess at school. Bike riding or Gross Motor Skills wake up the brain, eases anxiety and allows a generation prone to electronics and sedation to get 2 miles of exercise.</p> <p>While our initial goal was to stop our section of Circle C from being rezoned, the more we listened to the BAC the more frustrated we became. Despite countless efforts to engage our District 7 representative, Yasmin Wagner, regarding the issue we were left With the realization we are the scapegoat. To meet arbitrary numbers, to justify closing of other schools in other parts of Austin a small section of a neighborhood that has gone to the same school for 20 years will change. In addition, 200k in unnecessary costs will be spent on 4 buses for kids who can walk or ride to school. Rather than implementing a Pre- K, like Kiker or Baldwin, neighbors won't go to the same school. The only people that don't think this is illogical or financially irresponsible are the people on the BAC that represent other sections of Austin. It is baffling that a group of individuals has been selected to make these decisions, use human logic, reason and emotion and was given a criteria and this is the best they came up with? Our community is begging to open the New SW to transfers but b/c it has not been done or could appear unfavorable to schools being shut done it is not an option? Can you imagine if we as a society used this mindset? The moon is too far, Pollio too complicated to vaccinate, apartheid impossible....we are not raising our kids to think this way. After attending the last AISD Board Meeting is was evident that teachers are feeling far from appreciated. Do you know how much more this was impacted when they learned that transportation costs are not being discussed when the BAC considers the proposed boundary changes? According to the head of Transportation at the May meeting of the BAC, these costs will not be determined until a map/plan is approved by you. This quickly lead to a BAC board member asking, what is one plan costs 5 million and another costs 10 million, this is not considered and the answer was NO. Why? How on earth can transportation costs not be considered? How can we tell teachers they are worthy of 10% and not consider transportation when 1 bus costs 50K and a special needs bus costs 70K.</p> <p>Why aren't the 2 other elementary schools (Baldwin & Clayton) being discussed when it comes to boundaries? How is it possible to achieve your goal primary or secondary when you are blatantly not using all the factors to make you're decision? These other elementary schools are not far, less than a few miles from each other.</p>
4/8/2019 22:50	Kocurek Elementary	<p>I know there is a lot tension behind neighborhoods transitioning into Kocurek. I would like to offer a suggestion that I feel would benefit everyone involved. Both Zavala and Davis elementary schools have similar student demographics to Kocurek and seem to have drastically benefited from the School Choice STEM program. I think the district needs to invest in Kocurek Elementary having the same program put in place that no other South Austin elementary school has. It would benefit the children, the overall academic scores and it would also encourage parents that are being rezoned from Baranoff to send their children to Kocurek and invest in making it the school current Koala parents know it can be.</p>

4/24/2019 10:33	Kocurek Elementary	<p>I live in Hillcrest Neighborhood and have recently learned that the nearby neighborhood of Oak Parke has created a petition to transfer many neighborhoods lining Manchaca Rd. to schools which they are not currently zoned, in order to preserve their (Oak Parke's) "vertical teams" feeder pattern to Baranoff.</p> <p>I find it appalling that a group of parents would stoop to such a level to suggest that other neighborhoods that may be less affluent than theirs deserve to be rezoned to a school they (Oak Parke) deem inferior to their current elementary (Baranoff) when the performance of students reflects more on family involvement and a school's monetary resources (which, mind you, is of course based on enrollment and the correlation of district funding) than test scores.</p> <p>Kocurek is not an inferior school. Kocurek has a wonderful, dedicated staff and a list of student clubs and programs that were surprising to learn about (what elementary has a drone club?!), but the parents at Oak Parke have not so much as called the principal to discuss what the elementary campus offers. Instead, neighbors in the disputed area have taken to commenting on social media and local news stories (https://communityimpact.com/austin/southwest-austin/editors-pick/2019/04/23/south-austin-residents-grapple-with-future-school-boundary-changes-to-reduce-baranoff-elementary-overcrowding/) to give their unfiltered feedback - they do not want their children to associate with children of lesser socioeconomic privilege or their homes to lose value with the school zone shift.</p> <p>Our neighborhood is thrilled to be zoned to Menchaca Elementary, a school that ALSO ranks lower in test scores than Baranoff, and though we are closer in geographic proximity to Baranoff than Oak Parke neighborhood and its surrounding neighborhoods, we have always been proud Menchaca Mustangs. Were our neighborhood in question for being rezoned to Kocurek, I'm sure we'd have reservations, but not about inferiority of the school - only about the shift in programs in which our children are currently enrolled, versus what would be available at what would be our new campus.</p> <p>Hillcrest has been zoned to Menchaca Elementary since our neighborhood was founded in 1998. We have a long-standing history with the school and a dedication to our children, their education at Menchaca, and their campus. We are thrilled that the 2020-21 school year will bring with it a brand new facility that we can watch our children thrive in. We are Mustangs - it has nothing to do with socioeconomic status or educational superiority. We have a community at Menchaca that we love, are involved in, and are excited to watch grow over the coming years.</p> <p>We ask that AISD NOT consider rezoning Hillcrest neighborhood to Kocurek, in order to preserve the family and community we have built at Menchaca Elementary over the last 21 years.</p>
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4/24/2019 14:02	Kocurek Elementary	<p>Myself and fellow Kocurek Parents would love a conversation on programs we can incorporate into our school, or the possibility of a magnet/STEM program that can create more enrollment and attract students to our school. Currently my neighborhood, Baurle Ranch, has an enormously high number of families that are transferring to other schools, and this will be the same issue with the Shady Hollow residents opposed to the redistricting, as you are aware. We need to create something at Kocurek that the other schools in South Austin don't have... maybe that is STEM? If we compare Kocurek to the other two STEM Elementary schools, Davis and Zavala, Zavala is most comparable to Kocurek by demographics but ranks much higher in test scores. STEM at Kocurek will give our students resources they might otherwise not be exposed to and will prepare them for STEM down the road at Akins.</p> <p>Trying to think outside the box as the parents at Kocurek want the campus to thrive and know its potential if we can attract our neighbors and possibly transfers. Please advise on how we can move forward with this conversation. Thank you for all you do! Look forward to hearing from you.</p> <p>(redacted)</p>
6/17/2019 15:32	Kocurek Elementary	<p>We are not in favor of a proposal to relocate Oak Parke elementary school children to another school.</p> <p>Current AISD projections for Baranoff show enrollment decreasing which will put student totals withing the AISD guidelines. Allow the new SW elementary school to open and to be enrolled to see what impact that has on Baranoff. The Baranoff student numbers are going down each based on AISD projections.</p> <p>It is not safe for our children to cross Brodie and then walk along Slaughter for nearly 1.5 miles. Then they have to cross Slaughter to get to school. They will have too alk this route in the dark the majority of the year. As we know most of us won't let that happen so this change adds 30 plus cars trying to left turn on Slaughter Lane at 7:30 am. DANGEROUS! I walked from the Amenity Center to Kocurek. It took me an adult woman 35 minutes. I didn't stop to check out the dead animals or weird trash or play games that might push me in the street. All things our kids will do.</p> <p>Sending Brodie Lane (Oak Parke, Brodie Springs, Palomino Park, north Shady Hollow) will impact the veritical team our kids are tracked through to high school. Currently all students at Koceruk track through to the AKins veritical team.</p> <p>We want to keep our kids and future Oak Park kids at Baranoff Elementary.</p>

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6/17/2019 19:52	Kocurek Elementary	<p>We Oppose the Proposed Boundary Changes</p> <p>All affected neighborhoods (Oak Parke, Shady Hollow, Oak Hill, etc.) are strongly opposed to the draft boundaries that would rezone our children from Baranoff to Kocurek Elementary.</p> <p>Slaughter Lane from Oak Parke to Kocurek is dangerous. Multiple AISD students have been struck by vehicles on Slaughter Lane, and traffic is increasing. [Learn about Slaughter Lane]</p> <p>Baranoff's population is decreasing. In fact, the school plans to add additional pre-K students. Without changing boundaries, Austin ISD projects a year-to-year decrease in Baranoff enrollment. There is no need to change boundaries. [Learn about enrollment]</p> <p>New facilities are opening. A new elementary school campus is being constructed to increase capacity for areas served by Kiker and Baranoff. Menchaca Elementary is also opening a new building to increase capacity from 606 to 870. [Learn about the new facilities]</p> <p>The AISD Boundary Advisory Committee has a stated commitment to the fidelity of vertical teams - in this case, Baranoff to Bailey to Bowie. Why are all public options in direct conflict to this laudable goal? [View the boundary maps]</p>
4/22/2019 13:10	Menchaca Elementary	<p>My son attends Menchaca Elementary and I understand that there is a possibility of re-zoning my neighborhood, Hillcrest, so that he would attend Kocurek and some other kids would attend Menchaca. My son has been at MES for 5 years and has been in the dual language program for the entire time. My family is deeply invested and vested in the school and its teachers. I've volunteered many hours and donated hundreds of dollars to the building fund and teacher classrooms.</p> <p>Since moving into my neighborhood almost 15 years ago, I've seen the school zoning lines change a few times, and it rarely makes a lot of sense. I don't understand why some MES students attend Bailey and others attend Paredes, but they all come back to Aikens.</p> <p>It really seems that there is a lot of politics and power at play, rather than logic.</p> <p>Please leave Hillcrest alone.</p>
4/24/2019 16:39	Menchaca Elementary	<p>My home is assigned to Me check Elementary. I live in the Hillcrest subdivision I am very concerned that other neighborhoods, such as Oak Parke, are proposing that Hillcrest children attend a school about one mile further away (Kocurek Elemenrary) so that their children can attend Barnoff. Logically, Oak Parke is closest to Kocurek so the proposal seems to be unfair. Boundary decisions should be made need on logic, not based on who lives in the more expensive homes and had more connections.</p>
4/24/2019 18:56	Menchaca Elementary	<p>I am a resident of Hillcrest. I actively participate at our children's school (Menchaca) and feel a great sense of community with my fellow Mustangs as we build our new school. Please consider allowing Hillcrest families to remain at Menchaca. We are a small neighborhood with deep ties to our school. Rerouting other, more populated neighborhoods would make more of an impact to relieve overcrowding. If the larger concern is Kiker and Baranoff, it does not make sense to move our neighborhood to Kocurek so that you can move another neighborhood to Menchaca. That only disrupts even more children. The fewer changes, the better, as we move this district into more equitable educational experiences for our children.</p>

4/24/2019 20:43	Menchaca Elementary	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am a parent of two children who attend Menchaca Elementary. We live in the Hillcrest neighborhood off Manchaca Rd, south of Slaughter Lane. Our neighborhood is aware of the discussion of possible rezoning us to Kocurek Elementary. I oppose this for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1.Kocurek does not have a dual language program-we would lose that program, I have a 1st grader who has been in the program for 3 years (pre-k-current)2. Kocurek is a mile further than Menchaca (Baranoff is the closest school-so logically it seems we should be zoned there-but we are not and neighborhoods further away are zoned into Baranoff).3. We, parents at Menchaca, have put in ALOT of time, donations, volunteer hours with the school as it has faced many structural problems (mold, asbestos, outdated plumbing) Now that the bond has passed and we are getting a new school (keep in mind OUR children are currently attending class with all the construction) other neighborhoods want us to be re-zoned to Kocurek? At the exact same time the new school opens?4. Hillcrest could be advocating to be re-zoned to Baranoff, it makes logical sense if you look at the maps, but we are not. Hillcrest has nothing to do with Baranoff enrollment. <p>Hillcrest has over 140 students who attend Menchaca, Kocurek could not accommodate this number. The smaller neighborhood close by have less student who Kocurek COULD accommodate AND those neighborhood are closer to Kocurek than Hillcrest.</p> <p>Thank you for your time. i am confident the Committee will review the proposed maps, boundaries, enrollment numbers and make the logical conclusion, which would be to keep Hillcrest at Menchaca.</p> <p>Thank you for your time, (redacted)</p>
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4/25/2019 13:16	Menchaca Elementary	<p>Dear Members of the Boundary Advisory Committee,</p> <p>I am a resident in Hillcrest and I am writing to ask you to eliminate the proposal that would rezone Hillcrest to Kocurek, and Olympic Heights to Menchaca. After reviewing the facts, I do not believe this proposal is in line with your criteria, or logical in regards to capacities, geography, transportation logistics, or demographics.</p> <p>When considering overcrowding and capacities, the numbers speak for themselves. Hillcrest has approximately 150 elementary students. Oak Parke and their neighboring subdivisions have less than 100 students combined (according to their own petition). Kocurek has said they are able to accommodate 75-100 new students. Also, while Menchaca is currently over capacity, their new facility will open in January 2020 and allow them to enroll 870 students, dropping their capacity to 85% (as noted on your maps for 2023).</p> <p>Geography</p> <p>Oak Parke and their neighboring subdivisions are closer to Kocurek than Hillcrest is (by nearly a mile) . Olympic Heights is only half a mile from Baranoff. It does not make sense to uproot Hillcrest and Olympic Heights, and move them to schools that are farther away than the school they are currently zoned for; especially when it would zone Oak Parke to attend Baranoff when they are almost two and a half miles away.</p> <p>Transportation</p> <p>Rezoning Hillcrest would require providing buses for up to 150 students, which would increase the transportation costs as well as the logistical efforts needed to organize new routes.</p> <p>Balancing Racial and Socioeconomic Demographics.</p> <p>Baranoff currently has a much higher percentage of white students (60%, compared to 28% at Menchaca and Kocurek), and are only at 13% regarding economically disadvantaged students (while Menchaca is at 45%, and Kocurek is at 66%). The proposal to rezone Olympic Heights in order to allow more affluent neighborhoods (which are drastically farther away) seems questionable. Rezoning the neighborhoods north of Shady Hollow to Kocurek would be a good step towards balancing demographics, and promoting AISD's commitment to inclusion and diversity.</p> <p>Thank you for giving us a chance to provide feedback on this important matter. We appreciate your time and objective consideration.</p> <p>Tangela McDougall Hillcrest Resident</p>
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4/25/2019 17:25	Menchaca Elementary	<p>Dear Members of the Boundary Advisory Committee,</p> <p>I am a resident in Hillcrest and was recently made aware that a new map will be proposed at your meeting on May 7th. This new map would rezone Hillcrest to Kocurek Elementary, and rezone Olympic Heights to Menchaca Elementary, while potentially allowing the neighborhoods north of Shady Hollow (Oak Parke, Brodie Springs, Wyldwood/Kellywood, and Palamino Heights) to stay zoned to Baranoff Elementary. Compared to previous proposals, rezoning Hillcrest and Olympic Heights is not logical in regards to capacities, geography, transportation logistics, or demographics. I would request you strongly consider Maps 5 or 6 instead, which leave Shady Hollow intact and zoned for Baranoff, and rezones the neighborhoods north of Shady Hollow to Kocurek Elementary. Those maps also seem to be generally favorable to residents of Shady Hollow as well.</p> <p>Overcrowding and Capacity.</p> <p>One glaring reason it is nonsensical to rezone Hillcrest is basic math when considering capacities. Hillcrest has approximately 150 elementary students. Oak Parke and their neighboring subdivisions have less than 100 students combined (according to their own petition). Kocurek has said they are able to accommodate 75-100 new students. Why rezone Hillcrest and burden Kocurek with jumping to overcapacity when a better solution is available? Also, while it is true that Menchaca is currently over capacity, they have their new building opening in 2020. This facility will allow Menchaca to enroll 870 students, and it is anticipated that their capacity level will drop from 125% to 85% by 2023 (accounting for all currently zoned neighborhoods, and preparing them for developing subdivisions). In regards to your primary criteria, I believe this new proposal would not be the best solution.</p> <p>Hillcrest has a Vested Interest in Menchaca Elementary.</p> <p>Menchaca is the only elementary school Hillcrest has ever known. Hillcrest families have supported Menchaca and are emotionally and financially vested in their progress. The families in our neighborhood have attended meetings and events, and contributed to fundraisers, all with the assumption that they would be there for years to come. A lot of time, effort, funds and patience have gone into preparing for this new school to be built. I realize you can't officially take something so immeasurable into account, and nobody is guaranteed consistent zoning in a developing city, but I mention it because I feel it would be fair for you to have awareness of our neighborhood's deep connection to Menchaca as you deliberate this issue.</p> <p>Geography.</p> <p>Oak Parke and their neighboring subdivisions are closer to Kocurek (by nearly a mile) than Hillcrest is. Olympic Heights is so close to Baranoff that they cannot even secure buses. It does not make sense to uproot Hillcrest and Olympic Heights, two neighborhoods who both have a deep history with their schools, and move them to schools that are farther away than the one they are currently zoned for. I find this especially absurd when this rezoning would be done to allow neighborhoods much farther away to stay at Baranoff. Oak Parke</p>
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4/27/2019 19:43	Menchaca Elementary	<p>Dear AISD/BAC,</p> <p>I am writing in regards to the recent addition of Hillcrest neighborhood to the possible rezoning of schools. We are currently zoned for Menchaca elementary but have been informed there is a possible rezoning to Kocurk. We are not in favor of this change and currently have a second grader and a Kindergartener starting in the Fall, as well as two more children that will follow. We started at Menchaca and have developed a close school community and bond with staff, students and parents.</p> <p>As an active member of the PTA and room parent for the past 3 years, I have been very involved in the school and working very hard over these past few years fund raising in preparation of our new school. We are apart of the schools beautification program, the Watch Dogs (Father's Program) and are extremely invested in the life and community of our families school. Our son easily rides the bus everyday the 1.2 miles to school from our house. A big concern with rezoning Hillcrest and neighboring Olympic Heights to Kocurk, would require more bus routes as Olympic Heights would no longer be walkable distance as it currently is to Baranoff.</p> <p>I am imploring as a very concerned parent that this rezoning of Hillcrest away from Menchaca Elementary not be permitted. In purchasing the location of our home, it was a large deciding factor that we lived close enough that our children would attend Menchaca. For them to be required to attend Kocurk is not what we want and not why we moved to this neighborhood. We appreciate you concern in this matter.</p> <p>Thank you, (redacted)</p>
4/27/2019 19:47	Menchaca Elementary	<p>To whom it may concern.</p> <p>I recently learned that Hillcrest has recently been selected for evaluation in a possible rezoning. I have nothing against Kocurek, but my family is heavily involved in Menchaca in many levels.</p> <p>I won't trouble you with our personal ties, as it seems there are also some serious logistical shortcomings with the rezoning of Hillcrest and Olympic Heights. If I have heard correctly from my friends in the neighborhood. Olympic Heights is a "walkable distance" neighborhood, and changes to this would mean a net gain of bus routes for the district. It is also my understanding that the original plan of rezoning of Oak Parke and Palomino park, and surrounding, would eliminate bus routes, due to the close proximity to Kocurek. I certainly understand that parents will be upset regardless of any decision you make, but I'm hoping that AISD will not sign up for extra drivers, busses, and fuel, to appease a minority group of parents who don't care to attend the school that is clearly closer to their neighborhood.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration. (redacted)</p>

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4/30/2019 14:32	Menchaca Elementary	<p>Thank you so much for your attention to this matter that has me and my husband highly concerned and upset.</p> <p>My husband and I learned that our subdivision is at risk of being rezoned to another school, and away from where our children currently attend, Menchaca Elementary.</p> <p>We're concerned because we have invested so much financially and emotionally in this school and wouldn't want my kids to be rezoned to a school that's further away and where we have no connection.</p> <p>For instance, I rallied my friends and neighbors to help vote for the proposition to build this new school. I have invested financially in several donations for this school to have it's proper playscapes and grounds. Everyday we drive in and see the construction, my kids get excited about having these new grounds (my oldest is in first grade, and my youngest will start Pre-K in August). They are thriving and happy under the direction of Principal Eliza Loyola, staff, and excellent teachers. It doesn't make sense to move them away so that an area that has less than approximately 100 students (Oak Brooke and surrounding) go to Menchaca whereas Hillcrest Subdivision that has more than 140 students get moved away to a smaller school.</p> <p>Hillcrest is only 1.2 miles away from Menchaca, and twice the distance to Kocurek. I have supported the staff at Menchaca, love the community there, and it is important to me that my children continue to thrive here. Oak Brooke is only 1.5 miles away from Kocurek. I don't understand why those students would be zoned to Menchaca while they are closest to Kocurek, and Hillcrest is closest to Menchaca.</p> <p>Please help me understand what I can do to ensure students who reside in Hillcrest Subdivision remain in the Menchaca Elementary school zone. We want to do everything we can to ensure our children stay at Menchaca Elementary.</p> <p>Thank you so much! (redacted)</p>
5/1/2019 9:17	Menchaca Elementary	I am very concerned about the school rezoning. My children have been students at Menchaca for 3 years and I do NOT want to have to relocate them. Please tell me what I can do to not let this happen.
5/1/2019 16:46	Menchaca Elementary	I have been living in the Hillcrest subdivision since 1998. Both of my children attended Menchaca Elementary. I am terribly upset that AISD is considering moving our development from Menchaca to Kocurek. It is only 1.2 miles to Menchaca and 2.2 miles to Kocurek. This makes no sense. The kids will only benefit if they remain at Menchaca. Now that a new school is being built at Menchaca, total students at this school should not be an issue.
5/3/2019 17:56	Menchaca Elementary	I live in the Hillcrest neighborhood and would like to know the logic for attempting to rezone the neighborhood away from Menchaca Elementary when my family is geographically about a single mile away.

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5/6/2019 17:40	Menchaca Elementary	<p>Hi,</p> <p>It has come to my attention that some people are considering moving our children of Hillcrest to Kocurek elementary school. This change makes no sense at all, Menchaca is a very convenient location for the neighborhood, and has served our neighborhood well over the years, while Kocurek is over a mile further away, and would be a much less convenient option. The other neighborhoods I've heard mentioned in this discussion are closer to Kocurek and it would make much more sense for them to go there (causing less congestion and unnecessary traffic). It makes absolutely no sense to bus kids from a neighborhood close to Kocurek to a school that's farther away, AND change us from Menchaca causing us to travel further as well. It makes much more sense to have kids attend the school closest to them.</p> <p>Please keep the children from Hillcrest in Menchaca Elementary School.</p> <p>Thanks for you attention, (redacted)</p>
5/6/2019 18:02	Menchaca Elementary	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am aware of the rezoning proposal for Hillcrest to Kocureck which makes a absolutely no sense, time and money wise. Menchaca is only 1.7 miles away, and it's 2.6 miles to Kocureck. Now if we talking about expenses, the district will have to bus 150 students from Hillcrest versus 100 from Oak Park which is closer to Kocureck and more convenient for traffic as well. It makes much more sense for Hillcrest to go to Menchaca because the traffic south is less than north.</p>
5/6/2019 18:42	Menchaca Elementary	Please keep our kids at hillcrest at manchaca! They have been going there for a long time.
5/6/2019 19:18	Menchaca Elementary	I want to keep Menchaca Elementary as my home School because the distance between Mancha and my home is only 1.2 miles. It does not make sense to change our home school to another school that is farther than Manchaca.
5/6/2019 19:25	Menchaca Elementary	I want to keep Menchaca Elementsry as my Homeschool because the distance between my home and Menchaca Elementary is only 1.2 miles away from home.

5/8/2019 16:21	Menchaca Elementary	<p>Hello!</p> <p>I attended the BAC meeting last night as I recently heard Hillcrest Subdivision is at risk of being zoned away from Menchaca Elementary. I've been nearly devastated by this news as I have fallen in love with the community at Menchaca and have supported every initiative to help it's advancement (e.g., rallying for votes to help pass the proposition for the new school, donations to build better grounds, etc). My children are so incredibly excited about the new school and it breaks my heart to tell them they may never even step foot in it if votes go in Oak Parke's favor.</p> <p>I believe there are many logistical reasons to keep Hillcrest at Menchaca.</p> <p>First, last night, Oak Parke's primary message was in regard to safety in crossing Slaughter to/ from Kocurek. There are safety concerns in nearly all roads across our growing city. If a decision is based on safety, please consider that if you reroute Hillcrest to Kocurek, our children are having to travel an additional mile to/ from the school while crossing the Slaughter/ Menchaca intersection that has been deemed in the news for the last few years as the intersection with the most fatalities in the *entire* city.</p> <p>Moreover, our children would have to walk, be driven, bike, skateboard, etc., directly in front of *three* bars from/ to Hillcrest/ Kocurek (Moontower Saloon, Indian Roller Bar, and the new one with four letters in its name)-- in front of drivers with alcohol in their systems. These bars open as early as 11 AM and even more dangerous during Happy Hours early afternoons as children are getting home.</p> <p>Second, it's all in the numbers. Keeping Hillcrest at Menchaca will keep the new school under capacity as it will accommodate up to 840 students. Sending our nearly 150 students along with Olympic Heights to Kocurek will increase Kocurek by over 300 students, an incredibly disruptive move to both Kocurek and our displaced children. Oak Parke and surrounding have fewer than 100 students.</p> <p>Third, I heard the goal of AISD is to keep students as close as possible to their respective schools. Menchaca is 1.2 miles from Hillcrest. Kocurek is almost twice that at 2.2 miles to Hillcrest. It doesn't make sense to disrupt the current alignment by increasing the distance to students in a neighborhood that has been aligned since its inception in 1998.</p> <p>Last, we heard from a Doctor of Psychiatry last night who mentioned changing schools is one of the tops traumas for children as they haven't developed the capacity to navigate through change effectively. Why add change to a group of nearly 150 Hillcrest students where if they remain as they are at Menchaca, it does not impact anyone's enrollment at Baranoff and still keeps Menchaca under capacity?</p>
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5/29/2019 10:47	Menchaca Elementary	<p>Dear Members of the Boundary Advisory Committee,</p> <p>I am a resident in Hillcrest and father of two children who are either going to Menchaca or will be attending in the future (hopefully). I'm writing you, specifically, about the proposed map 12 that was introduced during the May 7th meeting. This new map would rezone Hillcrest to Kocurek Elementary, and rezone Olympic Heights to Menchaca Elementary, while potentially allowing the neighborhoods north of Shady Hollow (Oak Parke, Brodie Springs, Wyldwood/Kellywood, and Palamino Heights) to stay zoned to Baranoff Elementary. Compared to previous proposals, rezoning Hillcrest and Olympic Heights is not logical in regards to capacities, geography, transportation logistics, or demographics. I would request you strongly consider Maps 5 or 6 instead, which leave Shady Hollow intact and zoned for Baranoff, and rezones the neighborhoods north of Shady Hollow to Kocurek Elementary. Those maps also seem to be generally favorable to residents of Shady Hollow as well.</p> <p>Overcrowding and Capacity: One glaring reason it is nonsensical to rezone Hillcrest is basic math when considering capacities. Hillcrest has approximately 150 elementary students. Oak Parke and their neighboring subdivisions have less than 100 students combined (according to their own petition). Kocurek has said they are able to accommodate 75-100 new students. Why rezone Hillcrest and burden Kocurek with jumping to overcapacity when a better solution is available? Also, while it is true that Menchaca is currently over capacity, they have their new building opening in 2020. This facility will allow Menchaca to enroll 870 students, and it is anticipated that their capacity level will drop from 125% to 85% by 2023 (accounting for all currently zoned neighborhoods, and preparing them for developing subdivisions). In regards to your primary criteria, I believe this new proposal would not be the best solution.</p> <p>Geography: Oak Parke and their neighboring subdivisions are closer to Kocurek (by nearly a mile) than Hillcrest is. Olympic Heights is so close to Baranoff that they cannot even secure buses. It does not make sense to uproot Hillcrest and Olympic Heights, two neighborhoods who both have a deep history with their schools, and move them to schools that are farther away than the one they are currently zoned for. I find this especially absurd, when this rezoning would be done to allow neighborhoods much farther away to stay at Baranoff. Oak Parke is almost two and a half miles from Baranoff. I have mapped the routes from every neighborhood to each of these three schools, and when you compare the numbers on paper, I do not feel you can make a case for this proposal. Geographically, Hillcrest is closer to Menchaca (or even Baranoff) than we are to Kocurek, and Olympic Heights is so close to Baranoff, it's ridiculous to suggest they attend anywhere else. Hillcrest residents who chose to drive their children would also be traveling further to get to Kocurek during peak traffic times, which would impact the general congestion of those busy routes.</p> <p>Transportation:</p>
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6/13/2019 18:34	Menchaca Elementary	<p>Thank you in advance for answering a couple quick questions.</p> <p>1. It is a very easy walk from my house in Hillcrest, to Baranoff. While we are very happy at Menchaca, it made me wonder if Hillcrest was built to meet AISD criteria for Baranoff walkability?</p> <p>2. If proposition 12 is adopted, creating new inefficiencies, in order to preserve old inefficiencies, (adding bus routes to transfer Olympic Heights kids to Menchaca, in order to preserve Brodie corridor bus routes). How many years will it be before AISD calls on a future BAC to revisit these new, and legacy, inefficiencies?</p> <p>I just can't imagine that AISD has the desire, or dollars, to indefinitely maintain bus routes in "walkable" neighborhoods.</p> <p>Thanks again!</p> <p>(redacted)</p>
6/17/2019 10:29	Menchaca Elementary	I have a soon to be 3 year old and I moved to Hillcrest to be zoned for the new school. I am shocked at the rezoning proposals! I am a busy working mom and don't think it's right my voice isn't equally heard on the ridiculous rezoning proposals
6/17/2019 13:03	Menchaca Elementary	My neighborhood Hillcrest in 78748 is up for rezoning from Menchaca to Kocurek, and I have no idea why? The logistics dont add up as Menchaca elementary is closer to us and my children have been going there for years already. Rezoning our district to Kocurek would be devastating to us.
6/18/2019 9:54	Menchaca Elementary	<p>To the AISD Boundary Advisory Committee:</p> <p>We recently bought a home in the Hillcrest neighborhood. Being zoned for Menchaca Elementary was absolutely a factor in our purchase decision, as we have close friends whose children have thrived there. We've heard dozens of stories about their successes at school, the attentiveness of their teachers, their wonderful Principal, etc. As renters in Canterbury Trails since 2015, it was important for us to remain zoned for Menchaca as we became homeowners and started a family. Our daughter is still a toddler, but we have been looking forward to/counting on the prospects of the new Menchaca campus, Pre-K, Spanish language immersion, and myriad other benefits of the school. We will be sorely disappointed if the BAC decides to shift Hillcrest residents further away to Kocurek, and sincerely hope the committee keeps our children at their neighborhood school, rather than send them further away so that other neighborhood's children may remain at Baranoff.</p> <p>Please keep Hillcrest children at Menchaca Elementary.</p>
7/20/2019 8:52	Menchaca Elementary	My children attend Menchaca I've had two move on from there to attend Bailey one still currently there and two hopefully attending in the next few years. We love the school and all the progress they have made with my children who do suffer from learning delays/difficulties. As well most things go hand in hand we bought our home mostly because of the schools our kids would be zoned for ie Menchaca/Bailey. Please do not uproot our kiddos from a school we all love and support financially and emotionally.

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4/12/2019 22:23	Mills Elementary	<p>I'm writing regarding the proposed boundary changes to Mills Elementary. In spite of being reassured that Mills' boundaries would not be part of this project, it has come to my attention that new scenarios have been proposed that expand Mills boundaries to include Circle C North. Although I understand that the proximity of CCN to Mills makes this an appealing scenario on the map, the resulting enrollment predictions clearly show that this scenario would just shift the overcrowding problem to Mills.</p> <p>The projected enrollment for Mills under Plan 7 and Plan 8 is 122-123% in the next 5 years. At these numbers, Mills would be approaching the same levels of overcrowding that this entire project is attempting to relieve at other schools (for example, Baranoff is currently at 126%). Mills has been open to transfers for the past several years and even at its current enrollment (107% capacity), two entire grade levels (Pre-K and 2nd) are in portables. Adding more students by expanding Mills' boundaries would create more of the same type of problems that this project is attempting to solve.</p> <p>Furthermore, Plan 7 and Plan 8 leave the new SW Elementary school underutilized. It is short-sighted and impractical to build a new school and leave it underenrolled while pushing Mills over capacity in order to remove one bus route to Kiker (Circle C North). I've also noticed that Clayton Elementary's boundaries are not changed in any scenario, and Clayton is projected to be at only 89% capacity in 5 years. If the overcrowding at Kiker cannot be completely alleviated by shifting enrollment to the new SW Elementary, I suggest considering expanding Clayton's boundaries as well.</p> <p>I understand that this is a complicated project and I appreciate all the time and effort the committee is putting into making sure that the community's voices are heard. I urge you to reject Plan 7 and Plan 8 on the basis that they directly contradict the primary criterion stated for this project for both Mills and the new SW Elementary, which is to keep enrollment within the target range of 75-115% of capacity. Thank you for your time and attention.</p>
4/13/2019 7:32	Mills Elementary	<p>Per maps presented at the most recent meeting, how does moving the overcrowding from one school to another make sense? To alleviate overcrowding at a school sitting at 126% to potentially have Mills sitting at 123% is not a solution. The current trend and age of the neighborhood is already growing in young families. Original owners with grown children are moving on making room for new families. With no boundary changes, Mills will already be growing in population. Extending the boundaries will exponentially impact the school that is already over capacity. Let's look for a whole solution now and in the future rather than a bandaid shift that only benefits some and burdens others.</p>
4/13/2019 8:13	Mills Elementary	<p>Mills is already over its capacity and trying to solve a problem for one school by adding more families to another will bring the same problem to the next one.</p>
4/13/2019 8:29	Mills Elementary	<p>My three sons start Mills this year as kindergarten and pre-k students. They will experience any changes to the school boundaries that increase attendance at Mills for many years to come. Please do not increase our numbers by including students from Circle C North. We are already over capacity and our students' education will suffer if it increases. The neighborhood that feeds into Mills is rapidly shifting from an older population to young families, meaning school enrollment will continue to increase. Please plan for this when considering the boundaries.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
4/13/2019 9:34	Mills Elementary	<p>Not happy about the thoughts of rezoning Mills elementary I moved my kids from schools that were over populated to run into the same situation a year later. Please do not consider this.</p>
4/13/2019 12:39	Mills Elementary	<p>Please do not change the boundaries for Mills. We do not need to add anymore children which will result in more overcrowding and affecting our children's class size and education. Many homes are for sale in our current boundary with new young families moving in. Due to this our school size will grow, naturally.</p>

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4/13/2019 13:04	Mills Elementary	<p>MILLS ELEMENTARY, boundary changes - April 11th meeting - AISD Boundary Advisory Committee. "Mills is at 107% capacity this year with around 850 students. If our attendance area were to expand as proposed, our projected enrollment would be 970+ students, or 123% capacity. With this change, Mills would be approaching the same levels of overcrowding that this rezoning project is attempting to relieve at other schools (for example, Baranoff is currently at 126%)."</p> <p>I am a Mills parent, please NO on expanding Mills enrollment. I was directed to this page to voice my opinion as a Mills parent.</p>
4/13/2019 13:14	Mills Elementary	<p>I have some concerns about how crowding can be alleviated in certain schools without shifting the over-capacity status to other schools in AISD. For example, I have a son (next year two) that attends Mills Elementary. A school that already functions over capacity (108% and 850 students). How will it affect teacher to student ratios, safety around drop off and pick up (which I believed to be a severely overlooked issue), and the overall culture of our neighborhood school? It seems that your proposal would alleviate overcrowding at one school by creating overcrowding at another school.</p>
4/13/2019 15:07	Mills Elementary	<p>I am in the current Mills boundary and a Mills parent. None of the proposals would change the zoning for my house. I am in support of the proposal to add Circle C north to the Mills boundary. It has never made sense to me to bus students across Slaughter, when Mills is within walking distance. Many Circle C North students already have a transfer to Mills due to proximity. Drawing Circle C North back into the Mills boundary aligns with the BACs mission of maximizing walkability.</p>
4/15/2019 10:58	Mills Elementary	<p>First, I appreciate the committee's time and energy. I work in local government, so I appreciate the effort this project requires of you, and the fact that it is an often thankless (or worse!) task. Thank you for considering my comments.</p> <p>I'm writing regarding the proposed boundary changes to Mills Elementary. Despite repeated statements at prior stakeholder meetings that Mills' boundaries would not be part of this project, it has come to my attention that new scenarios have been proposed that expand Mills boundaries to include Circle C North. I didn't attend prior meetings because of the assurances that Mills' boundaries were not open to recalibration. The enrollment predictions for these scenarios clearly show that this scenario would just shift the overcrowding problem from Kiker to Mills, which does not meet AISD's objectives for this exercise.</p> <p>The projected enrollment for Mills under the newly announced Plan 7 and Plan 8 is 122-123% in the next 5 years. At these numbers, Mills would be approaching the same levels of overcrowding that this entire project is attempting to relieve at other schools (for example, Baranoff is currently at 126% and Kiker is currently even higher). Mills is currently at 107% capacity, and two entire grade levels (Pre-K and 2nd) are in portables. Adding more students by expanding Mills' boundaries would create more of the same type of problems that this project is attempting to solve. Even closing Mills to transfers today would have minimal effect in the next several years. As a Mills parent, I'm very concerned about the effect Plans 7 and 8 would have on the excellent educational experience at Mills.</p> <p>Plan 7 and Plan 8 leave the new SW Elementary school in Avana underutilized. It is short-sighted and impractical to build a new school and leave it underenrolled while pushing Mills over capacity in order to remove one bus route to Kiker (Circle C North). I understand it is district policy to not open a school immediately at 100%, but even under the 5 year scenario, the new school would be underenrolled, while Mills would be severely overcrowded. Additionally, Clayton Elementary's boundaries are not changed in any of the scenarios under consideration, and Clayton is projected to be at only 89% capacity in 5 years. If the overcrowding at Kiker cannot be completely alleviated by shifting enrollment to the new SW Elementary, I suggest expanding Clayton's boundaries. Circle C North students could easily be shifted to Clayton.</p> <p>For these reasons, I urge you to reject Plan 7 and Plan 8 on the basis that they directly contradict the primary criterion stated for this project for both Mills and the new SW Elementary, which is to keep enrollment within the target range of 75-115% of capacity. Thank you for your time and attention.</p>

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4/15/2019 21:13	Mills Elementary	Please do not consider drawing boundaries that would alleviate overcrowding at Kiker by overcrowding Mills. Quite frankly, not only can the school not handle the number of students, neither can the septic/sewage lines of the school. In the bond package, Mills should have been selected to upgrade its sewage lines. Every time it rains, it smells like a septic pit. Adding more students and faculty will increase the health and safety risk the school already faces.
4/17/2019 20:15	Mills Elementary	Is there any scenario in which Mills boundaries will be re-drawn? Also small ms or gorizscky ms? Thank you
4/24/2019 18:05	Mills Elementary	We along with other parents of students at Joe Dan Mills Elementary are not ok with the re-zoning and therefor over crowding our school. So property taxes get raised, budgets get cut and we become over crowded...?? Something is very wrong with this.

4/27/2019 12:45	Mills Elementary	<p>I am a current Mills Elementary parent and I'm writing to express my concern about the recent addition of the attendance zone for Mills Elementary to the SW Elementary Schools Relief Project. First, I'd like to thank the committee members for your time and effort in what is surely a difficult, emotional, and complicated task. I appreciate your dedication to our schools and our kids.</p> <p>My primary concern about expanding Mills boundaries is that these scenarios directly contradict the stated Primary Criterion for this project, which is to maintain "right size" enrollment between 75-115%. Plans 7 and 8 have Mills Elementary over this target for the next 5 years, and barely within this goal in 10 years, at 114%. Meanwhile, the projected enrollment for the new SW elementary school stays well below the target enrollment, between 71-74% for the next 10 years. I've been told that the rationale for opening a new school below its full capacity is to account for unexpected growth, but if AISDs projections are at all accurate, this school will remain significantly underenrolled for the next decade. I voted enthusiastically for the 2017 bond that included the funds for the new school in order to provide much-needed relief to Kiker Elementary. I have seen the effects of Kiker's extreme overcrowding on my friends and neighbors with students there and I was eager to help fund a solution to the problem. Had I known that the construction of the new school would shift some of the overcrowding to Mills, I might have voted differently.</p> <p>On paper, Mills is currently within the target range at 107%. In practice, 107% capacity means that we have two entire grade levels in portables. This year our assemblies are staggered because the entire school can't safely fit into one space. For performances and other events, parents must pre-register for tickets ahead of time and students can only invite 2 guests, which limits the attendance of parents, grandparents, step-parents, siblings, etc. Our parent-led reading program is held in stairwells and hallways. Adding another 130+ students would put an enormous strain on our already-limited resources.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the Mills community knows this firsthand because we have been there before, not very long ago. Our boundaries were redrawn in 2010 to relieve overcrowding by moving students from Mills to Kiker. The affected neighborhoods in 2010 included Circle C North, one of the communities included in this year's Plans 7 and 8. Plenty of current Mills families also had students at Mills only 9 years ago when the boundaries were changed. As I'm sure you're aware, the upheaval that results from boundary changes is unpleasant and challenging for students and families. I'm respectfully asking that you allow the Mills community to sit this one out, as was originally planned all along.</p> <p>The addition of Mills boundaries to this project has come as a surprise to our community, since we have been told repeatedly by AISD that Mills would not be included in this project. As a result, Mills parents have not attended the recent BAC meetings, nor has our CAC been discussing this for months, unlike the other affected schools. Our CAC was not given the opportunity to weigh in on the secondary criteria for the project and give our feedback over the last year like the other schools have. If it had been known all along that Mills boundaries would be affected, perhaps Mills would not have been open to transfers for the next several years in preparation for the</p>
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5/7/2019 13:47	Mills Elementary	<p>I am a current Mills Elementary parent (and soon to have two kids at Mills) and I'm writing to express my concern about the recent addition of the attendance zone for Mills Elementary to the SW Elementary Schools Relief Project. First, I'd like to thank the committee members for your time and effort in what is surely a difficult, emotional, and complicated task. I appreciate your dedication to our schools and our kids. I know you are volunteers, and that you no doubt receive a high volume of criticism and complaints. Thanks for your time and dedication on this difficult task.</p> <p>My concern about expanding Mills boundaries is that these two scenarios directly contradict the stated Primary Criterion for this project, which is to maintain "right size" enrollment between 75-115% for all of the affected schools. Plans 7 and 8 have Mills Elementary over this target for the next 5 years, and barely within this goal in 10 years, at 114%. Meanwhile, the projected enrollment for the new SW elementary school under these plans would stay well below the target enrollment, between 71-74% for the next 10 years. This happens to be the timeframe where my children (and many others) will be attending Mills. I've heard that new schools open below full capacity to account for unexpected growth, but if AISDs projections are accurate, this new school will remain significantly underenrolled for the next decade. I voted enthusiastically for the 2017 bond that included the funds for the new school in order to provide much-needed relief to Kiker Elementary. I have seen the effects of Kiker's extreme overcrowding on my friends and neighbors with students there and I was eager to help fund a solution to the problem. Please do not propose a solution to the overcrowding of Kiker that simply shifts that problem to Mills.</p> <p>On paper, Mills is currently within the target range at 107%. In practice, 107% capacity means that we have two entire grade levels in portables. This year our assemblies are staggered because the entire school can't safely fit into one space. For performances and other events, parents must pre-register for tickets ahead of time and students can only invite 2 guests, which limits the attendance of parents, grandparents, step-parents, siblings, etc. Our parent-led reading program is held in stairwells and hallways. Adding another 130+ students would put an enormous strain on our already-limited resources.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the Mills community knows this firsthand because we have been there before, not very long ago. Our boundaries were redrawn in 2010 to relieve overcrowding by moving students from Mills to Kiker. The affected neighborhoods in 2010 included Circle C North, one of the communities included in Plans 7 and 8 to move once again back to Mills. Plenty of current Mills families also had students at Mills only 9 years ago when the boundaries were changed. As I'm sure you're aware, the upheaval that results from boundary changes is unpleasant and challenging for students and families. I'm respectfully asking that you allow the Mills community to remain unaffected by the current boundary change, as was originally planned all along.</p> <p>The addition of Mills boundaries to this project has come as a surprise to our community, since we were told repeatedly by AISD that Mills would not be included in this project. As a result, Mills parents have not attended the recent PAC meetings, nor has our CAC been</p>
5/8/2019 13:56	Mills Elementary	<p>I don't understand why it's being proposed that Kiker's overcrowding issue is being shifted to Mills when Clayton (it's neighboring school) is at 68% capacity and the new Southwest school is projected to be 50% under capacity.</p>

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5/8/2019 21:59	Mills Elementary	Every plan I review for Kiker/SW Elementary school keeps the capacity for all schools being considered in the "green" zone except for the 3 plans (including the new plan 11) that move Circle C North students to Mills. In all plans Mills moves into yellow as overcapacity. All other plans keep all schools in the green. How could a decision be made to go with a plan that shows moving students from one overcapacity school to make another overcapacity? In every scenarios where Circle C North would move to Mills, Mills is over 120% while all other schools are at 30% less capacity than Mills with all under 100%. This boundary map does not make sense to move these students and overcrowd Mills Elementary. Please keep Mills in the "green" and do not create an overcapacity situation at Mills just to move all other schools in the area to "green" undercapacity levels.
5/9/2019 7:53	Mills Elementary	I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed boundary changes for Mills Elementary. It makes no sense to change such boundaries and overcrowd Mills when the issue is between the new Avana School and Kiker. I would hope that the board is able to see that.
5/9/2019 9:45	Mills Elementary	I'd like to address the boundaries as I don't see how taking the overcrowding from one school and transferring to another school will help the overcrowding.
5/9/2019 12:09	Mills Elementary	My preference is to maintain the existing boundaries for both Mills and Cowan elementary schools. It seems illogical to mitigate overcrowding in two schools by forcing other schools that are not overcrowded up to or over the threshold. As the parent of a transfer student, I am also extremely concerned about this forcing my child to a unfamiliar school after we have spent the last three years building special relationships her classmates, teachers and staff. Having personally experienced being uprooted from schools several times growing up and the affects these changes can have later in life, I am very concerned about how this will affect her. If changes to the boundaries cannot be avoided, then I think it is critical that any transfer student and siblings should be grandfathered into their existing schools for the same reason.
6/11/2019 11:37	Mills Elementary	<p>I think it is okay to add to Mills - many people in that neighborhood already transfer, but there should be a plan in place to increase on campus after school care if we add students.</p> <p>There is sometimes a 5-6 year waiting list for a space in after school care on campus. There are 29 families ahead of us, way more than enough to make a second after care class. We have been told there is not the physical space and that is the reason it is limited. Creative ways to find physical space for kids to attend after care at the school needs to be a priority.</p> <p>Families put infants on the waiting list! And that feels really crazy for after school care. Quality affordable after care on campus for families that need it needs to be addressed, especially if the number of students at Mills increases.</p>
6/14/2019 10:46	Mills Elementary	I'm am writing to voice my concern with adding more kids to Mills Elementary by changing the boundary to include Circle C north. Any relief for Kiker should come from the new SW elementary or surrounding under-enrolled schools, maybe even with a series of shifts.
6/14/2019 12:40	Mills Elementary	Please do not overcrowd Mills Elementary. It is already above capacity. Please use the new SW Elementary School as a relief for the overcrowded Circle C Schools. Please do not send Circle C North to Mills Elementary. We already have overcrowding at our school events. We have traffic congestion, students in portables and do not have room for more students. Thank you.

Boundary Comments - As of July 22, 2019 (9:30 am)

6/14/2019 13:05	Mills Elementary	<p>I have two children at Mills and will eventually have three, and I'm concerned about the possibility of Circle C North being re-zoned to Mills.</p> <p>While I understand that the overcrowding that would occur would eventually level out after kids who have transfers graduate from Mills, the five to six years it would take for for that to happen would be extremely challenging for Mills families, faculty and staff, and I believe it would have detrimental effects on my children's learning.</p> <p>The issue is more than just overcrowding. Mills is older than many southwest Austin schools like Clayton and Baldwin and understandably deals with more faculty issues. Last year, my daughter had to move classrooms twice because of a flooding issues followed by an a/c issue. Her class had to take over a counselor's room. This year she was displaced from a portable several days because of HVAC issues and her teacher had to hold class all day in the library multiple times. It was extremely tight, and if the school were even more over-capacity those situations would have been impossible.</p> <p>Mills has two grade levels in (aging) portables right now, and they're already running out of room. Bringing in more kids would most definitely negatively affect learning.</p> <p>And, perhaps not top-of-mind to those who don't pick up at Mills every day is that Mills is completely ensconced by residential area. Mills administration has a created a delicately orchestrated process to get all kids safely to their parents at the end of the day with barely any room for the kids to wait outdoors. It's a challenge to say the least. Adding more kids would create an unsafe environment at pick-up.</p> <p>We love Mills, and we love AISD. Please consider NOT rezoning Circle C North to Mills, so our school can continue to thrive. Thank you!</p>
6/14/2019 13:53	Mills Elementary	<p>I'd like to provide my feedback on proposed boundary changes to move Circle C North students from Kiker to Mills. Mills is currently over-enrolled by about 7%, with 2 grades already using portables and a 2.5 hours lunch time to accommodate the current overcrowding.</p> <p>I don't think it is in any of the students interest to add to this burden on the school, when the new elementary was opened to reduce overcrowding at Kiker. Those students should move to the new elementary, not into the already overcrowded Mills.</p> <p>I'd urge you not to rezone Circle C North to Mills.</p> <p>Thank you, (redacted)</p>

6/14/2019 14:21	Mills Elementary	<p>I am a Mills parent of rising Pre-K and 3rd grade students. I have attended several BAC meetings since Mills was brought into this discussion, and first and foremost I want to thank the BAC for the time, energy, and dedication you have volunteered to put into this difficult project. You clearly have AISD students' best interests at heart, and I truly appreciate your efforts.</p> <p>I will be out of town for the upcoming open houses, so I'm writing to express my support for Plan B and my opposition for Plans C and D, which transfer Circle C North to Mills.</p> <p>Plan B is the only plan that fulfills the stated Primary Criterion for this project for all of the affected schools. As stated on the AISD website, "the main goal of the Boundary Advisory Committee is to balance enrollment between 75-115% of a school's permanent capacity." Plans C and D put Mills over this target. In addition, Plan D leaves the new SW elementary school under this target. Although it is not binding, this target enrollment is also not completely arbitrary. This enrollment range has been identified by AISD as the best use of resources to provide an equitable educational experience for all students across the district. This range can't be disregarded in favor of secondary criteria, especially given the context of AISD schools facing the risk of closure due to underenrollment.</p> <p>Plan B is also the only plan that utilizes the new SW elementary school as it was promoted to taxpayers in the 2017 bond election, which is to relieve overcrowding at Kiker. If the new school is intended to provide relief to Kiker, then the expectation is that in order to do that, current Kiker students will be moved to the new school. Plans C and D unnecessarily shift CCN students from one overcrowded school to another. This is not equitable for CCN students or for the existing students at Mills, who will suffer the results of this "temporary" overcrowding for the next 5-6 years, which covers their entire elementary school experience. If there was nowhere else for Kiker students to go, then this might be a reasonable solution. But since there is a 36 million dollar brand new school being funded by taxpayers specifically to relieve Kiker, it makes much more sense to shift the enrollment there.</p> <p>Finally, I'd like to give an illustration of what adding 100+ students to Mills would look like, since the numbers on paper only go so far. Last year, Mills was within the target range at 107%. At 107% capacity we had two entire grade levels in portables. Our assemblies were staggered because the entire school couldn't safely fit into one space. Our parent-led reading program was held in stairwells and hallways. Traffic at drop-off and pick-up is an issue, and kids start lunch at 10:30am. Adding another 100+ students would put an enormous strain on our already-limited resources. This is not a reasonable solution, particularly since a new school is available to absorb more students without being overcrowded.</p> <p>Thank you again for your time, energy, and attention to our feedback. Your efforts are very much appreciated!</p>
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6/14/2019 14:45	Mills Elementary	<p>I want to express my support for a boundary change for Mills that includes Circle C North. My home is in the current Mills boundary outside of Circle C North and I have 3 children - 2 attending Mills (preschool and 3rd grade) and 1 attending Gorzycki. Circle C North is within easy walking or biking distance to the Mills campus, and the district would be able to eliminate buses through the rezoning. I understand that there would be a temporary minimal overcrowding situation if CC North were to be rezoned due to currently granted transfers. As a solution, the tuition supported pre K could possibly be moved to an under enrolled school such as Clayton, which would reduce Mills enrollment by approximately 50 students. Long term the rezoning would be better for the district and for Mills. Mills currently has such a large transfer population that traffic is an unsafe nightmare at arrival and dismissal since a large number of students cannot bike/walk to school. Boundaries should be shifted to get the school to capacity based on those living in the area and give additional enrollment relief to Kiker.</p>
6/14/2019 15:30	Mills Elementary	<p>I am concerned with the potential plans to relieve the overcrowding at Kiker Elementary School by redirecting students to Mills Elementary. This would result in increased overcrowding at Mills, and reduced diversity, a result of closing the school to transfers. As the parent of a second grader and a pre-k student, I value the diverse student body. I committed my tax dollars to relieving overcrowding by creating a new campus, not by overcrowding another. Enrollment below 115% is acceptable to AISD, and this year Mills was around 107%. We already have two grade levels in portables, kids eating lunch from 10:30-1:00, traffic issues, capacity issues at school events, etc. Adding substantially more students to an already stretched school is simply unnecessary and irresponsible, given that taxpayers are spending 36 MILLION dollars on a new school.</p>
6/14/2019 17:48	Mills Elementary	<p>I am writing this letter to express my opinion regarding Plan D on the southwest Austin school boundary issue.</p> <p>While I was pleased to read in today's Community Impact that Plan B has been endorsed by the BAC, I am dismayed that the committee would even consider overcrowding Mills to such an extent.</p> <p>The new SW elementary school was promoted to taxpayers as an opportunity to relieve overcrowding at Kiker, so students from Kiker should go there (not Mills). The entire point of this process is to relieve overcrowding at Kiker, and it is not equitable to Circle C North families or to current Mills families to move Circle C North families from one overcrowded school to another.</p> <p>Mills is already at 107% enrollment with two grade levels in portables, kids eating lunch from 10:30-1:00, traffic issues, capacity issues at school events, etc. Adding substantially more students to an already stretched school is simply unnecessary and irresponsible, given that taxpayers are spending \$36 million dollars on a new school that - under the plan D map - would be grossly underenrolled.</p> <p>Sincerely, (redacted)</p>

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6/14/2019 18:03	Mills Elementary	Hi there - I'm currently a parent of 2 Mills elementary students. We live in the Legend Oaks 2 Area off (redacted). Our small section of Legend Oaks is zoned to Patton and we transferred to Mills because of the proximity to our house. As did 6 of my neighbors that I know of. I fail to see how the boundary line for Mills vertical was drawn at a dry creek bed rather than arbitrary convict hill. Mills, Goryski and Bowie are all within walking or bike riding distance for my children. I encourage you to evaluate this arbitrary designation and include all of Legend Oaks 2 within this verticle.
6/15/2019 10:27	Mills Elementary	Given that the new SW Elementary is supposed to relieve overcrowding in the area, I am not in favor of any plan which would exacerbate overcrowding of any school, especially Mills.
6/15/2019 10:28	Mills Elementary	Please do not overcrowd Mills to solve Kikers overcrowding issue. That's why we're spending millions on the new SW school.
6/15/2019 12:36	Mills Elementary	My opinions about the rezoning subject at hand: 1. The new SW elementary school was promoted to taxpayers as an opportunity to relieve overcrowding at Kiker, so students from Kiker should go there (not Mills). 2. The entire point of this process is to relieve overcrowding at Kiker, and it is not equitable to CCN families or to current Mills families to move CCN from one overcrowded school to another. 3. The BAC only sees numbers, not the actual situation at each school, so painting a picture for them would be helpful. Enrollment below 115% is acceptable to AISD, and this year Mills was around 107%. We already have two grade levels in portables, kids eating lunch from 10:30-1:00, traffic issues, capacity issues at school events, etc. Adding substantially more students to an already stretched school is simply unnecessary and irresponsible, given that taxpayers are spending 36 MILLION dollars on a new school.
6/15/2019 22:16	Mills Elementary	If the new school is being built to reduce the numbers at Kiker, then that's where the transfers should go, not Mills. Mills already has problems supporting the kids currently attending.
6/17/2019 12:38	Mills Elementary	Boundary changes to include circle C north to mills Elementary is a reasonable solution. Kids close to mills should be going to mills and not further away.
6/22/2019 20:23	Mills Elementary	I'm a very concerned Mills parent with a child going into the first grade. Heading that there may potentially be more kids moved to Mills from the Circle C area because there are some in that area who don't want to go to a brand new school is quite concerning. As it was the new school was supposed to help with overcrowding at the school where Circle C students go, I feel they should go to the new school. At Mills we already had to have a lotto system in order to have parents attend a kindergarten graduation. We've had school fundraisers that we have had to limit capacity on because of the high population as well. The kids have lunch as early as 10:30 through 1 pm to accommodate all of the kids, that means kids with early lunches often get a built in snack time later in the day so they can go until 2:45pm. I wanted to write to let you know that Mills is already at a capacity that is hard enough to manage, adding an extra 15-20% to the student population would be detrimental to the learning environment for the children. Thank you for the time you took reading this.
4/7/2019 20:26	Other	Hi! Why is Mills not absorbing Circle C north to help alleviate some of kiker's crowding? Mills is around 25% transfer while kiker is over crowded. It makes no sense and would be such an easy fix. Mills should also take on more of legend oaks to help alleviate Patton.

Boundary Comments - As of July 22, 2019 (9:30 am)

4/8/2019 10:01	Other	Regarding the new SW campus in the Avana subdivision, I understand the importance of reducing the number of students at Kiker, but at this point, it seems that the new elementary school will already meet or exceed capacity before it opens. Kiker is already set up to handle excessive students. The SW campus will not be. Also, traffic to and from Kiker is a nightmare during drop-off and pickup and has three routes to get to the campus. The new campus will have only one entrance at 45. That intersection is also a nightmare during peak traffic times. Boundaries for the new campus need to keep traffic congestion to a minimum, and eliminate as much traffic into the Avana as possible. Thank you.
4/8/2019 22:17	Other	I live in Greyrock Ridge. We are very excited to have the BAC considering rezoning our subdivision for the new elementary school and strongly support that decision. However, I think a lot of us in the subdivision voted in favor of the bond because we were under the impression that middle school assignments were based on which elementary school you were zoned for. It seems unfair that out of all students at the new elementary school (some of which will actually live in Hays County), the Greyrock Ridge kids will get shipped off to Bailey after 6 years where they don't get to be with their friends anymore and have to contend with the horrific traffic situation along Slaughter and Brodie Lane. It just doesn't make sense to single out the Greyrock Ridge kids from the rest of the elementary school. One of the criteria the BAC listed on this website as a determining factor in boundary decisions was the transportation routes. Due to the traffic situation on Slaughter and Brodie Lane, it is significantly easier to get back and forth between Greyrock Ridge and Gorzycki than it is to Bailey. Please rezone Greyrock Ridge to Gorzycki so that our kids can continue attending classes with their friends and so that they do not have to endure the terrible traffic along Slaughter and Brodie Lane.

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4/23/2019 14:30	Other	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I'm writing out of concern for the Baranoff proposed rezoning, as the community it affects could potentially be mine, and those directly around me.</p> <p>While my child does not attend any of the schools being discussed (Baranoff, Menchaca, Kocurek), I did want to express concern over a couple of things that I'm hoping the BAC will take into consideration during this decision process.</p> <p>1. The optics of this decision are already wildly untethered. There is a very clear apparent haves/have-nots story playing out, with some affluent areas seemingly having influence to drive the decision. This is mainly based on local news stories I've seen, NextDoor posts and Facebook posts. I'd suggest some damage control to regain the narrative so if and when a decision is announced, it doesn't appear as if the people with money were able to drive the decision, because that is exactly what it appears as right now.</p> <p>2. Whatever the decision is, I would hope when the decision is made, it is given hand-in-hand with an improvement plan for Kocurk and/or Menchaca. A lot of the dissatisfaction of this decision process stems from the fact that kids will be switched from a traditionally high-performing school to traditionally lower performing schools, with anecdotes swirling of teachers that hate the lower performing schools, lackluster administration, etc. If all three schools were close to the same performance, without such a large performance gap, the rezoning wouldn't be nearly the issue it is. That is why people are fighting so hard to stay in Baranoff, even though it is overcrowded. If the decision includes an improvement plan for Menchaca and Kocurek when announced, at least there would be a plan in place to mitigate the concerns of the parents that worry for the long-term effect on their children's education in really formative years.</p> <p>Feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. Thanks for taking the time to read my opinion on the matter.</p>
5/17/2019 16:13	Other	<p>My name is (redacted). I live in Travis Country and have two 7 year old kids who attend Barton Hills Elementary through a transfer. I see the South Central boundary now has our middle school listed as Small Middle School and Crockett High School. I also see that the board continues to say these are for planning purposes only and they have not at this point in the process. I do not understand how a map is presented with schools being different for neighborhoods, and then we are told these are not the changes. Can someone please explain this to me as I am a little upset. We moved to our neighborhood specifically for the middle and high school as most of our neighbors have as well. This will impact the property value of our neighborhood, and completely negates the factors we took into consideration while purchasing a home.</p>
6/2/2019 16:06	Other	<p>We live in Covered Bridge and our neighborhood currently tracks Oak Hill Elementary, Covington Middle School, then Bowie High School. We have no interest in staying in AISD if you proceed with the proposed 2021 boundary changes (Map B) sending our neighborhood to Crockett High School. Do not send our kids clear across town to school. We are only 10 minutes away from Bowie High School. Crockett High School (and their built in day care facility) are 30 minutes away.</p>
6/2/2019 16:08	Other	<p>Our family lives in Covered Bridge and our neighborhood currently attends Oak Hill Elementary, Covington Middle School, then Bowie High School. We object to the proposed 2021 boundary changes (Map B) sending our neighborhood to Crockett High School.</p>

6/10/2019 15:19	Other	<p>Hello,</p> <p>My comments relate to the new southwest elementary school. We currently live in the Greyrock Ridge subdivision, which is a part of Circle C. We have two young children - the oldest will be eligible for Kindergarten in the 2020-2021 school year. My understanding is that our subdivision will be zoned to the new southwest elementary school. My husband and I want to express our strong support for this change. I believe we are currently zoned to Baranoff, which is a significant distance from our neighborhood; it is not walkable or easy to reach via bike. Plus, we are the only Circle C subdivision that is zoned to this school. Our entire community is zoned to mostly Kiker or Clayton. The new southwest elementary school will be easy for our children to access since it is right next door in Avana.</p> <p>We are also in strong support of ensuring that once our neighborhood is zoned to the new southwest elementary, that we are also zoned to Gorzycki Middle School. I believe we are currently zoned to Bailey Middle School, which does not make any sense considering that we are the only Circle C neighborhood zoned to that school and it is quite a distance away. My understanding is that all of the Avana neighborhood (which will also be zoned to the new southwest school) is currently zoned to Gorzycki. The most appropriate feeder pattern would be to ensure that the Greyrock Ridge subdivision is also zoned to Gorzycki.</p> <p>Gorzycki is closer to our neighborhood and much easier to reach for our students in a safer manner. The zoning to Gorzycki will also help maintain continuity and community for the students enrolled in the new southwest elementary school. If Greyrock Ridge remains zoned to Bailey, you will be breaking up the community of students - it's possible that all of the students in my child's class end up tracking to Gorzycki (because they all live in Avana, which is a large subdivision), and he may end up being the only one among his network of friends that attends Bailey. This would be extremely disruptive to his schooling and will have a significant negative effect on his well-being (especially at the critical age of moving into middle school).</p> <p>When deciding boundaries, we ask that you keep Greyrock Ridge at the new southwest elementary school and update the feeder pattern and zone Greyrock to Gorzycki. This will ensure that there is continuity among peers and support the academic and emotional well-being of the children. Gorzycki is also much closer to our neighborhood and can be accessed through the Circle C neighborhood via bicycle. Additionally, it doesn't make any sense for our neighborhood to be singled out as the only subdivision in all of Circle C to be zoned to Bailey.</p> <p>I'm assuming Greyrock was initially zoned to Baranoff because of overcrowding at Kiker (and then got zoned to Bailey because of Baranoff tracking to that school). However, now that there is a new elementary school, please keep the entire community of children at the new elementary school together for their academic and emotional well-being – and advance the safest and closet transportation route by zoning Greyrock to Gorzycki. Our neighborhood is not connected to any of the other neighborhoods that feed to Bailey and</p>
6/14/2019 13:29	Other	<p>Homes in Greyrock Ridge are zoned to the new school in Avana starting in 2020. With the new school, Greyrock Ridge needs to be Re-zoned to Gorzycki Middle School. As of now, we are the only Circle C neighborhood that feeds into different schools. It has taken parents in the community an hour or more to currently take their children to Bailey and Baranoff elementary. With changing to Gorzycki, it would only take 8 minutes. It does not make any sense as to why Greyrock Ridge should be zoned to a school that is farther and puts parents in a traffic to take their kids to school.</p>

Boundary Comments - As of July 22, 2019 (9:30 am)

7/18/2019 19:28	Other	<p>Hello. My family live in Greyrock and our daughter will be starting 6th grade at Bailey this year, as that is the school we are currently zoned for. I have been told that next year our neighborhood will be rezoned to Gorzycki. I was told that our daughter would be able to finish at Bailey but WITHOUT transportation. The whole reason that we bought a house in this neighborhood is so that our children could go to the school that we desired and be able to ride a bus since we both work and having to drop off and pick up as a transfer student was too difficult. I realize that my daughter could move to Gorzycki and ride the bus there but my daughter does not adjust to change as easily as some children do. If it were my son who is outgoing, self assured, and confident I would not be worried about it but I think it would be very difficult for my daughter to change schools after a year. Please reconsider providing transportation from Greyrock to Bailey until those entering 6th grade this year are finished at Bailey. Thank you.</p>
7/18/2019 19:47	Other	<p>Hello!!!</p> <p>We moved and bought a house in Greyrock bc it had the schools we wanted our kids to attended one of the is Bailey Middle School bc of my Job we really need the transportation and when we bought the house the only change was Elementary otherwise we've choose in another neighborhood, we want my kid to be happy and motivated at school that's why bought here in the first place Bailey is not overpopulated so we don't understand the change</p> <p>Hope we can have the transportation for our Kids</p> <p>Thank you so much for your understanding</p>
6/9/2019 13:46		<p>Hi,</p> <p>I'm a resident at Greyrock Ridge, and I was wondering if a boundary change is being considered to allow children residing at Greyrock Ridge to attend the new southwest elementary school instead of Baranoff.</p> <p>Thanks, (redacted)</p>