

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
REDISTRICTING FOR 2012-13

The Superintendent recommends that neighborhoods with 134 students be transferred from the Hollymead Elementary School district to Baker-Butler Elementary School beginning in August of 2012. She recommends no changes for the Stony Point Elementary School district.

The Superintendent appointed a citizen's advisory committee in October of 2011 to consider the need to redistrict students from Hollymead and Stony Point to address current and projected overcrowding at the two schools. There are 570 students at Hollymead, which has a capacity of 496 students, while Baker-Butler enrollment is 440 with a capacity of 652 students. Hollymead's enrollment is projected to grow to 631 students within three years. Enrollment at Stony Point unexpectedly fell below projections and now is 270 students in a school with capacity for 288 students.

Neighborhoods included in the recommended "Option A" transition of students from Hollymead to Baker-Butler are west of Route 29 and include Dickerson North/Chris Greene, Airport Acres/Cedar Hill, Forest Spring/Dickerson South, Deerwood/Airport Road and Abington/Timberwood. Fourth graders and their siblings currently enrolled at Hollymead would be permitted to attend Hollymead through their fifth grade graduation. Options B (86 students) and C (94 students) developed by the committee include subsets of the neighborhoods included in Option A. The choice of Option A should solve the overcrowding issue at Hollymead for at least for the next five years.

While recommending no change at Stony Point, enrollment should continue to be monitored at the school and a new committee convened if enrollment numbers significantly increase.

The committee received thoughtful public comment and its value was reflected in the committee's recommendations. The committee's focus was on the best interests of our students, which remained at the center of all discussions. Considerations of the committee included capacity, enrollment history and projections, neighborhood integrity, future growth, pupil transportation, diversity, free and reduced lunch population, and most importantly, community feedback.

The advisory committee included parents and other representatives from the Hollymead, Baker-Butler, Stony Point and Stone Robinson communities and held seven meetings, including two public feedback meetings. Members of the advisory committee included William O'Hara and John Hayes from Hollymead; Kate Barrett and Kelly Beckett from Stony Point; Laura Fox and Michelle Rosner from Baker-Butler; Mason Graham and Eric Field from Stone Robinson, Pastor William Coles and Tiffany Barber from the ACPS Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee.

The Superintendent's proposal will be the subject of a public hearing on February 9, 2012, with a final decision by the school board on March 8. If approved by the school board, the school division would begin a series of transitional activities to support families involved in redistricting and adjust staffing and facilities at the two schools. The new school district boundary lines would take effect in August of 2012.

Additional information documenting the committee's work is found at the following web page:

<http://schoolcenter.k12albemarle.org/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectiondetailid=99446&>