

April 21st Redistricting Referendum

School Impact



At this time, a vote on new congressional maps is set for April 21st.

Eight (8) Charlottesville City Schools are Voting Locations:

1. Charlottesville Area Technical Education Center (CATEC, for Albemarle)
2. Charlottesville High School (CHS)
3. Charlottesville Middle School (CMS)
4. Walker Upper Elementary
5. Trailblazer
6. Tall Oaks
7. Summit
8. Jackson-Via



Challenges of Voting on a School Day

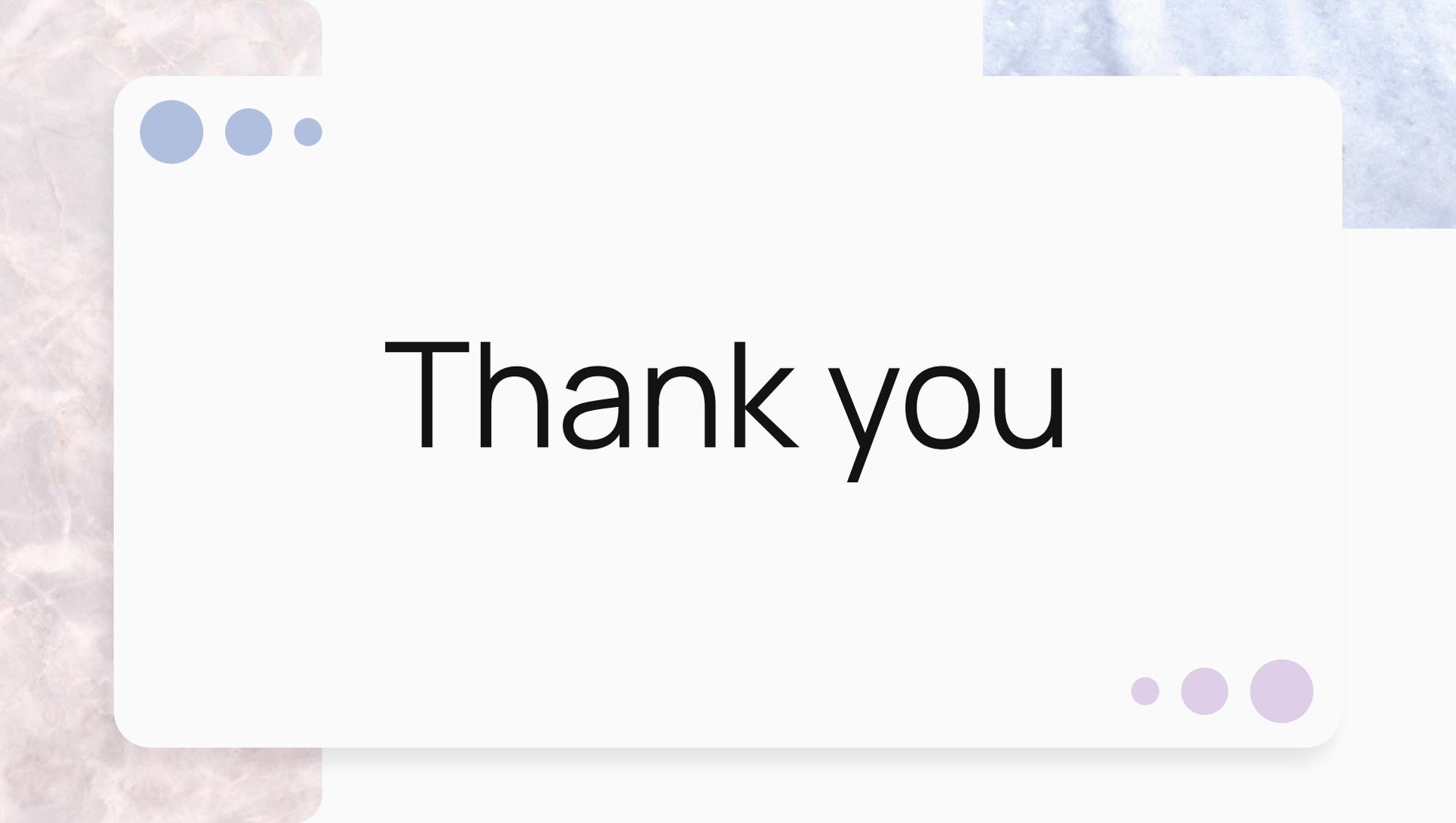
- 1 Parking** Limited to varied extents on school campuses on normal school days - BIG concern for voting and school operations, especially at Summit and Trailblazer.
- 2 Traffic** Concern for increased vehicular traffic around schools with students walking & biking, and also for ensuring that bus lanes and fire lanes remain clear.
- 3 Open Campus** Laws that protect voter rights have precedent over laws that restrict sex offenders and certain others from being on school grounds. Campaign activities are also permitted 40' from polling place entrances/exits.
- 4 Other Disruptions** Areas used for voting will not be accessible for school day and after-school program use (mostly gyms, 1 cafeteria, the MLK PAC)

Assuming the redistricting referendum vote remains scheduled for April 21st, it is in the best interest of CCS and the City for schools to be closed on that day.

This presentation will be followed by messaging to CCS families regarding this school calendar change, with additional reminders as the date approaches. If anything changes and schools will not be needed as polling places, then April 21st will revert to a normal instructional day, and families will be notified as soon as possible.

CHS Athletics and nursing board exams will proceed as scheduled.





Thank you

