

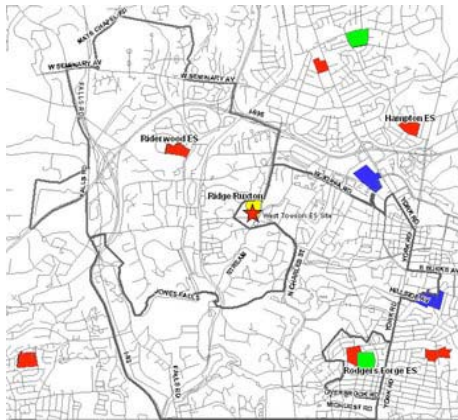


School boundary panel recommends keeping Rodgers Forge together

Committee calls for option 'G' for West Towson, Rodgers Forge and Riderwood

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The committee charged with mapping out new boundaries for Riderwood and Rodgers Forge elementary schools, as well as the new 451-seat West Towson Elementary School scheduled to open in August, has voted to recommend Scenario G -- the only one of the four proposed scenarios on the table that would one of four options that would keep the 1,777-townhouse community of Rodgers Forge intact -- to the Baltimore County Board of Education for its approval.

At a meeting on Wednesday evening, the 10 members of the West Towson Boundary Study Committee who were eligible to vote initially cast 7 votes for Scenario G and 3 votes for Scenario A-1, which would have removed 400 houses north of Stevenson Lane from the Rodgers Forge Elementary School district.

They then voted as a group to recommend G to Barbara Walker, central area assistant superintendent for Baltimore County Public Schools.

Walker cautioned the process is far from over.

She can accept, reject or amend the committee's recommendation when she makes her own recommendation to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joe

(Enlarge) The boundary committee studying school lines for the new West Towson Elementary School on Wednesday selected Option G as the map to advance to the Baltimore County Board of Education for review.

Hairston by next Wednesday, she said.

In fact, members of the committee asked her to consider amendments for Scenario G that would include Gaywood's 140 homes in the Rodgers Forge district and Ruxton Ridge children in the West Towson district.

The Board of Education will review the committee's recommendation, Walker's recommendation and Hairston's recommendation before holding a public hearing Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at Loch Raven High School.

The board will then make its final decision on March 9.

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