DATE: June 10, 2003
TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: Dr. J. Hairston, Superintendent
SUBJECT: Relief of Overcrowding – Staff Proposals
Northwest and Southwest Elementary Schools

ORIGINATOR: J. Robert Haines, Deputy Superintendent
RECOMMENDED PERSON(S): Rita Fromm, Executive Director, Planning and Support Operations

RECOMMENDATION
That the Board of Education receives an update on staff proposals for relief of overcrowding in Northwest and Southwest Area Elementary Schools.

Background Information: The Office of Strategic Planning in cooperation with the Executive Directors of Schools presented plans to the Superintendent to relieve overcrowding in certain elementary schools.

Estimated Operating Funds Fiscal Impact: $60,000 for FY 2003

Possible Funding Source: Operating Budget

JRH/dd
Final Summary of Recommendations to Relieve Overcrowding In NW and SW Areas

Prepared by the Office of Strategic Planning and Area Executive Directors of Schools
Summary of Recommendations and Rationales – SW Area

RECOMMENDATIONS:

• Relocate Dogwood ES SED program to Winfield ES.

• Annex kindergarten enrollments at Edmondson Heights ES beyond current levels (5 classes) to Westowne ES.

• Implement new education plan and site improvements for Featherbed Lane ES Primary and Intermediate schools.

RATIONALE:

• Provides SED program more space for program delivery. Increases capacity for Dogwood ES.

• Prevents overcrowding at Edmondson Heights ES.

• Unifies Featherbed Lane Primary and Intermediate schools under a single principal. Implements NSF Grant STEM Academy model. Construct parent drop-off loop for improved safety and access.
Summary of Recommendations and Rationales – NW Area

RECOMMENDATIONS:

• Annex selected communities to schools with available space.
• Move New Town ES SED program to Chatsworth.
• Cap enrollment at New Town ES at 901 students.

RATIONALE:

• Communities furthest from New Town ES annexed to nearby schools with significant available classrooms
• Developing communities near New Town ES annexed to Reisterstown ES as a “pre-emptive” cap on new enrollments
• Relocation of New Town ES SED program increases New Town ES capacity with no change to the educational program
• Cap of 901 permits available seats at New Town to be utilized (751 seats in building + 150 relocatable seats = 901)
Why a Cap of 901 Students at New Town ES?

• New town currently has a capacity of 706 + 150 relocatable seats = 856 available seats

• Moving the SED program results in a gain of 45 seats, raising capacity to 751 + 150 relocatable seats = 901 available seats

• The identification and annex of impending New Town ES development to Reisterstown ES is, in effect, a “cap” that further limits new enrollments at the school

• Available relocatable seating on school sites is routinely considered as a component of plans relieve overcrowding
### Capacity PLUS Consideration of Relocatable Seating

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**Elementary Totals**

| 10019 | 9590 | 10141 | -551 | 800 | 10941 | -1351 |

* indicates a school with a Full-Day Kindergarten program.

Orange shaded schools are within 90% or higher of their state capacity.

Blue shaded schools are schools less than 90% capacity with available classrooms.
Other Comments on New Town ES

• With the proposed program annexation, New Town ES would gain an art room and a vocal music room, and two full-time teachers who currently “float” would be assigned to these rooms.

• The School Improvement Team will adjust cafeteria schedules and allocate space based on the adjusted population.

• Final approval has been given by Baltimore County to commence work on improved fields and play areas for New Town ES. Work is scheduled to begin in July 2003.

• There is a distinction between New Town ES being “over capacity” and the designated class size for instruction. New Town ES is staffed to the standards of all BCPS schools. For 2002/2003, the student/teacher ratios were as follows:

  - Kindergarten 21.7
  - Grades 1 and 2 21.5
  - Grades 3, 4, and 5 24.0
Recommendations to Relieve Overcrowding for September 30, 2003

NEW TOWN ES SED PROGRAM TO CHATSWORTH; GEOGRAPHIC ANNEX TO FRANKLIN ES, GLYNDON ES, FORT GARRISON ES, AND SUMMIT PARK ES, AND REISTERSTOWN ES

DOGWOOD ES SED PROGRAM TO WINFIELD ES

FEATHERBED LANE ES NSF GRANT INITIATIVES

EDMONDSON HEIGHTS ES OVERFLOW KINDERGARTEN TO WESTOWNE ES

Prepared by Baltimore County Public Schools
Office of Student Planning, February 2003
Challenges for Using New Town HS to Relieve New Town ES

- Difficulty of segregating elementary students from high school students due to the integrated design of the high school building, including:
  - Any rooms to be used by elementary students would be on hallways housing high school students’ classrooms
  - Lavatories needed to serve elementary school students would have to be shared by high school students and are in areas where high school students would be required to pass
  - The cafeteria is at the opposite end of the building from where elementary classes would most reasonably be located
  - Elementary students would be exiting the building after the regular high school day, when high school students would be likely to interact with them near the building
  - Delivery of special area subjects (art, music, physical education) to elementary students housed in the high school could necessitate movement of students or teachers between the school buildings
  - Relocatable classrooms housed on the high school site would necessitate elementary school students entering the building and using lavatories on the main hall, interacting with lots of high school student traffic