

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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SUBJECT: **CHAPEL HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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INFORMATION

The Board of Education will receive an update on the Action Plan to provide relief strategies for the Chapel Hill Elementary School.

Status Update of Chapel Hill ES and Relief Plan



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Actions Taken To Date

- Staff from the Office of Strategic Planning and the NE Area Office have conducted several information meetings with the Chapel Hill PTA and local politicians
- Installation of two double-wide relocatable units consisting of four classrooms (92 additional seats not included in school capacity)
- Weekly review of enrollments at Chapel Hill ES and all adjacent schools
- Capital project at the Vincent Farm Site progressing on schedule for Fall 2008 school opening
- Additional staff provided to Kindergarten classes
- Additional student and teacher furniture and instructional equipment

Status of Chapel Hill ES

- Chapel Hill ES was staffed for an FTE enrollment of 740 students and additional staff has been allocated to address the large number of Kindergarten students
- Preliminary (9/11/2006) data for Chapel Hill ES indicates a capacity of 636, an enrollment of 778 (761 FTE) making the school over capacity by 125 students (119.65% capacity)
 - o Two relocatables with four classrooms (92 additional seats) are on site
 - o Full Day Kindergarten is now successfully implemented

Relief Plan

- A new school will be constructed on the Vincent Farm Site because Chapel Hill ES and all adjacent schools do not have sufficient capacity to justify redistricting
- Sufficient State Rated Capacity to support long-term definitive relief will not exist until the opening of the new school

Relief Process

- A boundary will be established in 2007/2008 for the new school at the Vincent Farm Site for the 2008/2009 school year, and will impact other schools in this area
- Board Policy 1280 states “Reassign elementary school students no more than once every five years...” to maximize the continuity of the educational experience.

Relief Process Timeline

- 2006/2007 School Year – continued monitoring of enrollments and regular updates with administrators and PTA
- October 2007 – Official September 30, 2007 enrollments established
- October 2007 – Boundary Study Committee established
- November/December 2007 – Boundary Study Committee develops boundary options
- January 2008 – Community Forum for new school boundary options
- Spring 2008 – Board approval of new school boundaries
- Fall 2008 – New school opens on Vincent Farm Site

Elementary Student Distribution in Chapel Hill And Surrounding Schools: 2005-2006

