Fairfax County PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Boundary Phasing & Transportation Decision

February 26, 2026

School Board Approved Boundary Adjustment

- Changes Impact 1,637 Students
- Policy 8130 Phasing Amendment affords 911 students school choice
- 69 High School Seniors Impacted

Policy 8130 Phasing Guidance

For Elementary Schools in a **K-5 Configuration**

	Grades that shall attend the new school (required)	Grades that have the Option to remain at the current school or attend the new school
SY 2026-27:	Kindergarten and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders	4th and 5th graders
SY 2027-28:	Kindergarten and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders	5th graders
SY 2028-29:	Kindergarten and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders	

For Elementary Schools in a **K-6 Configuration**

	Grades that shall attend the new school (required)	Grades that have the Option to remain at the current school or attend the new school
SY 2026-27:	Kindergarten and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders	5th and 6th graders
SY 2027-28:	Kindergarten and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders	6th graders
SY 2028-29:	Kindergarten and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders	

Policy 8130 Phasing Guidance

For Middle Schools in a **6-8 Configuration**

	Grades that shall attend the new school (required)	Grades that have the Option to remain at the current school or attend the new school
SY 2026-27:	6th graders	7th and 8th graders
SY 2027-28:	6th and 7th graders	8th graders
SY 2028-29:	6th, 7th, and 8th graders	

For Middle Schools in a **6-7 Configuration**

	Grades that shall attend the new school (required)	Grades that have the Option to remain at the current school or attend the new school
SY 2026-27:	7th graders	8th graders
SY 2027-28:	7th and 8th graders	

For High Schools

	Grades that shall attend the new school (required)	Grades that have the Option to remain at the current school or attend the new school
SY 2026-27:	9th graders	10th, 11th, and 12th graders
SY 2027-28:	9th and 10th graders	11th and 12th graders
SY 2028-29:	9th, 10th, and 11th graders	12th graders
SY 2029-30:	9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders	

There are no changes to Secondary Schools (Hayfield, Lake Braddock, and Robinson).

Survey Results

- **Audience:** 911 families with choice
- **Open Period:** February 11-18
- **Languages:** Amharic, Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Persian/Farsi, Spanish, Urdu, Vietnamese
- **Intentional Outreach:** eNotify, principal's letter, reminders, robocalls
- **Results:**
  - 53% (n=481) response rate
  - 73% (n=353) of respondents intend to remain at current school
  - 81% (n=336) require FCPS bus transportation
  - 44% (n=154) would remain at current school if FCPS bus transportation not provided

Transportation Cost Options

- Transportation to non-boundary (current) school cost for all tiers is $3.10M
- Transportation to non-boundary (current) school cost for high school is $1.35M
- Transportation to non-boundary (current) school cost for high school (absorbing buses, 10 each) is $804,620
- Transportation to non-boundary (current) school cost for high school juniors & seniors is $402,310
- Transportation to non-boundary (current) school cost for high school seniors only is $241,386

Transportation Cost Breakdown (All Tiers)

Category	Diesel	Electric
Additional Runs	48	48
Additional Drivers	23	23
Driver Cost	23 x $80,462 = $1.85M	23 x $80,462 = $1.85M
Additional Buses	23	23
Bus Cost	23 x $54,435 = $1.25M	23 x $102,762 = $2.39M
Total Cost	**$3.10M**	**$4.24M**

Transportation Cost Breakdown (High School Only)

Category1	Diesel	Electric
Additional Runs	10	10
Additional Drivers	10	10
Driver Cost	10 x $80,462 = $804,623	10 x $80,462 = $804,623
Additional Buses	10	10
Bus Cost	10 x $54,435 = $544,350	10 x $102,762 = $1,027,616
Total Cost	**$1.35M**	**$1.83M**

Concerns

- Budget Concerns
- Driver Availability
- Availability of Parking for Additional Buses

Recommendation

Provide transportation based on new boundary adjustments for high school seniors only.

Prioritize funding during year-end review for possible expansion of transportation to additional grades.

Questions?



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