

**Monroe County Community Schools Corporation
Secondary Schools Realignment Task Force
September 20, 2005**

Recommendations and Consequences

Summary

Broadly speaking our recommendation is to improve the flow of students from elementary school through to high school. Additionally, there is a northward shift in students. This is driven by a tendency of schools in the northern part of MCCSC to have room while schools in the southern part are becoming crowded.

All MCCSC middle schools and high school are affected to some extent by our recommendations. Approximately 1 out of every 10 MCCSC secondary school students would be moved if our recommendations were implemented. We believe that if these changes were implemented the flow from elementary to secondary schools would be greatly improved from the current situation.

Current Conditions

Mike Shipman and John Carter provided the task force with data listing the actual enrollment at each school, as well as flow between the schools. It is worth noting that the total capacity of the system is not an issue here. The problem is how to allocate enrollments to address capacity and flow from one school level to the next. We will review graphic spreadsheets to show the Board projected school district enrollments and extrapolated flow. It is important to note that the current middle and high school districts will be impacted by the elementary realignment in the 2006/2007 school year.

Some “givens” generated by the committee were developed from the realities of geography and enrollment size. The “givens” are:

- Arlington, Marlin, University, Unionville and Fairview all go to Tri-North and North.
- Clear Creek and Summit go to Batchelor and South.
- Childs goes to Jackson Creek and South.
- Lakeview and Templeton can go to either Batchelor or Jackson Creek and then South.
- Grandview goes to Batchelor and then either North or South.
- Highland Park can go to Tri-North then North or Batchelor and then either North or South.
- Binford/Rogers can go to Tri-North then North and/or Jackson Creek and then either North or South.

Recommendations

1. Moved 15 students from Basswood, Oakdale, et al (ARL) from Jackson Creek to Tri-North.
2. Moved 5 students from Cory Lane/Anna Lee Lane (FAI) from Jackson Creek to Tri-North.
3. Move 12 students from Walnut Street Pike/Schact Road (CLE) from Jackson Creek to Batchelor.
4. Move 52 students from the area bounded by Sare Road, Moores Pike, Smith Road and Rogers Road (BIN) from Jackson Creek to Tri-North.
5. Move 32 students along 446 (BIN) to Tri-North from Jackson Creek.
6. Move 282 students from the area along Highway 45 west (all of Grandview district) from South to North.
7. Move 41 students (LAK) to Jackson Creek from Batchelor.

We will walk the board through each of these changes, showing where they appear on a map and providing our justifications for all the moves.

An alternative way to convey this information is to say the following:

1. Jackson Creek decreases by 157 students, Batchelor increases by 53 students while Tri-North increases by 104 students.
2. Bloomington High School South decreases by 282 students and Bloomington High School North increases by 282 students.

Conclusion

The recommendations outlined above relieve the attendance flow problems where they now exist. The task force's recommendations also leave some room to grow at all schools, while taking into account growth in the southern portion of the corporation. At this point the task force seeks input from the School Board and from the public.