

MDROFFERS CONSULTING'S RESPONSES TO COMMITTEE'S 6/5/19 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE OPTIONS

- 1. Strike a balance between A & D. Whatever the option is, make sure that West Middleton is not overcrowded. In processes like these, options begin to merge. Option A had more changes than Option D. We should explore variations to Option A that reduce projected enrollment at West Middleton to be below that school's capacity.**

Options A through E were intentionally designed to provide some distinct choices, so thinking now about mergers or hybrids of these options seems entirely appropriate. Given the range of suggestions to improve Option A so far, Option D's initial support from the Committee, and the fact that both options retain the Elver Park neighborhood 70 at West Middleton, focusing on variations to Option A and Option D makes sense to us.

- 2. As adjustments to or a hybrid of Option A and/or Option B, include all of neighborhoods 66-71 in West Middleton, shift other neighborhoods out of West Middleton to manage capacity. As an adjustment to Option A, this would probably work best if some current West Middleton neighborhood(s) north of Mineral Point Road were shifted to Sunset Ridge (Pope Farm does not have capacity for long in Option A). More changes would be necessary in Option B, which has neighborhoods 66-71 at Elm Lawn.**

Neighborhoods 66-71 are all at the southeast corner of the District, and include the Elver Park area. Option A already has 66-71 at West Middleton, but we can look at other variations to Option A to reduce projected enrollment at West Middleton. Some or all of neighborhoods 53-56 may be candidates for shifting to Pope Farm, Sunset Ridge, or even Park. The recommendation correctly notes that Option B would have to be changed more significantly to include all of neighborhoods 66-71 at West Middleton.

- 3. In the context of Option D, shift neighborhoods 68 and 69 to West Middleton. This can be explored as a variation to Option D.**

Like recommendation #2 above, such a shift would unify all of the neighborhoods in the southeast corner of the District (Elver Park, etc.) at West Middleton—just starting from Option D instead of Option B. Neighborhood 68 includes Applewood Hill, Newberry Heights, and Coventry Village Condominiums; neighborhood 69 includes High Point Estates and Seminary View. Together, neighborhoods 68 and 69 had 85 elementary school students in 2018-19 and are projected to have 90 elementary school students in 2025. Without shifting other neighborhoods away from West Middleton, such a variation to Option D would result in West Middleton being about 40 students over maximum capacity in 2020 and 60 students over in 2025. Again, some or all of neighborhoods 53-56 are candidates for shifting away from West Middleton to address this. In the context of Option D, Sunset Ridge or Pope Farm would seem the most likely landing spots.

4. Is there hybrid of Options C and D that would allow neighborhoods 66-71 to be assigned to Pope Farm, like in Option C?

Yes. Such a hybrid *could* take the form of Option C assignments for Pope Farm and West Middleton and the Option D assignments for the other schools. This type of shift would reduce projected 2025 enrollment at Elm Lawn to about 422 students, which would address an Elm Lawn capacity challenge in Option D. We advise that the Committee decide if it wishes to retain or develop an option (such as Option C) that assigns some or all of neighborhoods 66-71 to Pope Farm.

5. Put #14 back at Sauk Trail in Option C.

Neighborhood 14 (including the Raemisch plat) currently attends Sauk Trail and is in a walking zone for that school. Were 14 restored to Sauk Trail in the context of Option C, Sauk Trail's enrollment would be right around its capacity while Elm Lawn's enrollment would be about 130 students below its capacity. We advise that the Committee decide if it wishes to retain or develop an option (such as Option C) that assigns some or all of neighborhoods 66-71 to Pope Farm.

6. In Option D, split neighborhood 16 and redirect the part west of Parmenter from Elm Lawn to Scenic Ridge.

Neighborhood 16 has now been split in this manner, into "16W" and "16E". 16W had a 2018-19 K-4 enrollment of 15 students and a projected 2025 K-4 enrollment of 44 students. In the context of Option D, Sunset Ridge has capacity to accommodate these students and transportation west along Airport Road would seem an efficient way to serve 16W. This shift may not be as necessary or logical if neighborhoods 68 and 69 are shifted from Elm Lawn to West Middleton, as recommended in #3 above.

7. When did neighborhood 16's attendance area change last?

Before being assigned to Elm Lawn in 2010-2011, neighborhood 16 was in the Northside attendance area. Growth in the Northside attendance area precipitated the shift.

8. Split 16 at Parmenter, with the most appropriate part of the former 16 to Northside or Sauk Trail to relieve Elm Lawn overcrowding in Option D.

16W—west of Parmenter—could be shifted to Northside in the context of Option D. Such a shift to Sauk Trail instead would mean that Sauk Trail may approach capacity by around 2025. 16E—east of Parmenter--has both a 2018-19 and projected 2025 K-4 enrollment of 74 students. In the context of Option D, Northside may be able to accommodate 16E, but would be close to capacity by around 2030. Sauk Trail could not accommodate 16E without shifting other neighborhood(s) away from Sauk Trail.

9. Keep neighborhood 7 from Option D to Sauk Trail. (#8-11 option Northside and Sauk Trail, whatever #'s work).

We are not exactly certain what this recommendation is, but believe it supports shifting one or more current Northside neighborhoods to Sauk Trail. Each current option aside from Option B includes some such shift. Option A has neighborhoods 9, 10, and 11 (including Shorecrest, Deer Path, original Bishops Bay) at Sauk Trail. Option C has neighborhoods 8,

9, 10, and 11 (the above subdivisions plus Orchid Heights) at Sauk Trail. Option D has neighborhood 7 (Northlake) at Sauk Trail. Option E has a different combination. Each option aside from Option E reassigns neighborhood 25 (west side of Blackhawk) from Sauk Trail to the adjacent Pope Farm, prompting these potential Northside-to-Sauk Trail shifts.

10. Move neighborhood 22 or 19 to Sauk Trail from Elm Lawn, add neighborhood 27 and 23 to Elm Lawn.

Neighborhoods 19 and 22 are in the Elm Lawn attendance area today, and would remain within the Elm Lawn attendance area in all options discussed so far. Neighborhoods 19 and 22 are in the walking zone for Elm Lawn, but not be in a walking zone for Sauk Trail due to hazard that crossing University Avenue. All this being said, we could model this recommendation if still desired. Neighborhoods 23 and 27 are already assigned to Elm Lawn in Option C. If neighborhoods 68 and 69 were shifted away from Elm Lawn as part of variations to Option B or Option D (see above recommendations), neighborhoods 23 and 27 should be shifted to Elm Lawn in those options too.

11. Is it an issue for the District to bus neighborhoods 68 and 69 to Elm Lawn or is it not a big deal?

The District currently busses to these neighborhoods with no issues or concerns.

12. Is it a big deal for neighborhood 16 to be bussed?

Were neighborhood 16 assigned to another school the current bus serving this area would just be rerouted to that other school. Neighborhood 16 would be bussed were it assigned to Elm Lawn (as it is today), Northside (as it was before 2010-11 based on the hazard presented by crossing Century Avenue), or Sunset Ridge. The western ~3/4 would be bussed were 16 assigned to Sauk Trail, but areas east of Park Street would likely be in a walking zone to Sauk Trail.

13. Can we start to narrow down options?

We think that it would be a good idea to set aside options that the Committee believes do not compare favorably to the criteria. To date, it appears that Option E and Option C have compared least favorably, in that order. Then, the Committee can move to developing and evaluating variations to the remaining options, and to assessing associated middle school options.