

Appendix A: Survey Thoughts/Observations: Elementary School

(Option A)

Live-In Elementary School	Elementary Option A Thoughts/Observations
Chief Joseph	Option A causes the neighborhood to be broken up between school districts and those families designated to transfer from Meadowlark to West with have to cross an interstate and river to attend school. The families that utilize the Hands program will accrue an higher cost because they will be required to drive further to take their children to school and will need to leave their home earlier.
Chief Joseph	Makes the Chief Joseph Area way too big.
Chief Joseph	I think it looks fine.
Chief Joseph	East side schools are crowded together; where are they getting the student numbers from that few homes? West/Meadowlark boundary looks Gerrymandered. How about some socioeconomic diversity for Meadowlark, like the other schools in the district? Why are people fleeing Longfellow and West? Re-open Skyview????
Chief Joseph	cool
Lewis And Clark	We have elected officials who we should be able to trust to make these decisions.
Lewis And Clark	Some people will like it others won't. I don't mind because my child will still be in the same district, but not everyone will be able to say that.
Lewis And Clark	none
Lewis And Clark	new materials for the school
Lewis And Clark	My daughter's can't attend the school in are district. My daughter was hurt by a bit who goes there
Lincoln	Unimpressed at best, it is amazing until this point the school district has tried their very best to keep this proposed change under wraps. Maybe send out a mailer? Or send something home with the children that will be affected by this? thanks for letting us find out about this through word of mouth. Good job GFPS.
Lincoln	Moving PB 77 and 78 to Giant Springs. This would keep the community area intact that attended Lincoln. It would minimize impact on students by having the chance to attend a comparable school to Lincoln with similar demographics and maintain the property values in this neighborhood of this neighborhood that people have been working hard to improve, much due to the fact that this neighborhood was in the Lincoln area. It would also lessen the burden to moving more lower SES students into Whittier and provide the lower SES students in the opprotunity to attend a higher performing school. I think a positive is having Black Eagle area in Morningside to integrate various SES students in this area as well. One change I see could be to move some of Longfellow area to Lincoln to ease the burden of this low SES area on Longfellow school. I think these are important suggestions to minimize the isolation of poverty in Whittier and Longfellow.



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Lincoln	Looks like it moves me - I don't want to move
Lincoln	It transfers my daughter to a school that is too far to walk to. The street she needs to cross is busier than the current one, crossing guard or not. It is crazy busy in front of Lewis and Clark all of the time. Currently, my daughter walks to her grandmother's house 3 blocks away.
Lincoln	It makes sense
Lincoln	I like how the districts are now. If I had kids in grade school & districts were moved, I'd be getting a permissive transfer for Lincoln.
Lincoln	I don't like being moved to a new school
Lincoln	I don't believe this is the best fit for the district they are putting us in; Whittier. The thought of putting a poverty pocket into an already poverty pocket school doesn't make much sense to me. By sending the satellite kids to Lincoln it is giving those children hope. Not to mention the kids would still have to be bussed due to crossing 2 major roads. It's not fair for my child to go to a school with lower testing scores that clearly show online when you look the school up. I want what is best for my child, and sending him to Whittier after being in Lincoln isn't fair. I believe if kids are going to be granted permissive transfers....those who are in the Lincoln satellite should get first dibs on those transfers. It only seems fair since that was their home district to begin with.
Lincoln	All 3 options are the same for us
Loy	No change from current situation
Loy	I am okay with it.
Loy	Does not make sense.
Meadow Lark	Would be acceptable
Meadow Lark	West is much further away from our house and our kids will never be able to ride their bikes to school as it's too far of a distance as well as a busy intersection, interstate & train tracks to cross.
Meadow Lark	We don't like it because it sends children to West, which is too far away
Meadow Lark	We bought a piece of land and built where we did so our kids could go to Meadow Lark
Meadow Lark	Very happy where we school now
Meadow Lark	Uproot 71 students, eliminates walking/biking to school for 71 students, adds risk from major highway and water body crossing.
Meadow Lark	This would displace families to a school across the main road from meadowlark



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Meadow Lark	<p>This was a thought that was only entered into selection process because a committee member thought it would be a good idea for the families from west to voice their opinions. This is obserd, due to the fact the they have given the same oportunities and avenues to voice there concern just like all the involved families from the Belview area. I work a 12 to 13 hour day five days a week to provide for my family, so if anyone is to make the argument that the difference of social economics is a huge contributing factor....I welcome you to analyze each families case individually. Furthermore, all of the realignment guidelines are completely violated with this issue moving forward. Your guide lines and regulations are put forward to protect the general safety of the student. Moving kids another three (3) miles further than the school of which is closest to them is rediculous. Nice try!</p>
Meadow Lark	<p>This plan takes the greatest number of students out of Meadowlark, thus it may assist with the overcrowding issue. However, there are safety concerns as there is no access to attend the proposed new school with out crossing major streets or freeways.</p>
Meadow Lark	<p>This option would have my daughter go by the school she currently attends, and cross a busy highway to get to the other school.</p>
Meadow Lark	<p>This option would have my child bussed past our neighborhood school, across a highway and a body of water, and would significantly extend her time in transit. This option has the potential to negatively impact her education and self esteem.</p>
Meadow Lark	<p>This option takes PB 146 out of the Meadowlark district which would require bussing kids either on the Interstate or crossing busy 10th Ave South and on busy Central Ave West to get to School when they could go right down the hill to Meadowlark. However, if crowding is an issue at Meadowlark, this option would move 75 students from PB 146 to West Elementary. Our understanding is that once 500 students is exceeded at any school, additional staff would be required. If you are going to make room for growth at Meadowlark over the next several years, this Option may make sense. Where Option B would only move 24 students out of Meadowlark, and would not leave room for growth. Based on the Demography study completed by Cropper GIS, Meadowlark Elementary will continue to increase in enrollment all the way up to 531 students within two to three years, and hover in the high 520's. At that point, students will have to start being shipped out and sent to other schools, as they will again be exceeding the 500 student rule.</p>
Meadow Lark	<p>This option does not meet the goals of the board of directors. The most concerning change with this option is the removal of the Belview area from Meadow Lark and moving them to West. This moves fails to meet several of the criteria set forth by the board such as walkability and not crossing major roadways. Belview students would have to cross several busy streets, rivers, and/or go on the freeway to get to West. This option also leaves Meadow Lark under utilized by lowering attendance to 458. The committee has voiced several reasons to make this move that do not follow the board's criteria such as raising the bar for West students. Promoted socio-economic diversity and raising the bar for other children are two different things. The socio economic effects of this move would also be short lived. Parents purchase their homes based on what elementary school their children will attend. Parents in the Belview area would either move or place their children in private school and over time the economic class this move tries to force into West would purchase homes elsewhere to avoid West. This is the reason their is a socio-economic divide in the first place. This option also seeks to move Black Eagle students from Riverview to Morningside. This agains fails to meet the walkability and avoidance of major</p>



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	roadways. The busing for this move would be considerable longer for those students.
Meadow Lark	This is the closest elementary school to us
Meadow Lark	This is not an acceptable option. The children are in the Meadowlark neighborhood.
Meadow Lark	This is an established neighborhood that has always gone to Meadowlark. The newer neighborhoods should be the ones that are bused to West.
Meadow Lark	This is a good start but I feel that there needs to be a better blending of meadowlark and west elementaries to provide better social economic diversity. This plan helps west and expands valley view but all the west side schools seems very crowded. Is there any chance of opening skyline?? Maybe closing an east side school and bringing their staff to skyline??
Meadow Lark	there have fluctuations before in student numbers leave things as they are
Meadow Lark	The children from the Belview subdivision have been attending Meadow Lark since this area was built and should remain in this school. The families that have purchased homes south of town should be the ones that are moved to a new school, that is where the growth has come from. When you live in a more rural area, that is what you should expect. Also, it is my understanding that there are children in ML with permissive transfers. If the school is overcrowded, these should be revoked. It has happened at the other elementary schools in town.
Meadow Lark	The change of this line will not help with large enrollment. People will move or give false information about where they live to continue to go to Meadow Lark.
Meadow Lark	The Black Eagle to Whittier is the most logical option if it can't be on the North side of the river. The Meadow Lark option makes zero sense pulling Belview out of ML.
Meadow Lark	That it is against all the criteria of redistricting. Where homes built for families will lose house value when moving the changing the assigned school Meadow Lark which is a little over a mile and one stop sign away to West that is over 3 miles away numerous stop lights, busy streets and river to get too.
Meadow Lark	Taking a very close to the school neighborhood and moving it and students far away when the school is slightly over a mile away.
Meadow Lark	super competitive, overly financed school , but its a good school with a good education system.



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Meadow Lark	Strongly disagree with Option A. We moved to this neighborhood so we could be in the Meadowlark School District. Very close and convenient. We supported the levy and have volunteered a lot at Meadowlark. This is a terrible redistricting plan.
Meadow Lark	Shifting students to a school that requires them to cross the river and high does not make sense when another school is closer to their residence.
Meadow Lark	Ridiculous to send kids to West when Meadowlark is less than five minutes away. We paid more for this house to specifically send our kids to Meadowlark.
Meadow Lark	Ridiculous to send BelView to West
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Meadow Lark	Overall, the proposed changes seem rather unnecessary and overly forced in nature. Many of the changes are nonsensical and seem to pose more problems in practicality than they appear to on paper. I don't think the district realises that most of these proposals are not in the best interest of the people of this town.
Meadow Lark	Overall it is good. Valleyview needs a larger area. I don't like to see kids bussed from Palisades to West. It makes sense to be rid of the Lincoln satellite district downtown. Why bus kids who could walk to school?
Meadow Lark	Option A would be extremely detrimental to the children of the Belview area. At this time, many of these children are able to bike or walk to school during nicer weather. Redistricting this neighborhood to West would eliminate that possibility and increase either bus time or commute time for parents. In fact, I figure that redistricting to West would account for an additional 30+ minutes per day of Hands for my child if I continue to drive him to school. (If bussed, he would spend a great period of time in transit there as well.) The Fox Farm area is a very close knit community around Meadow Lark Elementary school. We have numerous friends who live just across Flood Road who would be going to a different school under Option A. For the net amount of children affected (after the transfers back & forth between West & Meadow Lark), any positive socio-economic effects are not enough to account for the additional headaches and difficulties that such moves would entail.
Meadow Lark	Option A is a poor option due shipping Bellview students across 10th ave, the Sun River, and railroad tracks.
Meadow Lark	Option A does not directly affect our household however, this ootion would remove bellview area out of meadowlark which does not make sense either. Why would you move all of these kids to a further location when the current elementary school is so close?



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Meadow Lark	Option A - I don't agree with Option A. It leaves too many schools over capacity (Criteria 2 and 9) and it impacts the highest number of students (Criteria 8). As a Bellview parent, my biggest concern is with moving Bellview to West. I believe option A violates Criteria 1. Bellview is within one mile of Meadowlark. Students are only required to cross Acacia Way and the one set of railroad tracks to get to school. West is several miles away and requires the students to cross 10th Ave S, a set of railroad tracks, Central Ave, and the Sun River to get to school. I believe this move violates Criteria 3 as well. Bellview students are able to walk or ride bikes to Meadowlark. There will be no opportunity to do either if the students are moved to West. Most of the students will end up needing to be bussed to West. I believe option A violates Criteria 4 as well. Even though it looks like Bellview fits into a contiguous boundary with the current West boundary, it really doesn't. I-15 is a major dividing road. This really makes Bellview a satellite area in this option. I believe this option violates Criteria 5 and 7 as well. It moves some higher income families to West, but doesn't really change the socio-economic make up of Meadowlark at all. One of the ideas I've heard floated is that the extra capacity at Meadowlark would be filled with permissive transfers from other lower income districts. That is in direct conflict with Criteria 7. It is breaking up those communities. I've also heard the idea floated that extra capacity is being left at Lincoln to allow for permissive transfers of people who don't want send their children to West. That is in direct conflict with Criteria 7 as well. It is breaking up those communities. I believe a school move would be easier to deal with if it didn't involve moving the children from one of the highest ranked schools in Montana (Meadowlark was ranked #2 of 109 by schooldigger.com in 2017) to one of the lowest (West was ranked #105 of 109 by schooldigger.com).
Meadow Lark	Oppose. Purchased home primarily because it ws in the Meadowlark school district. Very close and convenient.
Meadow Lark	None really
Meadow Lark	No
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Meadow Lark	N/A
Meadow Lark	My understanding of Option A is that it still allows Woodland Estates residents access into Meadowlark Elementary, which is our main priority; Option A looks fine to me.
Meadow Lark	My thoughts on sending Belview children to West is that it would be catastrophic. First of all, Belview families have been at Meadow Lark since the school was built. Homes were specifically built and purchased with the intent that these children would be attending Meadow Lark. Especially for those of us that have children already attending Meadow Lark for many years. Now, you want to yank them out of the only school they've known and move them to an unfamiliar school, neighborhood, staff and kids. This doesn't seem to fit inside the criteria that you are proposing and trying so hard to adhere to. We purchased a home within city limits and in Belview because my husband and I KNEW our children would be attending Meadow Lark. Perhaps the families who chose to build outside of city limits should be considered for "redistricting".
Meadow Lark	Moves our children out of their neighborhood for no reason
Meadow Lark	Might solve some overflow problems
Meadow Lark	looks feasible



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Meadow Lark	Kids should go to the school close to there home. Not on the other side of the river. I have always voted for school bonds. If Belview kids get shipped across town, I will definitely reconsider on future how I vote
Meadow Lark	Keeps Gannon Ranch area at Meadowlark.
Meadow Lark	It's Okay but the meadowlark bus routes have to share with another area and take the high schoolers from another bus which completely fill the bus to the extent if anybody moved in the bus would be full and i'm only talking about the kids who ride everyday if the kids who ride frequently are on all the time bus 36 will be full.
Meadow Lark	It's ridiculous
Meadow Lark	It's really difficult to comment based upon this question with out viewing the three options and how it generally affects my area.
Meadow Lark	It would be better not to redistrict, these families are part of the current meadowlark community.
Meadow Lark	It seems like it would be more of a hassle to get kids on River Dr N to Morningside ES than to Giant Springs ES.
Meadow Lark	It removes the Belview area from the closest school (Meadow Lark). There is also no real room for growth in the Belview area, so that section of town will not lead to an increase in students at Meadow Lark going forward.
Meadow Lark	It doesn't make any sense for Bellview to go clear over to West, rather than Meadowlark.
Meadow Lark	I would be ok with this option as it leaves us in the same district.
Meadow Lark	I think that Option A would not only be unfair to the families within the Belview neighborhood, but also damaging to the children that currently attend Meadow Lark Elementary. First of all, I believe that moving these kids to West Elementary is completely contradictory to the criteria that the committee is trying to adhere to. You are moving them across, at least, 3 major roads in 10th Avenue South, an interstate highway and Central Avenue West, a major body of water in the Sun River, and the major railroad yard in Great Falls. With the inclement weather throughout the school year in Montana, this is dangerous to the safety of the children. Secondly, Families within this neighborhood purchased homes, within city limits, with the sole intent of their children attending Meadow Lark Elementary. Belview is mere blocks from Meadow Lark, but miles from West Elementary across all previously mentioned roads, rivers and railroads. As far as the children that have been long-attending Meadow Lark, to move them into that neighborhood, away from their friends, and into a very foreign demographic atmosphere would harm their development much more than help the academic atmosphere of West Elementary, which is detrimental to their future development both academically and socially.

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Meadow Lark	I think it is a horrible idea and border line criminal that you would take \$80,000 of the levy money, that so many of us fought for, and use it for your social engineering project. Nobody would have voted for this levy had we known the result would be to take a large chunk of the money to relocate our school children instead of using the money wisely where needed. Do not count on passing another levy if this is how we can expect our tax dollars to be spent. Shady, dishonest, deceitful, and disrespectful practices by the board will not be tolerated.
Meadow Lark	I strongly oppose option A for numerous reasons. Option A affects 379 children, the highest amount out of all the options. That is 379 children's lives that are being completely uprooted. I strongly believe the least amount of children affected by the redistricting the better. Option A removes the entire Belview community from Meadow Lark Elementary to West Elementary. I believe this to be of great concern. If the children of Belview are moved to West it will affect over 300+ homeowners in this community. It will not only affect people with children attending Meadow Lark it will affect everyone with property in Belview. I personally have had numerous local real estate agents comment on how much this will affect property values in the Belview area. Belview residents pay very high property taxes and by redistricting this area to a lower AYP school seems counterintuitive. By moving the Belview children Meadow Lark elementary would be underutilized. This affects so many people and proves to be too many children being pulled out of Meadow Lark. If this option is used then Meadow Lark's capacity would be at 436. It is stated in the material provided on your website the Low Capacity for Meadow Lark is 458, which shows that moving that many children out of Meadow Lark is not necessary. Also by moving Belview the students would literally have to drive right past Meadow Lark to go to West. They have to cross a very busy intersection, cross a river, and numerous more busy roads. When walkability is a goal, this falls short. Option A also has the children of Black Eagle being pulled out of Riverview and being bused all the way to Morningside. These students would also be being bused across busy intersections, roads, and a river. This makes for a very long commute for elementary age children. Lastly Option A takes children currently attending West and moves them to Valley View. It seems that it is thought that West Elementary is being underutilized, then why move any children out of West at all?
Meadow Lark	I like the idea of Bellevue being able to contribute to west elementary but how come Meadowlark doesn't get any West kids to help diversify both schools? The valley view and west boundary changes are great. I like the walkability if the east side schools.
Meadow Lark	I like that West will be more balanced with gaining Belview
Meadow Lark	I don't like that Bellevue is split out to West. I think Meadowlark should be left alone.
Meadow Lark	I dont know
Meadow Lark	I don't think any rezoning needs done. Meadowlark will still always be below capacity, just a few students over "preferred capacity" for a couple years. Seems ridiculous to make families drive all the way to west. Moving 24 students to West Elementary will not help diversify what so ever, 24 is not a big enough number to have an impact.
Meadow Lark	I do not want to be moved from meadowlark



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Meadow Lark	I do not like Option A. It takes my kids and puts them in west which is across town. It severs us from the community we live in. We are within walking distance from meadowlark. This is a poor option for those that live in belview subdivision. Based on the objectives the committee set forth they are violating more than solving. You are going to have to bus all the kids in belview creating a transportation issue. Taking that many kids out of Meadowlark would make the school under utilized even though the maps charts/tables say otherwise and are wrong. A very poor thought out option, and one that is not supported by the committee as only 4 committee members voted for it, not sure why it's still an option.
Meadow Lark	I disagree with moving the selected section of Belview out of Meadowlark. That neighborhood would have to drive past their old elementary school to get to West.
Meadow Lark	I completely disagree with moving Belview students to West when one of the primary objectives was to not cross major roads and rivers. This impacts my property value when I specifically purchased in this area to have my kids go to Meadow Lark.
Meadow Lark	I approve of this option as it has the most significant impact on reducing the student overload of Meadowlark.
Meadow Lark	I am opposed to option A. As listed in the tabled information option A moves the most students (379) but still leaves multiple schools above the high capacity category. This goes against major guidelines for the redistricting process of balancing building utilization and reducing overcrowding while minimizing the number of students impacted. This option effects the most students without relieving school overcapacity as you still have four schools listed above the high capacity (the same number of high capacity schools listed in the 2017-2018 category). In option A the Belview neighborhood is moved from Meadow Lark Elementary to West Elementary. This moves students away from their closest neighborhood school and the the school community. Students here would lose the ability to walk/bike to school. The commute time increases and students would have to traveling over major landmarks including highways, river crossings, and railroads. This option greatly impacts the transportation efficiency and potential student safety. This also goes against several additional guidelines noted for restricting including to maximize safety of students by defining boundaries along major geographical features, minimizing students crossing over major roads, and maximizing transportation efficiency and walkability.
Meadow Lark	I am opposed to busing a first grader to the other side of town. The bus will have to drive by Meadowlark to go over to the other side of the city. If the issue is crowding, add on to Meadowlark. In bigger cities where kids have a one hr bus drive say for integration purposes, this has been eliminated. When we purchased our home we chose our school district first. Being forced to go to a school on the other side of town is of no benefit for the students at all. If she misses the bus, then we have to drive her 14 miles??
Meadow Lark	I am not in favor of Option A. The neighborhood excluded from a school within bike riding distance does not make any sense to a mother who wants to promote independence and exercise for her children. Being able to ride a bike with my kids to school is extremely important to me. I would never be able to do that if my children had to go to West Elementary. This change also interferes with after school activities when transportation is an issue. When we moved to this neighborhood we came from a town where our children had to be at the bus stop at an ungodly hour in teh morning only to spend almost an hour on the bus before getting to school. We moved here so my kids could ride their bikes or only expect a short bus ride in teh winters.

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Meadow Lark	I am most concerned with getting West to become more balanced, because we plan to move to a West area in the near future. I like that belview is going there, because I think that it would bring some needed diversity and make West a better school.
Meadow Lark	I am in favor of this option because it does not change the boundary for my current school
Meadow Lark	I am AGAINST redistricting bc it will bring down our property value.
Meadow Lark	I am against moving my children to a different school district. I can see meadowlark from my front porch, I do not see a the reason for a situation where my children would not attend a school so close to our home.
Meadow Lark	Good. Reduce Meadowlarks capacity by 75 for years to come
Meadow Lark	For the children you are moving from Meadowlark to West you are defeating your guidelines #1 and #3. Those children are not going to be able to walk or ride their bikes to school. West is over three miles from their home while Meadowlark is 1.2 miles. Not to mention the number of main four lane roads that would have to be crossed. It also looks like you are just uprooting children from their neighborhood school and it isn't changing Meadowlark's capacity.
Meadow Lark	For our school district, Option A doesn't make a lot of sense. We would be pulling kids out of their neighborhood school and busing them across interstates to a school that is clearly farther away.
Meadow Lark	Firmly against...Less safe for my child
Meadow Lark	fine
Meadow Lark	excludes Belview which is worrisome to me
Meadow Lark	Don't want my kids moved to West, they are successful at Meadow Lark, why risk a decline in academic performance.
Meadow Lark	Doesn't affect us
Meadow Lark	Do not think it is fair for Bellevue to have to bus their kids to West
Meadow Lark	Do not support, makes no sense.
Meadow Lark	dislike it due to the closest school to our neighborhood is Meadowlark
Meadow Lark	Dislike an idea about cutting our neighborhood from Midow Lark school district
Meadow Lark	Belvue kids who aren't currently bussed will need to be bussed a long way out of the neighborhood
Meadow Lark	Bel View should remain at Meadowlark- The kids can ride their bikes... Other areas have to ride the bus, move them
Meadow Lark	Anything changing meadowlark violates most if not all of your guiding principles/criteria for redistricting. 1.Maximize safety of students by defining boundaries along major geographical features such as roads, rivers, and railroads. Try to minimize students' crossing over major roads if possible by taking children out of belview you cross almost if not all major geographical boundaries in great falls, 10 th ave, the sun river, the intersate, and railroad tracks. 2. Balance building utilization by reducing overcrowding in schools based on functional capacity. per your chart the overcrowding will not be an issue in for this school in several years and the only options with it over is by 7 students. 3.
Meadow Lark	Acceptable



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Meadow Lark	<p>1. Maximize safety of students by defining boundaries along major geographical features such as roads, rivers, and railroads. Try to minimize students' crossing over major roads if possible. a. Option A moves PB 146 to West Elementary. This would require students to be bussed to West Elementary each day through one of the following routes: 1. Past Meadowlark, their neighborhood school, through the 10th Avenue South Intersection, across the Sun River, across railroad tracks, and through the 6th Street and Central Avenue West intersection, 2. Onto Exit 0 and down the hill the 10th Avenue South Intersection, through the intersection, across the Sun River, across railroad tracks, and through the 6th Street and Central Avenue West intersection to get to West Elementary. 3. Onto Interstate 15 from Exit 0 to the Central Avenue West Exit to get to West Elementary School. All three routes decreased safety of students, along with sending them over several major geographical features to get to school each day. 2. Balance building utilization by reducing overcrowding in schools based on functional capacity. a. Per the criteria, this is the only criteria that Option A would fit for Children in PB146. Given the projections, moving the 7 kids out of Meadow Lark, would alleviate some of the crowding issue at that school. 3. Maximize transportation efficiency and walkability whenever possible. a. With this Option there would be zero walkability for students in PB 143, where they currently can walk down the hill or bike to school. 5. Balance demographic diversity. Maximize the socio-economic diversity of schools with any redistricting change whenever possible. a. This Option would move a projected 75 kids, PB 143, out of Meadowlark and to West Elementary. However, a number of these student's parents have expressed that they will permissive transfer or send their children to private school which will not make a major impact on the free school lunch program. In result the socio-economic diversity will not change in a significant way. Due to the way the elementary schools naturally funnel to the middle and high schools, there is already a natural progression of demographic diversity after K-6. 6. Consider middle and high school placements. a. Middle schools and high schools are not being redistricted. 2. Attempt to keep identifiable community entities intact (apartment and condominium complexes, trailer parks, subdivisions, MAFB. etc.) a. This currently breaks up the identifiable community of Meadowlark by taking students who currently go there and shipping them to a community and school they are not a part of. Research has shown when you pull students out of an environment where they are thriving and move them to a new environment, they can struggle to adjust, consequently having more difficulty academically and emotionally. 8. Minimize the number of student moves, while considering redistricting goals. The least number of students affected by a</p>

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	move would be option C per the consultant's projections. 9. Be proactive for future potential growth if all possible a. Of the three Options, Option A would give Meadow Lark a most amount of room for potential growth.
Meadow Lark	The children living in Belview are are some of the closest to Meadowlark school- within the nucleus area around the school. Transporting them to West Elementary is going against many of the criteria setforth by this committee. hey would be crossing two major roads, railroad tracks and the river not to mention unnecessary time on a bus twice a day. It makes a person wonder if there is another reason than to diversify? Otherwise why take these children from their neighborhood school that is 2 minutes from their homes to add an hour on a bus to their day-
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Morningside	My kids will continue to go to the same school, no matter which option is chosen.
Morningside	I think it is absolutely stupid that both sides of 8th Ave North won't be attending the same school.
Morningside	Good overall, but sad that my 7 year old will loose some friends but there will always be new friends to make
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Mountain View	Very disappointed.We bought a home to be in Mountain View. We voted for the levy based on being there. Foothills is a similar neighborhood with Mountain View
Mountain View	Option A is a good option
Mountain View	Not sure
Mountain View	it is walking distance from my home
Mountain View	Don't won't to switch schools

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Riverview	Why are we going to bus Black Eagle children 5 miles away? There are kids here that go to the daycare across the street after school to wait for parents, there are kids who ride to work with their parents and walk to school so they aren't left home alone in the morning. And of course the whole safety of the students going to and from a school that is across the river, the 15 minute drive vs a 5 minute drive. I feel there is no common sense here in the form of saving money or in the idea of child safety. Children on this side of the river need to stay on this side of the river.
Riverview	Valley View is at High Capacity and would not be able to grant permissive waivers.
Riverview	Unnecessary
Riverview	<p>To have three proposals for Black Eagle kids going to Morningside is absurd! You claim that certain criteria points help determine how to zone the district. One being the safety of travel and crossing major crossways. All 3 proposals would put 72 Black Eagle kids going across the river to Morningside. To get there you would cross FIVE major crossways. You claim that the Northern part of GF which affects Valleyview, Riverview and Sac is just exploding. So I think... just shift the district west. NOPE! Why? Your response, "Because this would cause Valleyview kids to have to cross ONE major crossway." Yet you are okay with Black Eagle kids having to cross FIVE?!?! Since this is set to only affect elementary. Black Eagle kids would attend Morningside till middle school with kids that will end up going to East!!! So Black Eagle kids would be shipped back to this side of the river to attend North and CMR. We would be uprooting them socially not once but twice!!!! The committee's response? Ask for the district to let your kids go to East and GFHS.</p> <p>Noooooooooooo. The whole point is to stay on this side of the river!!!! Bus routes. You claim Big Sky Bus lines have been notified of this new zoning and are agreeing with the changes. I call BS! We already know how short staffed they are. From Riverview to Skyline to Black Eagle. Our children explained the pick up times were changing because of issues with the route. So now they are okay with hauling Black Eagle kids from this side of the river to the other and to the east end of town? Doubtful! If we know this side of town is a problem... Why are we not building onto Riverview or Sac? There is plenty of land around them. Why not open a school on this side of town? Black Eagle kids have been going to Riverview for at least 30 years. I built my home in their school district because that's where I wanted my kids to attend. I have lived in my home going on five years. We have a built a relationship with our elementary school for that many years. Why not satellite all the kids from the new houses being built above Riverview/Skyline to Valleyview or West? Location wise. It makes sense to have Black Eagle remain at Riverview or Sac. Valleyview is pushing it.</p>
Riverview	That Black eagle isnt getting a fair chance making us drive 5 miles to get our kids to school is not ok and alot of those other schools dont have Hands programs we need that also why move us to the other side of the river as were the only ones your doing it too?
Riverview	Strongly oppose. Black Eagle students should go to Valley View (which is undercrowded & has kids on permissive transfers). Keep them on their own side of the river. Safety concerns re crossing Hwy. 87, crossing the river and railroad tracks. Valley View would make much more sense. Black Eagle residents were not even consulted or included in the research groups. This was sprung on the entire city only weeks before the final decision.
Riverview	No.
Riverview	My kids are not tools for the rezoning
Riverview	Moving the black eagle kids across river is not acceptable
Riverview	Moves us to Morningside - not sure why



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Riverview	It could help with overcrowding.
Riverview	<p>I understand there needs to be rezoning in the district. However, as a Black Eagle family, our children will be transported across the river to Morningside. The main issue our family is facing with the rezoning is the impact that it will have on our children's social experience. After our children finish with Morningside they will go all the way back to North Middle school. At Morningside they will establish great friendships that will be torn apart due to not rezoning Black Eagle to East Middle school where all of their friends will go. As they enter the challenges of middle school, they will have the extra burden placed on their shoulders of quickly trying to form new friendships amongst all the clichés that have already formed of other students who went to elementary together. My second problem with the rezoning is how it will affect all the extracurricular activities of all the students. We volunteer as coaches for all of the sports our children are in. Would we have to travel for practice to accommodate a families that live closer to the school or do we take what is convenient for our family and have all the other parents travel which would be inconvenient for them? Signed By a concerned Black Eagle Family</p>
Riverview	I like any proposal that lightens the amount of kids in a class to promote more one on one teaching and less kids getting lost in the shuffle.
Riverview	<p>I haven't been able to attend any meetings and only recently heard about this, when my child brought home a notice of the meeting on the day of the meeting. My main concern, as a former anthropologist and sociologist, is that this proposed move is shunting the most economically disadvantaged children at Riverview to a school farther away from their homes, farther away from the centers of their lives, away from sports teams near their homes, and this will have very negative effects on a solidly lower and working class neighborhood. In addition, it essentially erases what little racial and economic diversity Riverview had, making it more of a monoculture of middle to upper middle class students - in other words, it is segregating students, both economically and racially, and culturally and spatially by removing them from their surrounding neighborhood into a culturally different and geographically very separate location. In this community, people depend on older students to care for and sometimes shuttle students. Moving them means more travel and difficulty for high school students, and bus schedules that may be difficult. People here (generally speaking) need more transportation convenience than those in higher economic classes. And they frankly need the better chances that Riverview offers, as a higher economic majority school, which can be shown by numerous studies to be beneficial. Shoving them out and shuttling them out of their neighborhood, across the river, on long bus rides, and to schools where they will have to either not join in sports and other extracurricular activities with the school or rack up even more transportation time to be involved with classmates in these things, is essentially making sure that our kids spend huge parts of their days in transportation. First to be picked up, last to be dropped off, having to drive more to reach sporting practice and events and school activities - and all of this being proposed for literally the most vulnerable group of students and families in Riverview, from an economic standpoint. It stinks of classism and, frankly, having heard how some people at Riverview think of BE kids, racism and classist purity. It's disappointing. I would prefer to see them stay at Riverview, but I wouldn't argue with Sac, or even Valley View either. Just not across the river and out of our neighborhood sphere. Morningside might be a fantastic school, but it's not anywhere near of Black Eagle, a community already marginalized by the county and school district. I mean, there is a bridge not safely passable by pedestrians and bikes between us and Morningside. Talk about severe cultural isolation. Riverview and Valley View are both accessible by bike via</p>



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	the rivers edge trail right here in BE.
Riverview	I am not in favor of a rezoning that makes kids cross the river 3.7 miles to another school. There are better options such as utilizing the schools in our boundries already. Valley View zoning can be used for black eagle. you could also make zoning bigger for valley view in area, adjust some of skyline/riverview to go to valley viewand add sac as a Black Eagle zone. So many better solutions then the ones drafted Please consider revising!!!
Riverview	I am not for moving the Black Eagle children across the river. It is not a safe drive. They have to cross 2 railroad tracks that do not have a arm that comes down, they have to drive along the river, they have to cross 15th street bridge, and this bridge has been deemed not safe.
Riverview	Hate all options
Riverview	Great!
Riverview	Don't agree
Riverview	Completely unfair to all Black Eagle children. You had no representation for Black Eagle in your study group.
Riverview	Bussing Black Eagle students to Morningside is not a safe option, traveling across railroad tracks, traveling on a major highway, traveling on River Road where it is a "truck route" with heavy equiptment traveling to and from destinations to rental businesses. Not to mention crossing the river. I beleive it would be more safer if we switched kids from Riverview to Valleyview to keep children on the north side of the river. Or even open Paris as a middle school again and shift the alternative high school back to Skyline and move 6th grade back into the middle schools to make room for the elementary over population.
Riverview	Black Eagle residents were not even considered and were not included in the research groups that have been working on this project for a long time. Black Eagle had no representation. Valley View brings kids in on permissive transfers. The Black Eagle kids should go to Valley View---NOT Morningside which is across Hwy. 87, crosses the river, railroad tracks. There is no walk-ability!!! Valley View would be a much wiser option. Keep the kids on the same side of the river at least.
Riverview	Black Eagle needs to stay on the north side of the river.
Riverview	Absolutely do not want to uproot my children



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Roosevelt	Relieved that we will be within the new Giant Springs boundary for continuity of teachers/staff/friends for our two children currently attending that school
Roosevelt	It makes more sense to me. We will be moved into the Lincoln School, which is easier and safer to get to, we will no longer be crossing central, 1st N and 2nd N to get there.
Roosevelt	I want my kid to stay in the school he has been at since kindergarten all his elementary years need to be at the only school he knows not the school he lives by
Roosevelt	I am happy to see that my daughter, when reaching school age, will be in the Lincoln Elementary Zone. It wasn't going to make sense to be to have to ship her further to go to Giant Springs when there is a school just up the street from where we live that doesn't cross any overly busy roads, should she walk.
Roosevelt	Great
Sacajawea	The kids should be able to stay at the school they have been going to.
Sacajawea	Option A does not affect us.
Sacajawea	I don't know
Sacajawea	I approve
Sacajawea	i am not happy with it
Sunnyside	My thoughts are that children should go to the nearest open school. Not based on economic area or ethnic. This includes, why are we separated by a river?
Sunnyside	I feel it is somewhat accurate
Sunnyside	i do not know
Sunnyside	Dont really care for it.
Sunnyside	All I care is that my autistic child will not be removed from where she is going to school, at Mountain View, Sunnyside failed her, she can not be moved again after huge growth and help from all at Mountain view, an amazing school we love.
Valley View	Valleyview should not be over high capacity
Valley View	The families out of town were given a choice. Four of our children have gone to Valley View. The relationship that we have built with the staff at Valley View is valuable to us. When we moved, we only looked for homes in the Valley View School district. If re-districting has to happen, leave the families that already have a school home and start with the new families.
Valley View	PB121 (2) to Sacajawea: This option allows for a straight transportation route to the school and keeps the area in a North South quadrant. PB13 (13) to Giant Springs: This PB is about 3.5 miles away from Morningside. It does not keep students within their neighborhood and transportation is much longer than costly for 13 students. PB143(71) stays at Meadowlark: Currently the Fox Farm intersection rates a D with MHT. Having 71 students bused to West elementary from this area does not support the safety initiative. Buses can safely and quickly reach and exit meadowlark school by utilizing Park Garden road. PB128(42) to West: This neighborhood is on the southside of central west. In the full west district this makes much more sense for the split between west and valley view from central west. PB 114/120/119/118/115/117/116/29 (67) Satellite district to Valley View: Currently Black Eagle is bussed to Riverview. Create a satellite district with these students to Valley View. The change to transportation is minimal with an approximate 2-minute increase travel time. The route, 9th St NW is a snow route, and smelter bends right into 9th St NW which allows for busing exit routes to NW bypass. This also diversifies Valley View without moving this group of students to the other side of the river which brings many



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	safety and logistics issues. PB159(0) should go to Riverview. Overall, I think the rest of the areas are appropriately segmented. If these tweeks I have provided are adopted, I think this would be a very good transition for our elementary student body.
Valley View	Not affected by this, but to those that are... uprooting children of a comfort or making them reside across the river from where they live is more than a school, its sports and a lot of unknowns at this point, keep the same and allow the children to stay put
Valley View	It does not impact me. I don't have an issue. My only thoughts on the changes with the Meadowlark/West rezoning is the travel issues in the winter may have a negative impact.
Valley View	Is this a move to take students who perform above average and mix them in schools that are underperforming?
Valley View	I like being in Valleyview
Valley View	good
Valley View	After I spent 15 YEARS driving my kids across the busy Bypass, and they had no friends in our neighborhood within a safe walking distance, NOW you want to change the boundaries back to West? Which is the school we wanted anyway and why we even bought our house 20 years ago.
West	That is silly to have kids travel passed a elementary schools to go to another one that is 12-14 blocks farther away.
West	No changes needed
West	My family just can not lose there permissive transfer.
West	I don't think we should force kids to change schools just because we redid boundarys. It's not fair to the kids or parents who moved into certain parts of town so their kids could go to a school. And for kids who love their school and friends to have to move.
West	I am please this area is no long in the West Elementary School zone. The principal of that school I'm my opinion and several people I know feel she is not good at what she does.
West	First though is it sucks. My child lives closest to West Elemenary, has gone there for 5 years and someone from out of state wants me to send my child 2 MORE miles away to Valleyview. Please don't lie to my child as you did me in the mid eighties when "West Junior High was unsafe for children." This makes NO sense to me or my child. Redistrict kindergartners as they are coming in.
West	Fine with us. Our kids would be in valleyview district which is where they go now.
West	Don't like it. Our area is all west and that school is horrible.
Whittier	This is the best option because it significantly lessens the number of students at meadowlark which is long overdue.

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Whittier	It's going to overcrowd the school and make 170 kids on permissive transfers get kicked out. How is that a solution?!?!
Whittier	I think it is the best option because it significantly reduces the number of kids at meadowlark which is very good for the city as a whole.
Whittier	I had a tough time figuring out from the 8 options on the maps I could find on the site which are A, etc. So, I am going to put all my comments here. Basically, I think pulling kids from Black Eagle to Morningside is the least favorable option to me. It would make more sense to have them come to Whittier, but there is this "stigma" surrounding Whittier, Longfellow and West that this is where the "poor people" go to school. I am anything but poor and my children (no longer in the schools) benefited from being exposed to all walks of life. I also see no issue with pulling some of the kids from near Market Place to West for the same reasons. If Longfellow and the "new" Roosevelt are bigger schools then it seems to me since we paid for nearly 100 million to improve learning environments that we should redistrict in such a way that benefits our ability to once again be educationally competitive and attractive to families who may be looking to relocate. In the end, I do not envy you as there will be those who will continue to assert you are hurting their children by sending them to another school. Change is difficult for everyone.
Whittier	I do not like it at all it is racist and rude

(Option B)

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Chief Joseph	On paper, this looks to be the best of the three options, especially for Sac, Valley View and Sunnyside, but will you cave to Flood road residents? Are you looking at Trailer Park / Condominium / Apartment / Home makeup of neighborhoods? Low income housing students need to be distributed across schools. 2 busses will solve the potentially long bus ride for Northside kids. This looks to be the best option for mitigating some of West's challenges. Re-open Skyview????
Chief Joseph	I think it looks fine.
Chief Joseph	great
Lewis And Clark	Same as previous. Let elected officials do their due diligence and make an informed decision.
Lewis And Clark	Not everyone will like it; just like any other change made. I don't mind it.
Lincoln	Same as the first one
Lincoln	Looks as if it would relocate us - again
Lincoln	It transfers my daughter to a school that is too far to walk to. The street she needs to cross is busier than the current one, crossing guard or not. It is crazy busy in front of lewis and clark all of the time. Currently, my daughter walks to her grandmother's house 3 blocks away.
Lincoln	It makes sense
Lincoln	I don't believe this is the best fit for the district they are putting us in; Whittier. The thought of putting a poverty pocket into an already poverty pocket school doesn't make much sense to me. By sending the satellite kids to Lincoln it is giving those children hope. Not to mention the kids would still have to be bussed due to crossing 2 major roads. It's not fair for my child to go to a school with lower testing scores that clearly show online when you look the school up. I want what is best for my child, and sending him to Whittier after being in Lincoln isn't fair. I believe if kids are going to be granted permissive transfers....those who are in the Lincoln satellite should get first dibs on those transfers. It only seems fair since that was their home district to begin with. The Lincoln satellite area is not given any options for different schillings. We automatically get thrown into Whittier in every option.
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Lincoln	Don't like the districts
Lincoln	all 3 options are the same for us
Lincoln	Again moving PB 77 and 78 to Giant Springs. Possibly move PB13 to Morningside to connect this area as drive through would help with busing route. Maybe PB 158 into Lincoln?
Loy	No change from current situation
Loy	Does not affect my district much
Meadow Lark	Would support this option (Bellview remains in Meadowlark district)
Meadow Lark	We were told that a standard of guidelines were created to assist in this process. Option B violates guidelines 1, 4 & 7. The boundary cutoff for Woodland Estates and Gannon Ranch doesn't make any sense; the road systems out there would make bus routes a nightmare! Also, redistricting these areas all the way out to West will affect property values in a negative way.

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Meadow Lark	Unacceptable. We are in the area that would be affected by this option. Our neighborhood children would be removed from their local school, Meadowlark.
Meadow Lark	This would increase our commute time to school. We would have to drive the children past meadowlark to the new school. This doubles our commute.
Meadow Lark	This seems like the best option to me. It seems like the perfect fit.
Meadow Lark	This plan does not comply with the guiding principles that were set forth by the school district. Under this plan, all students who reside past the boundary cut off who currently attend Meadowlark would have to either cross 2 major roadways, or railroad tracks and 2 major roadways, during period of congested and unpredictable traffic. This is a major safety concern. This also contradicts the goal of transportation efficiency. Under this plan, students along the same road would have to be bused to different schools. It makes no sense to send a bus half way down a road, then send another to service the second half. There may also be a misunderstanding of the access points. The only public access points onto Flood Road are 14th Street SW and Park Garden Road. Comer Hill Road is a private road and can only be used if you have permission of the landowners. It addition, it's several miles in the wrong direction. This plan is also not keeping identifiable subdivisions intact as the current boundary lines cuts my subdivision and divides the neighborhood.
Meadow Lark	This option would double our travel time to school. We would have to drive right past meadowlark and then anohter 15 minutes to get to school. This takes us out of our neighborhood community school. Comer Hill Road is a private road and is maintainted by that homeowners association. It is often not passable in bad weather. A bus could not reliably travel this road.
Meadow Lark	This option moves 354 children which is better than option A's 379 potential moves. This option, similar to A, moves West kids to Valley View. There is no need to move these children. This option also moves Black Eagle students to Morning Side which is a long distance for those children. The option also moves Woodland Estates from Meadow Lark. This is also a long commute for those children.
Meadow Lark	This option keeps my child in our neighborhood school. Makes the most sense for transportation and won't have the potential to negatively impact my child's education.
Meadow Lark	This option keeps Belview kids at Meadow Lark which is their closest school. Assists parents also in car pooling and helping each other with kids.



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Meadow Lark	<p>This option is poorest option of the three. It does not fit and goes against all nine of the Redistricting Guiding Principles/Criteria. 1. Maximize safety of students by defining boundaries along major geographical features such as roads, rivers, and railroads. Try to minimize students' crossing over major roads if possible. a. Option B moves PB 157 to West Elementary. This would require students to be bussed to West Elementary each day through one of the following routes: 1. Down Flood Road, past Meadowlark, their neighborhood school, through the 10th Avenue South Intersection, across the Sun River, across railroad tracks, and through the 6th Street and Central Avenue West intersection 2. Down Flood road, onto Exit 0 and down the hill the 10th Avenue South Intersection, through the intersection, across the Sun River, across railroad tracks, and through the 6th Street and Central Avenue West intersection to get to West Elementary. 3. Out Flood Road, up Cromar Hill Road, which is steep, curvy, gravel road, onto the frontage road, on Interstate 15 to the Central Avenue West Exit to get to West Elementary School. 4. Out Flood Road, up Cromar Hill Road, which is steep, curvy, gravel road, onto the frontage road, on Interstate 15, onto Exit 0 and down the hill the 10th Avenue South Intersection, through the intersection, across the Sun River, across railroad tracks, and through the 6th Street and Central Avenue West intersection to get to West Elementary. All four of these routes decrease safety of students, along with sending them over several major geographical features to get to school each day. b. Option B would require students to cross over several major geographical features: Railroads, Interstate, River, busy intersections, gravel roads, frontage roads, etc.. This is highly unsafe, especially during the Montana winters. c. Student's would not have to travel over any of these if they continued to stay at Meadow Lark. 3. Balance building utilization by reducing overcrowding in schools based on functional capacity. a. This option would only move 24 kids from PB 157 from Meadowlark. This number is not significant enough to reduce overcrowding at Meadow Lark. We were told that the target number is 500 or less. If the schools, go over the 500 number, then they are required to hire additional staffing. Per the Demography Study completed by Cropper GIS in April, in Appendix A: Enrollment Forecasts, Page 13, this would only correct the problem for the 2018-2019 school year at Meadow Lark. Then in the 2019-2020 school year, Meadow Lark would be back above the 500 mark. So, it makes no sense to redistrict these students and then have the school be in the same predicament in one year. 4. Maximize transportation efficiency and walkability whenever possible. a. There would be no option for walkability with Option B for students in PB 157. They will also have a much longer and unsafe bus ride to school each day. 5. Contiguous boundaries: Analyze 'satellite' boundaries for practicality. a. PB 157 follows no continuous boundary. The line is drawn down a parcel of land, not along a road or any defining landmark. This particular boundary makes no sense. 1. Balance demographic diversity. Maximize the socio-economic diversity of schools with any redistricting change whenever possible. a. Option B would move PB 157, a projected 24 students out of Meadow Lark to West. This number is too small to make any major impact on the socio-economic diversity at West. In talking with a number of families that live in PB 157, may have expressed that they will either permissive transfer their children out of West or send them to private school, which will further reduce that number of students. As a result, there simply will not be a shift in the socio-economic diversity at West. Due to the way the elementary schools naturally funnel to the middle and high schools, there is already a natural progression of demographic diversity after K-6. 7. Consider middle and high school placements. a. Middle schools and high schools are not being redistricted. 8. Attempt to keep identifiable community entities intact (apartment and condominium complexes, trailer parks, subdivisions, MAFB. etc.) a. By removing PB 157 from Meadow Lark, you</p>

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	<p>are taking these students from their community. This breaks up the identifiable community of Meadowlark by taking students who currently go there and shipping them to a community and school they are not a part of. Many of these kids participate in baseball, soccer, football, basketball, Girl and Boy Scouts within the Meadow Lark District. This does not meet the identifiable community criteria as it will separate and or remove these kids from their identifiable community. b. Research has shown when you pull students out of an environment where they are thriving and move them to a new environment, they can struggle to adjust, consequently having more difficulty academically and emotionally. 9. Minimize the number of student moves, while considering redistricting goals. a. Per the Cropper GIS projections, the smallest number of students, 301, would be affected in Option C. And ultimately, the students are the ones we should be focusing on. 1. Be proactive for future potential growth if all possible. a. Option B will not have any significant impact on the being proactive for future potential growth. It will only move 24 thriving, well-adjusted students in PB 157 from Meadow Lark to West. Not a large enough number to make any major impact.</p>
Meadow Lark	<p>This one isolates Woodland Estates for some unknown reason. Again, bussing children to a school across major roads ...etc is unnecessary! Transferring a small group of children is not going to fix the AYP scores of another school. And, once again, going against the majority of criteria set by the committee and Cropper</p>
Meadow Lark	<p>This is much closer in proximity to our house and a much easier commute to school for all of us in our house.</p>
Meadow Lark	<p>This is an illogical option for reducing PB157 Meadowlarks capacitance issue. Reducing the level by 24 students spread over 7 grade levels will not make much of an impact. Also on a geographic viewpoint the county road (Flood Rd) ends 5.3 miles from town. Why is the bus going down private roads?</p>
Meadow Lark	<p>There are two guiding principles/ criteria set forth that are not being followed by placing the Meadowlark district line where it is being proposed on Flood Rd. GFPS states that they want to "maximize transportation efficiency." How is it efficient to remove the people that live the furthest from Meadowlark and make them go even further to get to school? Additionally, where is the efficiency in having the Meadowlark bus turn around in the middle of Flood Rd and then have a West bus continue from where the other stopped? This would be running two busses on one route and that does not seem efficient. The second criteria not met in this rezoning is that the boundary line runs right through the middle of my subdivision on Flood Rd. The criteria set forth by GFPS states, "Attempt to keep identifiable community entities intact."</p>
Meadow Lark	<p>The families in the area under review already travel the farthest to get to school. These kids would be on the bus even longer if this option is passed. Not appropriate for Elementary School children.</p>
Meadow Lark	<p>Terrible option for many reasons. The transportation of those kids to West is too long. The road far out on Flood Rd is gravel and not maintained well. It also will make the area less attractive to future professionals who may consider moving here. Many want a lifestyle of living in the country while having a great school for their children. West is not an attractive option compared to Meadowlark.</p>



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Meadow Lark	Strongly dislike option B. This would directly affect my household. We just built a house on Flood road with the number one concern that our child would attend Meadowlark school. I went to this school as a child, it has a strong academic program and in a great neighborhood where my child has his friends and family close. Also a another main concern is how far away west elementary is from where we live. It is ridiculous to have a child go miles away to another elementary school when we would drive right past Meadowlark. He would also have to go on main roads, interstate and major intersections which are all unnecessary and unsafe.
Meadow Lark	Similar to number 1. I do not think this is a good plan for many reasons. Both in terms of transportation issues and neighborhood switches within the district. It comes off as forcing a demographic change at the expense of a straight-forward map based on geographic reality. The safety of kids as they are coming to and from school is the most important thing, not the perceived "social equality" and capacity of schools. The school district boundaries have been just fine in all the years we have been in this town and to change them now makes so little sense that this family is honestly wondering just what you all are thinking up there on the hill.
Meadow Lark	Redistricting (option B) the Woodland Estates area increases travel expense, decreases overall transportation efficiency, AND increase safety concerns of children in the area. There are approximately 24 children in the area which would potentially be transferred to West moving them from a top ranking school in the state to one of the least ranked. There are many concerns from parents in areas outside the city limits in rural locations (such as Woodland Estates) that feel their views are not being represented appropriately when it comes to these potential changes. Although Meadowlark is at capacity, numbers indicate this is a temporary surge in student numbers and they will again fall in the coming years. Although we realize changes must be made, we do not feel such a drastic change in this community is required at this time. We appreciate your consideration in this matter. Sincerely, Michael Weaver
Meadow Lark	Option B seems to draw a very strange boundary line at the end of Flood Road, cutting Woodland Estates and Gannon Ranch out of Meadowlark and placing us in the district for West. This seems highly irregular and not very well thought out; geographically it doesn't seem to make sense at all as there is a butte on the north side of the road there and there is not safe access up to Gore Hill from that end of Flood Road. I do not believe school bus travel would be safe within option B. I can not make sense of why our children would have to be driven PAST Meadowlark just to get to the much further away West Elementary.
Meadow Lark	Option B makes the most sense to me.

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Meadow Lark	<p>Option B is the worst option of all as it violates all of the boards guiding principles/criteria; 1. Maximize safety of students by defining boundaries along major geographical features such as roads, rivers, and railroads. Try to minimize students' crossing over major roads if possible. This is the least safe route for students from woodland estates and beyond crossing 10th ave, the Sun River, and railroad tracks when none of these have to be crossed to get to Meadowlark!!! 2. Balance building utilization by reducing overcrowding in schools based on functional capacity. The functional capacity is not an issue even though your chart shows so, they conveniently leave out the projections from the company we paid stating future projections of enrolled with peak and decrease in the near future!!! 3. Maximize transportation efficiency and walkability whenever possible. This would be an extremely long inefficient and unsafe transportation of students along flood road or up and over using comer hill road. There is zero walkability. 4. Contiguous boundaries: Analyze 'satellite' boundaries for practicality. This follows no continuous boundary. 5. Balance demographic diversity. Maximize the socio-economic diversity of schools with any redistricting change whenever possible. As you know the projected 24 students from woodland estates and beyond will do nothing to change the free school lunch program at west even if all 24 students leave meadowlark and go to west. However not even half of these children's parents will send their children to a school whose math and reading scores are below the thirty eth percentile. Consequently the socio-economic diversity money shifting will not happen!!! 6. Consider middle and high school placements. Middle schools and high schools are not being redistricted. 7. Attempt to keep identifiable community entities intact (apartment and condominium complexes, trailer parks, subdivisions, MAFB. etc.) This currently breaks up the identifiable community of meadowlark by taking students who currently go there and shipping them to a community and school they are not a part of. 8. Minimize the number of student moves, while considering redistricting goals. The least amount of students affected by a move would be option C per the consultant's projections. 9. Be proactive for future potential growth if all possible. Per the consultant's projection the enrollment numbers at Meadowlark will level off if not decrease in the near to immediate future. Option C is again the most logical option.</p>
Meadow Lark	<p>Option B affects 354 children's lives. Which is better the Option A's 379. I strongly believe the least amount of young children affected by the redistricting the better. Option B once again has Black Eagle students being bused across the river all the way to Morningside. This is too long of a commute for such a young age group. Option B also is pulling children out of West and moving them to Valley View. It seems that if West is thought to be being underutilized all current students/areas should remain in West's district. Option B has Woodland Estates being moved from Meadow Lark to West. This would change the estimated enrollment to 483 which is between the Low Capacity and High Capacity for Meadow Lark.</p>



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Meadow Lark	<p>Option B - I prefer this option. It leaves the highest number of schools slightly under capacity (Criteria 2 and 9). It also is middle of the road as far as number of students impacted (Criteria 8). As a Bellview parent, my biggest concern is with moving Bellview from Meadowlark to another school. Option B keeps Bellview at Meadowlark. I believe this is consistent with Criteria 1. Bellview is within one mile of Meadowlark. Students only need to cross Acacia Way and one set of railroad tracks to get to school. Leaving Bellview at Meadowlark is also consistent with Criteria 3. Bellview students can walk to Meadowlark and don't need to be bussed to another school. Option B is also consistent with Criteria 4. It keeps Bellview from becoming a satellite area. This option is also consistent with Criteria 7. It keeps the Bellview community intact. I believe that many families will move if Bellview is de-districted to a school other than Meadowlark. If they don't move, they will likely look into private school or a permissive transfer. I believe it would really break apart the area.</p>
Meadow Lark	<p>Not in favor of this option from a child safety standpoint. Kids will either have to be bused from woodland to gannon areas and then bussed over comer hill road, which is a winding dirt road that is private and therefore unplowed and unsafe in the winter. The other bus route would take the kids within in 2 blocks of meadowlark only to drive them across town via interstate or sun river bypass for an extra 10-15 minutes of bus time. Im guessing Kids from the gannon area could be on the bus as long as 60 minutes. Very unsafe for children. Additionally, of these 18-20 kids this impacts I can't understand why you would put those kids through such unsafe travel and then bus them by Meadowlark on the way to west. Does not make sense. Also, I assume just like we would do with our kids, we will choose Private School because we have the means to and the district will then loose out on each of the 7k in funding for my kids enrollment. I have talked t several other parents in this area and they intend on doing the same thing? Does the district want to miss out on monies from 15 or so kids?? Miss out on those funds...\$105k or so??? Please consider option 3 and keeping our current school as Meadowlark for my district. I went to Meadowlark and it the reason I bought in this district...i wanted my kids to go there as well. Thanks</p>
Meadow Lark	<p>Not a good option for Kids in the Woodland and Gannon Areas. Kids would have to take a longer unsafe bus ride over Comer Hill Road (an unsafe, unplowed private Road) other bus route would take kids within 2 blocks of meadowlark only to drive another 10-15 minutes across city to West????? For the 18-20 kids these areas have that currently go to Meadowlark this seems like an unsafe and ridiculous option to send those kids to West. From talking with neighbors a majority will now consider private school so at 7k for each kid this would cost the District a substantial amount...100k plus?</p>
Meadow Lark	not a good idea it is too far to haul our kids going right past our present school
Meadow Lark	No
Meadow Lark	Negative. Do not support
Meadow Lark	N/A
Meadow Lark	N/A
Meadow Lark	N/A



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Meadow Lark	My family moved to this area of town to be in this district. It makes no sense topographically. It makes no sense to make Woodland and Gannon ranch drive to the other side of town for school. It makes no sense to take my kids away from there friends. All this option does is force more kids into home schooling, which is certainly what we will do if this ridiculous option is chosen.
Meadow Lark	Moves Gannon Ranch area to West Elementary.
Meadow Lark	Making those who live furthest from a school (Meadowlark) travel even further seems extreme.
Meadow Lark	Looks like a good zone map
Meadow Lark	Lesser of two evils between A and B.
Meadow Lark	Leaves our children in their neighborhood school.
Meadow Lark	It is OK, but still bad effect on Black Eagle
Meadow Lark	It appears that it requires the students well out side of city limits to travel further to reach a school.
Meadow Lark	I'm ok with option B as it keeps my kids in Meadowlark.
Meadow Lark	If you purchased property outside the city limits you should expect to be bused to a school that has availability.
Meadow Lark	If there absolutely must be a move of children from the Meadow Lark Elementary school district, then I feel this is the best option. Families that built or purchased homes in the affected area choose to live outside Great Falls city limits. In such a case, you should expect to either be bused or enrolled in a school that has the attendance availability, not what is your preferred preference. Therefore, if students must be moved, I feel this is the option that is the most fair for those within the long-standing Meadow Lark school district, as well as makes the most sense.
Meadow Lark	If it involves moving woodland Gannon or spring tree kids to west I am opposed
Meadow Lark	I think it is a horrible idea and border line criminal that you would take \$80,000 of the levy money, that so many of us fought for, and use it for your social engineering project. Nobody would have voted for this levy had we known the result would be to take a large chunk of the money to relocate our school children instead of using the money wisely where needed. Do not count on passing another levy if this is how we can expect our tax dollars to be spent. Shady, dishonest, deceitful, and disrespectful practices by the board will not be tolerated.
Meadow Lark	I stringly oppose this option as it removes us from Meadow Lark district and places us in a low rated district that is much farther away from our current school.
Meadow Lark	I like the idea of the rural part of Meadowlark going to west but think we need more Meadowlark moving than just 24. Like what is all of big bend went too and you kept Meadowlark boundaries close to Meadowlark, maybe take part of West from across 10th and have west be the home for the rural part of the west side. I think the valley view and west split could be a little smoother. Especially along central and why is sun prairie in our school district? It's so far away. I feel that the east side of town has lots of options that make most people happy even with change due to the closeness of the schools. I would like to see more west side options.

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Meadow Lark	I like option B the most. I think having some of the area further out past flood road going to West is a great option. It is hard to view from the maps what exactly that includes, but I am under the impression it is Woodland Estates and out. I really like that, and think it would be the best option in terms of West.
Meadow Lark	I like option B because Woodland estates adds balance to West.
Meadow Lark	I find this acceptable only on the re-inclusion of my neighborhood. I have not scrutinized the plan in regards to any other district shifts.
Meadow Lark	I don't like that Flood Road, Woodland Estates and Gannon Ranch are bussed to West Elementary
Meadow Lark	I don't feel this option gives enough change for West or Meadowlark on the south boundary. Too few kids for any real diversity here. I would never have a bus use comet hill road. If you take this option out the only option for these kids to get to school is along flood road. Meadowlark is much closer than any other school due to the hill. You have to go around it and it adds on 20 minutes either direction. I would keep one bus along flood/sunflower to Meadowlark. Any houses on the hill (comet hill road area, spring tree, etc) that have accessibility on the top of the hill should be zoned to west elementary as they could use the same bus routes.
Meadow Lark	I do not support this option as it would involve a longer bus ride for my children
Meadow Lark	I despise it.
Meadow Lark	I am opposed to this change because it will require children in my neighborhood to have a longer bus ride/car ride to elementary school
Meadow Lark	I am completely opposed to this whole deal anyway.
Meadow Lark	I am adamantly opposed to this option as busing a small number of kids so far away is not going to solve any problem. My biggest concern is that the selected committee is biased toward the Meadowlark community and therefore we will be forced into a decision which is not good for the School District and especially our children. I do know of a specific committee member who stated that the Meadowlark parents have been labeled as the Meadowlark Mafia.....this is unacceptable and totally biased. She continued to tell this parent that when she signed her mortgage she did not also see that Meadowlark School was on the contract. How can this person who has obviously tainted the committee be allowed to vote on what's right for our kids?
Meadow Lark	Hurts Meadowlark to eliminate Foxfarm students
Meadow Lark	Greatly dislike! Make our kids bus drive way longer. Drive past their current school. Only reduces Meadowlark by 24 kids. Doesn't make an impact at all
Meadow Lark	Good.
Meadow Lark	good
Meadow Lark	From a safety issue worried about bussing my kid on an unplowed private road (sunflower lane and comer hill road). This especially comer hill would add a huge safety risk to getting my kid to school. Not to mention it would at at least 20 or so minutes in the bus. Option b that sends approx 20 kids from woodland and sunflower lane to Gannon ranch from meadowlark to west truly is a ridiculous option....I would love someone to drive kids up comer hill today with all the snow and ice. Not a good safe option for my kid or others kids
Meadow Lark	Fox farm is too far from meadowlark

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Meadow Lark	For the children you are moving from Meadowlark to West you are defeating your guidelines #1 and #3. Those children are not going to be able to walk or ride their bikes to school. West is over three miles from their home while Meadowlark is 1.2 miles. Not to mention the number of main four lane roads that would have to be crossed. It also looks like you are just uprooting children from their neighborhood school and it isn't changing Meadowlark's capacity.
Meadow Lark	fine
Meadow Lark	Eliminate a very valuable contribution to Meadowlark
Meadow Lark	Does give the most relief to high capacity schools. Does create hardships for transportation moving students away from their closest school.
Meadow Lark	Displaces a lot of families out of their current scholastic communities, longer commute and/or bus ride = more traffic, money on gas and increased CO2 emmissions as well as increased railroad and highway crossings.
Meadow Lark	Cutting off PB 157 from MeadowLark and adding it to West makes no sense. You want to bus 24 kids past Meadowlark, down the interstate an additional 7 miles. Where is the sense in that. It increases transportation time, increases the children's risk to accident and goes against the geographical boundries. The county road ends two miles from the proposed cutoff point. Why have two busses running in the same area?
Meadow Lark	Black Eagle to Giant Springs?? That is completely illogical. You are placing a HUGE travel burden on families that may not have resources to deal with. Somewhat true of the VV and West changes. Also, again the Belview move to West makes ZERO sense.
Meadow Lark	Better than A, seems to have least impact on all schools
Meadow Lark	Better option for us, but not to other friends who attend Meadowlark
Meadow Lark	Another terrible idea. We bought a home in Bellview because of the Meadowlark school district.
Meadow Lark	Again, taking kids from their neighborhood school and busing them right past their school to take them to a school farther away. It puts them in danger and costs more money because you have to start a whole new bus route.
Meadow Lark	Again, it does not make much sense to bus the Flood Rd/Woodland Estates area all the way to West--bussing them right past their current school, Meadow Lark ES.
Meadow Lark	Acceptable
Meadow Lark	Absolutely hate
Meadow Lark	Absolutely hate

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Meadow Lark	<p>1) This option makes worse sense than Option A. The first criteria, safety of students selecting boundaries, are made no sense on this option. The boundary line on Flood Road ending at a parcel of land and Davidson's home is not using a major geographical feature. There is no road and no railroad from what I can tell. It is nothing more than a lot line. Poor choice since the Davidson is probably the wealthiest man in Great Falls. And it could get political. Regarding safety this option will require bussing students located west of Davidsons on Flood Road out to Comar Hill Road up the curvy road, out the Frontage road, down the Interstate hill, at times on icy roads, over to the Central West and crossing a major street to get to school every day. This does not meet the safety requirement criteria and sure doesn't fit the transportation efficiency criteria. 2) Balance building utilization criteria at Meadowlark School. My understanding is your charts are showing Meadowlark at above high capacity at 507 students. Our understanding is that once 500 students is exceeded at any school, additional staff would be required. Moving 24 students out of the Meadowlark will not fix the problem. By 2019, Meadowlark will exceed 500 students if this Option is exercised, which makes no sense. 3) Balance Demographic Diversity. This option reduces the number of students attending Meadowlark by 24. These students will attend West Elementary. This is not a large enough number of students to make any difference in socio-economic diversity. Due to West's, poor testing in Math and English, I would think many of these students will either request a permissive transfer to another school, or leave the public-school program and go to a private school. 4) Attempt to keep identifiable community entities intact. By separating the students from Woodland Estates and Gannon Ranch you are pulling them from their community. A large number of these students currently participate in Little League Baseball, Soccer, Football, Basketball, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, all of which are part of the Meadowlark District. This does not meet the identifiable community criteria as the students that will attend West Elementary are being separated from their identifiable community.</p>
Morningside	My kids would go to same school no matter which option is chosen.
Mountain View	Why does Mountainview go all the way across the back of town?
Mountain View	Not sure
Mountain View	My thought re: all options is that a person needs to be given the option to transfer/remain at the school of their choice as long as there is room. The public deserves some choices/options when it comes to the education of their children. Not every family meshes with every school. Relationships play a huge role in the success of students so consideration NEEDS to be given to this.
Mountain View	Lewis & Clark
Mountain View	I like this option
Mountain View	Do not agree with the distance for students to travel.
Riverview	Valley View Elementary is at high capacity on all 3 options and would not be able to grant permissive waivers.
Riverview	Unnecessary
Riverview	This is still not a safe options. They have to go along the river, cross an unsafe bridge, and 2 railroad crossings that do not have an arm that goes down. All stated by GFPS to be reasons why they try to not move.

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Riverview	Strongly oppose. Black Eagle students should go to Valley View (which is undercrowded & has kids on permissive transfers). Keep them on their own side of the river. Safety concerns re crossing Hwy. 87, crossing the river and railroad tracks. Valley View would make much more sense. Black Eagle residents were not even consulted or included in the research groups. This was sprung on the entire city only weeks before the final decision.
Riverview	same as my prior statement
Riverview	Same as A as all the options are the same for Black eagle and i do not agree to drive my son 5 miles to school or be sent across the river and being the only neighborhood to have to go to school across the neighborhood i see it as discrimination against Black eagle
Riverview	No. Black Eagle kids need to be on the north side of the river.
Riverview	No
Riverview	Moving black eagle kids across town is not acceptable
Riverview	Moves us to Morningside - not sure why
Riverview	I understand there needs to be rezoning in the district. However, as a Black Eagle family, our children will be transported across the river to Morningside. The main issue our family is facing with the rezoning is the impact that it will have on our children's social experience. After our children finish with Morningside they will go all the way back to North Middle school. At Morningside they will establish great friendships that will be torn apart due to not rezoning Black Eagle to East Middle school where all of their friends will go. As they enter the challenges of middle school, they will have the extra burden placed on their shoulders of quickly trying to form new friendships amongst all the clichés that have already formed of other students who went to elementary together. My second problem with the rezoning is how it will affect all the extracurricular activities of all the students. We volunteer as coaches for all of the sports our children are in. Would we have to travel for practice to accommodate a families that live closer to the school or do we take what is convenient for our family and have all the other parents travel which would be inconvenient for them?
Riverview	I haven't been able to attend any meetings and only recently heard about this, when my child brought home a notice of the meeting on the day of the meeting. My main concern, as a former anthropologist and sociologist, is that this proposed move is shunting the most economically disadvantaged children at Riverview to a school farther away from their homes, farther away from the centers of their lives, away from sports teams near their homes, and this will have very negative effects on a solidly lower and working class neighborhood. In addition, it essentially erases what little racial and economic diversity Riverview had, making it more of a monoculture of middle to upper middle class students - in other words, it is segregating students, both economically and racially, and culturally and spatially by removing them from their surrounding neighborhood into a culturally different and geographically very separate location. In this community, people depend on older students to care for and sometimes shuttle students. Moving them means more travel and difficulty for high school students, and bus schedules that may be difficult. People here (generally speaking) need more transportation convenience than those in higher economic classes. And they frankly need the better chances that Riverview offers, as a higher economic majority school, which can be shown by numerous studies to be beneficial. Shoving them out and

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	shuttling them out of their neighborhood, across the river, on long bus rides, and to schools where they will have to either not join in sports and other extracurricular activities with the school or rack up even more transportation time to be involved with classmates in these things, is essentially making sure that our kids spend huge parts of their days in transportation. First to be picked up, last to be dropped off, having to drive more to reach sporting practice and events and school activities - and all of this being proposed for literally the most vulnerable group of students and families in Riverview, from an economic standpoint. It stinks of classism and, frankly, having heard how some people at Riverview think of BE kids, racism and classist purity. It's disappointing. I would prefer to see them stay at Riverview, but I wouldn't argue with Sac, or even Valley View either. Just not across the river and out of our neighborhood sphere. Morningside might be a fantastic school, but it's not anywhere near of Black Eagle, a community already marginalized by the county and school district. I mean, there is a bridge not safely passable by pedestrians and bikes between us and Morningside. Talk about severe cultural isolation. Riverview and Valley View are both accessible by bike via the rivers edge trail right here in BE.
Riverview	Hate it
Riverview	Great
Riverview	Don't agree
Riverview	Again, no representation for Black Eagle and it is too far away
Riverview	Again the thought of my children being bussed across the river does not appeal to me at all.
Riverview	Again bussing kids across town that goes against safety guidelines that are listed on the GFPS webpage.
Riverview	Absolutely do not want to uproot my children
Riverview	us? My choices? 1 Riverview!!!! 2. Worst case, Sac
Roosevelt	The same as Option A
Roosevelt	Same as Option A
Roosevelt	Ok
Roosevelt	I will put my kid in private school if they move him
Sacajawea	This would not make much sense as the commute to get children to the school would be terrible long and dangerous in the winter months.
Sacajawea	my child was kicked off the bus
Sacajawea	Good
Sunnyside	Same as A, my only care is my autistic child will not be removed from Mountain view school, I drive her there every day on my own to make sure she is getting the best help and support, please do not remove my child from there!
Sunnyside	Likel it a little better.
Sunnyside	I think it is better than option A
Valley View	Valleyview should not be over high capacity
Valley View	Same
Valley View	Really doesn't change anything in our neighborhood versus Option A.

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Valley View	<p>1. PB 26/142 (3) should go to Mountain View. This group of students are south of the highway and are already nestled within the neighborhood for bussing to this location. They also would not have to cross major highways and industrial areas. 2. PB139/32/97 (43) should go to Sacajawea. It maintains neighborhoods and travel times and bus routes are easily accessed from 15th St. 3. PB25/11 (4) make sense to go to Chief Joseph. They are currently on the highway and the school is accessible from 57th street. There will not be congestion of traffic and quick travel times with this option. It also does not have bussing through neighborhoods they do not belong in. 4. PB121 (2) to Sacajawea a. This option allows for a straight transportation route to the school and keeps the area in a North South quadrant. 5. PB13 (13) to Giant Springs a. This PB is about 3.5 miles away from Morningside. It does not keep students within their neighborhood and transportation is much longer than costly for 13 students. 6. PB143(71) stays at Meadowlark a. Currently the Fox Farm intersection rate a D with MHT. Having 71 students bused to West elementary from this area does not support the safety initiative. Buses can safely and quickly reach and exit meadowlark school by utilizing Park Garden road. 7. PB128(42) to West a. This neighborhood is on the southside of central west. In the full west district this makes much more sense for the split between west and valley view from central west. 8. PB 114/120/119/118/115/117/116/29 (72) Satellite district to Valley View a. Currently Black Eagle is bussed to Riverview. Create a satellite district with these students to Valley View. The change to transportation is minimal with an approximate 2-minute increase travel time. The route, 9th St NW is a snow route, and smelter bends right into 9th St NW which allows for bussing exit routes to NW bypass. This one is not my favorite.</p>
West	The same as A, it's silly to make it's go to a farther away school when there is one right up the road
West	No changes needed
West	My family can not lose our permissive transfer. I would affect my kids greatly.
West	I like this option also because it moves it moves the kids to Valley View and away from the principal at West
West	<p>First though is it sucks. My child lives closest to West Elemenary, has gone there for 5 years and someone from out of state wants me to send my child 2 MORE miles away to Valleyview. Please don't lie to my child as you did me in the mid eighties when "West Junior High was unsafe for children." This makes NO sense to me or my child. Redistrict kindergartners as they are coming in.</p>
West	Fine with us. Our kids would be in valleyview district which is where they go now.
Whittier	This option also overcrowds Valleyview and displaces 170 permissive tranfer children
Whittier	See comments on A. I am not sure what's A etc. These exhibits I can find are all labeled with numbers
Whittier	Not as good as option A but better than option C
Whittier	no

(Option C)

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Chief Joseph	This looks the worst! This doesn't solve North-side over-crowding. West stays the same and Meadowlark is overcrowded. Re-open Skyview???? How about some options based mostly on live-in numbers? Using current permissive transfer numbers to draw new boundaries seems short-sighted and somewhat ingenuine; This is especially true for districts where an entire school's-worth of kids are currently transferring out?
Chief Joseph	meh
Chief Joseph	I think it looks fine.
Lewis And Clark	Not everyone will like it; just like any other change. I don't mind it.
Lincoln	same
Lincoln	Moving PB 77 and PB 78 to Giant Springs. This would keep this section intact to minimize impact on students who could attend a comparable school to Lincoln. It would decrease negative impact on our property values. It would also help distribute the lower SES area of the Lower North Side minimizing impact on Whittier of this area.
Lincoln	Meadowlark district is better in A & C. I don't like moving my area out of the Lincoln district
Lincoln	Looks to relocate us - again.
Lincoln	It transfers my daughter to a school that is too far to walk to. The street she needs to cross is busier than the current one, crossing guard or not. It is crazy busy in front of lewis and clark all of the time. Currently, my daughter walks to her grandmother's house 3 blocks away.
Lincoln	It makes sense
Lincoln	I don't believe this is the best fit for the district they are putting us in; Whittier. The thought of putting a poverty pocket into an already poverty pocket school doesn't make much sense to me. By sending the satellite kids to Lincoln it is giving those children hope. Not to mention the kids would still have to be bussed due to crossing 2 major roads. It's not fair for my child to go to a school with lower testing scores that clearly show online when you look the school up. I want what is best for my child, and sending him to Whittier after being in Lincoln isn't fair. I believe if kids are going to be granted permissive transfers...those who are in the Lincoln satellite should get first dibs on those transfers. It only seems fair since that was their home district to begin with. It also doesn't make any sense to me that meadowlark will not be changed for diversity. There is no diversity up there. Here we are changing poverty pickets to be in with more poverty....but keeping meadowlark with the same non diverse group that is there as well. I thought the point was to diversify all of the schools and that won't be happening if meadowlark doesn't get changed. Who gives them the right to not bring in any poverty.
Lincoln	Concerned about overcrowding at Lincoln with addition of several blocks
Lincoln	all 3 options are the same for us
Loy	No change from current situation
Loy	Does not affect my district

Live-In Elementary School	Elementary Option C Thoughts/Observations
Meadow Lark	Would approve this option as Belview remains in Meadowlark district
Meadow Lark	We can live with this option.
Meadow Lark	This option moves the least amount of children which I believe is the best. The least amount of children affected the better.
Meadow Lark	This option makes the most sense with Meadowlark location.
Meadow Lark	This option keeps Belview kids at Meadow Lark which is their closest school. Assists parents also in car pooling and helping each other with kids.
Meadow Lark	This option in my understanding would take a number of kids from the Belview area and bus them over to West. I strongly believe that this option should not be considered based upon your criteria rules. It violates 90% of the criteria for rezoning. Furthermore, why would I want my kids to be bus 3.5 miles further than it would take for them to attend Meadow Lark Elementary. I guess the committee didn't really pay attention to the guidelines and criteria for rezoning.
Meadow Lark	This option does not solve the overcrowding at Meadowlark. It improves things at West and valley view and helps river view for a short time but I don't feel this is a good permanent solution for your redistricting goals. Ideally there would be more demographic mixing of West and Meadowlark to diversify the schools but none of the options provide enough mixing for this to really work. I like black eagle going over the giant springs. Keeping the area along lower river road in sunny side makes a lot of sense and I like that the east side kids won't need as many busses.
Meadow Lark	This option changes boundaries for everyone but Meadowlark - which doesn't solve any problems over here. It doesn't strengthen our community by staying the same. There is growth happening south of Meadowlark with no where to have these families attend. We really need more west side options and I understand there is a budget crisis but if we could take staff from the smallest east side school to staff skyline. Truthfully I would love to see more mixing on the West and east sides of the rivers. In the next five years we will need to have this hard conversation about potentially moving out sixth grade.
Meadow Lark	This is the best option.
Meadow Lark	This is the best option in my oppinion.
Meadow Lark	This is the best for the children attending Meadowlark school and the most logical and right. I have concerns about Loy Elementary - it appears only children from Malmstrom would attend- secluding them is not diversity-one of the reasons/excuses provided for other student transfer!
Meadow Lark	this is our nrighborhood school and should stay that way



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Meadow Lark	The new schools being constructed within Great Falls, while a great thing for the overall community, are being constructed far from the current Meadow Lark Elementary district. I understand the definite need to redistrict within the areas surrounding the physical locations of the schools and how they now affect the district boundaries. But moving kids from a school that is all the way across the city and moving them to a school that is nowhere near the newly constructed schools, but into an older neighborhood and school building, does not make sense. Especially from a district that has a much different educational and social culture.
Meadow Lark	Seems to keep things similar where I'm at, which seems reasonable. Has the district looking into adding relocatables to any of the schools with overcrowding?
Meadow Lark	Seems to do the least harm
Meadow Lark	Seems like the least disruptive to the entire community. My family and many around us have worked hard and have invested our time, energy and efforts into our schools and our community. Personally, we are very happy with our school, the teachers and administration.
Meadow Lark	Please do not redistrict families. We are happy at our school. Please expand Meadowlark.
Meadow Lark	Overall appears to be the best option with logical layouts of districts.
Meadow Lark	Option C seems to me the best option of the 3.
Meadow Lark	Option C is the most logical choice having several benefits over the other options such as; the least amount of students affected by moving, maximizing safety and transportation of students overall, and following more natural contiguous boundaries while keeping in mind future student projection numbers.
Meadow Lark	Option C for our area makes the most sense. Keeping kids at their neighborhood school and not creating unnecessary safety concerns for kids.
Meadow Lark	Option C affects 301 children's lives, which is the least amount of children affected by the redistricting process. I hold this to be of the utmost importance. I believe it is very easy to forget who this redistricting affects... the children of this community. The least amount affected the better. Why move children when not necessary? Option C is significantly lower than Option A, by 78 children! If the district can find a way to make this option work that is almost 100 children who will remain in their current schools...undisrupted, learning, and continuing to deepen their bond with their school, teachers, staff, and friends. Option C still has the children of Black Eagle being bused to Morningside, which is simply too far and dangerous of a commute for this age group. Option C still has a portion of West's current students being moved to Valley View, which seems counterproductive if West is a concern of being underutilized.

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Meadow Lark	<p>Option C - Option C is my second choice. This option doesn't do a great job of eliminating overcrowding or leaving room for growth at schools (Criteria 2 and 9). Option C minimizes the number of students impacted (Criteria 8). As a Bellview parent, my biggest concern is with moving Bellview from Meadowlark to another school. Option B keeps Bellview at Meadowlark. I believe this is consistent with Criteria 1. Bellview is within one mile of Meadowlark. Students only need to cross Acacia Way and one set of railroad tracks to get to school. Leaving Bellview at Meadowlark is also consistent with Criteria 3. Bellview students can walk to Meadowlark and don't need to be bussed to another school. This option is also consistent with Criteria 4. It keeps Bellview from becoming a satellite area. This option is also consistent with Criteria 7. It keeps the Bellview community intact. I believe that many families will move if Bellview is de-districted to a school other than Meadowlark. If they don't move, they will likely look into private school or a permissive transfer. I believe it would really break apart the area.</p>
Meadow Lark	OKay
Meadow Lark	OK
Meadow Lark	OK
Meadow Lark	<p>Now willing to risk my kids traveling further for school. The education and community involvement in our area of Belview is very strong. This is why i work a 5am to 6 pm job, so that i can afford to live within an area that will provide a level of education that is positive. All of my kid(s) neighborhood friends are currently attending Medowlark, how can i as a parent explain to my kids of why they have been chosen not to attend the same school as their friends. It almost feels like this is beyond subjective based on the parameters and guidelines. I will stand with the rest of my community in Belview and say no to reassigning the boudaries of our area.</p>
Meadow Lark	Not sure why the zoning for Lincoln/Longfellow was changed.
Meadow Lark	No
Meadow Lark	Neutral
Meadow Lark	neutral
Meadow Lark	Neutral
Meadow Lark	N/A
Meadow Lark	<p>My understanding of Option C is that it still allows Woodland Estates residents access to Meadowlark Elementary, and that is our primary concern. Thus, option C looks fine to me as far as it relates to our family.</p>
Meadow Lark	<p>Much closer in proximity and our kids would go to school with other kids in our neighborhood.</p>
Meadow Lark	Most feasible favorable option
Meadow Lark	Looks very feasible and I feel like the total city layout makes sense.
Meadow Lark	Like this one the best, keeps us going to the closest school
Meadow Lark	Leaves our children in their neighborhood school



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Meadow Lark	Least damage to students. Most productive to areas that need adjusting.
Meadow Lark	Keeps Gannon Ranch area at Meadowlark.
Meadow Lark	If this one pertains to moving Gannon woodland and spring tree kids to west I am opposed I could not find the proposals for 1, 2 or 3, so I am not sure which one wants to move woodland, spring tree or Gannon kids to west, but I am totally opposed to that option!
Meadow Lark	If the district truly cares, leave our boundaries where they have been. They are based in the reality on the ground, not the theoretical musings of the mind. We understand that you think you mean well, and we believe you do, but this is a mistake.
Meadow Lark	If re-districting must happen, this is the option we most want. It leaves us in our current district as well as many peers of our children. It also keeps us from having to travel farther to a new school.
Meadow Lark	Ideal but lots of moves, transportation issues
Meadow Lark	I was not able to see many changes comparing these maps
Meadow Lark	I understand that the general consensus is that some adjustments need to be made. While I dislike moving any children from what they have known and expected. This is the option that I prefer the most. This option impacts the central great falls area the most, with some pockets here and there being modified. This is the option that I prefer based on the least amount of modification to the school we attend.
Meadow Lark	I think it is a horrible idea and border line criminal that you would take \$80,000 of the levy money, that so many of us fought for, and use it for your social engineering project. Nobody would have voted for this levy had we known the result would be to take a large chunk of the money to relocate our school children instead of using the money wisely where needed. Do not count on passing another levy if this is how we can expect our tax dollars to be spent. Shady, dishonest, deceitful, and disrespectful practices by the board will not be tolerated.
Meadow Lark	I think for the Meadowlark area it's the only way to go! Enrollment tends show decline instead of increase. If you want to get future levies approved and not lose kids to our private schools then it is only fair and smart to keep it as it is.
Meadow Lark	I really don't like this plan. Unless there is a neighborhood I am missing that will help balance West in terms of income, I think it is a poor idea. We need balance and diversity in our schools at least in terms of income, and I think this plan doesn't do that.
Meadow Lark	I prefer Option C as it keeps my kids in Meadowlark.
Meadow Lark	I like that Meadowlark School boundaries remain the way they are.
Meadow Lark	I find this acceptable only on the re-inclusion of my neighborhood. I have not scrutinized the plan in regards to any other district shifts.
Meadow Lark	I dislike option C because it doesn't balance the demographic of West.
Meadow Lark	I am ok with this option that allows my kids to stay in their current school



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Meadow Lark	I am in favor of this option as it does not require the children in my neighborhood to change schools
Meadow Lark	I also like this option because it keeps my child in our neighborhood school. Makes the most sense for transportation and my child's education.
Meadow Lark	Good. No displacement of families. We all live our school.
Meadow Lark	Good. Doesn't mess with our school district.
Meadow Lark	good
Meadow Lark	fine
Meadow Lark	Drop the Belview move to West and this is the most logical option.
Meadow Lark	Best option by far. Keeps the Meadowlark children at their neighborhood school. Keeps the area attractive to future professionals who may consider moving here. Fewer children affected overall.
Meadow Lark	After review several of the Cropper GIS tables, Demographic Studies, and Criteria for Redistricting, Option C makes the most sense. It will affect the smallest number of students, 301, city wide. It maximizes safety of students and transportation of these student. This is the only Option that meets all the criteria except the overcrowding at Meadow Lark. However, Option B does not offer a long term solution to the overcrowding.
Meadow Lark	Acceptable...Prefer Option B
Meadow Lark	Acceptable. Less transportation time to school
Meadow Lark	Acceptable
Meadow Lark	A fine compromise.
Meadow Lark	1) After carefully reviewing the tables showing students affected, this option affects the least number of students, 301, throughout the entire Great Falls School District. This is the only option that currently meets all of your criteria other then the number of students attending Meadowlark. As I mentioned earlier, there is room at Meadowlark for up to 525 students even though it is currently above high capacity as per your chart. Option C is by far the best choice. 2) Real-estate values well be affected if Option A or B are selected. When people are purchasing homes one of the major considerations is the School District they will be sending their kids to. According to Realtor.com home values can be affected by up to 20% based on the School District the home is located in. Unfortunately for the Meadow Lark families that would be moved to West Elementary, according to School schoolDigger.com, Meadow Lark is ranked #2 and West is # 105 out of 109 in Montana. Essentially the best to the worst. For someone with a home valued at \$300,000, having boundaries adjusted could affect the value by up to \$60,000. I realize this does is not part of your criteria but is a significant financial hit for the families affected.
Morningside	My kids would go to same school no matter which option is chosen.
Mountain View	Seems like this limits Meadowlark to just a tiny area of wealthy homes
Mountain View	Not sure
Mountain View	Lincoln
Mountain View	I also like this plan

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Mountain View	Good option
Riverview	Valley View Elementary is at full capacity and could not grant permissive waivers.
Riverview	Unnecessary
Riverview	This options is still not a safe options. They have to cross the river, 15th st which is not a safe bridge and 2 non armed railroad crossings.
Riverview	Strongly oppose. Black Eagle students should go to Valley View (which is undercrowded & has kids on permissive transfers). Keep them on their own side of the river. Safety concerns re crossing Hwy. 87, crossing the river and railroad tracks. Valley View would make much more sense. Black Eagle residents were not even consulted or included in the research groups. This was sprung on the entire city only weeks before the final decision.
Riverview	same as prior statement
Riverview	Same as A and B because its a 5 mile drive and we shouldnt have to cross the river to go to school its not fair as Black eagle was singled out
Riverview	No. Black Eagle kids need to be on the north side of the river. River Dr N is a dangerous road. They cross a river/bridge, railroad tracks, and every other safety criteria on your checklist.
Riverview	No
Riverview	moves us to Morningside - not sure why
Riverview	I understand there needs to be rezoning in the district. However, as a Black Eagle family, our children will be transported across the river to Morningside. The main issue our family is facing with the rezoning is the impact that it will have on our children’s social experience. After our children finish with Morningside they will go all the way back to North Middle school. At Morningside they will establish great friendships that will be torn apart due to not rezoning Black Eagle to East Middle school where all of their friends will go. As they enter the challenges of middle school, they will have the extra burden placed on their shoulders of quickly trying to form new friendships amongst all the clichés that have already formed of other students who went to elementary together. My second problem with the rezoning is how it will affect all the extracurricular activities of all the students. We volunteer as coaches for all of the sports our children are in. Would we have to travel for practice to accommodate a families that live closer to the school or do we take what is convenient for our family and have all the other parents travel which would be inconvenient for them?

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Riverview	<p>I haven't been able to attend any meetings and only recently heard about this, when my child brought home a notice of the meeting on the day of the meeting. My main concern, as a former anthropologist and sociologist, is that this proposed move is shunting the most economically disadvantaged children at Riverview to a school farther away from their homes, farther away from the centers of their lives, away from sports teams near their homes, and this will have very negative effects on a solidly lower and working class neighborhood. In addition, it essentially erases what little racial and economic diversity Riverview had, making it more of a monoculture of middle to upper middle class students - in other words, it is segregating students, both economically and racially, and culturally and spatially by removing them from their surrounding neighborhood into a culturally different and geographically very separate location. In this community, people depend on older students to care for and sometimes shuttle students. Moving them means more travel and difficulty for high school students, and bus schedules that may be difficult. People here (generally speaking) need more transportation convenience than those in higher economic classes. And they frankly need the better chances that Riverview offers, as a higher economic majority school, which can be shown by numerous studies to be beneficial. Shoving them out and shuttling them out of their neighborhood, across the river, on long bus rides, and to schools where they will have to either not join in sports and other extracurricular activities with the school or rack up even more transportation time to be involved with classmates in these things, is essentially making sure that our kids spend huge parts of their days in transportation. First to be picked up, last to be dropped off, having to drive more to reach sporting practice and events and school activities - and all of this being proposed for literally the most vulnerable group of students and families in Riverview, from an economic standpoint. It stinks of classism and, frankly, having heard how some people at Riverview think of BE kids, racism and classist purity. It's disappointing. I would prefer to see them stay at Riverview, but I wouldn't argue with Sac, or even Valley View either. Just not across the river and out of our neighborhood sphere. Morningside might be a fantastic school, but it's not anywhere near of Black Eagle, a community already marginalized by the county and school district. I mean, there is a bridge not safely passable by pedestrians and bikes between us and Morningside. Talk about severe cultural isolation. Riverview and Valley View are both accessible by bike via the rivers edge trail right here in BE.</p>
Riverview	Hate it
Riverview	Great
Riverview	Don't agree
Riverview	Bussing students across town in the way that deems unsafe and against GFPS guidelines
Riverview	Black eagle kids should not have to move across the river when they are less than a mile from two schools
Riverview	Again bussing my children across the river does not appeal to me
Riverview	Absolutely do not want to uproot my children
Riverview	us? My choices? 1 Riverview!!!! 2. Worst case, Sac
Roosevelt	The same as Option A
Roosevelt	Same as OPTion A and B, they all effect us the in the same way
Sacajawea	Looks fair to all involved via the neighborhoods
Sacajawea	idk



Live-In Elementary School	Elementary Option C Thoughts/Observations
Sacajawea	good
Sunnyside	Same as A and B, all I ask is that you do not remove my autistic child from Mountain View school, it would harm her after being there going on two years and making all the growth she has there. Please let her stay there is all I care about.
Sunnyside	I like B better
Sunnyside	Find it hard to like.
Valley View	Valleyview should not be over high capacity
Valley View	<p>This option I think is the closest to approval for me. With the following changes, I think this would allocate and align appropriately with all goals in mind. 1. PB121 (2) to Sacajawea a. This option allows for a straight transportation route to the school and keeps the area in a North South quadrant. 2. PB128(42) to West a. This neighborhood is on the southside of central west. In the full west district this makes much more sense for the split between west and valley view from central west. 3. PB 114/120/119/118/115/117/116/29 (72) Satellite district to Valley View a. Currently Black Eagle is bussed to Riverview. Create a satellite district with these students to Valley View. The change to transportation is minimal with an approximate 2-minute increase travel time. The route, 9th St NW is a snow route, and smelter bends right into 9th St NW which allows for busing exit routes to NW bypass. 4. PB25/11 (4) make sense to go to Chief Joseph. They are currently on the highway and the school is accessible from 57th street. There will not be congestion of traffic and quick travel times with this option. It also does not have busing through neighborhoods they would normally not go into.</p>
Valley View	Same
Valley View	Our neighborhood looks no different versus A or B.
West	No changes needed
West	My family can not lose our permissive transfer. My kids get so much support at Valley View with Aware and the resource group. It would affect my kids greatly if they had to go change schools.
West	It is the same as A and B, it's silly to have kids go to a school that is farther away when there is a school right up the road
West	Good for my area because it moves the kids away from the principal at West
West	<p>First though is it sucks. My child lives closest to West Elementary, has gone there for 5 years and someone from out of state wants me to send my child 2 MORE miles away to Valleyview. Please don't lie to my child as you did me in the mid eighties when "West Junior High was unsafe for children." This makes NO sense to me or my child. Redistrict kindergartners as they are coming in.</p>
West	Fine with us. Our kids would be in valleyview district which is where they go now.
Whittier	yes

Live-In Elementary School	Elementary Option C Thoughts/Observations
Whittier	Not good because it does nothing to address the overcrowding at meadowlark