

# VALPARAISO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



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DATE: November 11, 2016

TO: School Board Members, Dr. Julie Lauck, Dr. Jim McCall, and Mrs. Sharon Qualkenbush

FR: E. Ric Frataccia, Ed.D, Superintendent

RE: "No Change" Option to Middle School Redistricting Plan

As you have noted we have prepared two middle school "redistricting" plans. One is referred to as the "east-west" plan the other the "north-south" plan. What we had not done yet is to project middle school enrollments based on the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 "redistricting" of our elementary schools while simultaneously "not changing" our middle school boundaries and enrollment practices.

I directed Mr. Hubbard to place all the elementary school students into their newly redistricted elementary schools in accordance with the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 elementary school "redistricting" plans. Then, after placing the elementary students move them into their respective middle schools following the same practices that we currently employ. Most notably, the splitting of the 5<sup>th</sup> grades to Thomas Jefferson Middle School and Ben Franklin Middle School from Cooks, Northview, and our new school would also continue. We refer to this plan as the "no change" plan.

When Mr. Hubbard deployed the "no change" plan, we were pleasantly surprised that the enrollment variance between TJMS and BFMS continued to exist but was reduced considerably. Mr. Hubbard projected the TMJS and BFMS enrollments from 2017-2018 through 2022-2023 and the results are depicted on the attachment.

Please note that the projected enrollments depicted on the attachment do not take into account possible growth in student enrollment due to new residential developments in the southwest and northwest sections of our school district. Nevertheless, the projected enrollment for BFMS, is in most cases, greater than 150 students below capacity and we believe that this enables the administration and board to consider favorably the deployment of a "no change" redistricting plan for the middle schools while enrollments remain significantly below capacity (900 at BFMS and 1000 at TJMS)

In the event that growth in the city and township increases and also begins to move the enrollment at BFMS closer to capacity, future administrations and boards will have at least two different plans to consider implementing or to make even better; however, at this point in time and for several years beyond 2018-2019, it appears that the recommendation for "no change" at the middle schools relative to redistricting and enrollment practices may be the most salient option to pursue.

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**Middle School numbers.**

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Mon, Nov 7, 2016 at 2:58 PM

Hi Doc,

These are the projected numbers for middle school students living within the current 2016/17 boundaries using the current students who reside in those boundaries projected out by grade:

2017/18 school year- (current 5th 6th 7th grades)

BFM- 751

TJM- 647

2018/19 school year- (current 4th 5th 6th grades)

BFM- 722

TJM- 693

2019/20 school year- (current 3rd 4th 5th grades)

BFM- 745

TJM- 697

2020/21 school year- (current 2nd 3rd 4th grades)

BFM- 697

TJM- 691

2021/22 school year- (current 1st 2nd 3rd grades)

BFM- 707

TJM- 680

2022/23 school year- (current kdg 1st 2nd grades)

BFM- 715

TJM- 695

Let me know if you need more and have a great night.....Pat