COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENCE

Since December 15th Board meeting

1. Wolverine Lk Manor & Spring Lk Hts subdivisions. QD is separated from RU – Mallow street is connected to RU, but are listed as part of QD. Please allow our kids to stay with RU.

2. Zone BN – only 2 children – please allow them to stay at Keith, and not transfer to Dublin.

3. Twin Beach transfers to Pleasant Lk. will now be moved. Please allow them to stay because of the Leader in Me, PTA is made up of many of these transfer parents, appreciate the diversity, friendships, time, commitment, etc.

4. Plan A pulls students out of Loon Lake, but doesn’t add any back. Plan B is the best because: moves fewest students, eliminates the historic Guest issue and avoids splitting Glengary students into two middle schools.

5. Plan B yields the most benefits. A,C, & D have issues with transportation around Middle Straits Lake and congestion and splitting major neighborhoods.

6. Plans A & D move existing students out of Hickory Woods to provide space for Maple. Plans B & C accept Maple students and keep existing students. Please eliminate Plans A & D.

7. Please consider feeder patterns and consider having ALL Glengary students go to Creek and then Central instead of Northern. These kids get split up all the way to high school.

8. Zone 3D – a letter written on behalf of all residents. Plan A moves us from Hickory Woods to Walled Lake Elementary. Please let us stay because … Zone 3D is part of the perimeter of Walled Lake’s
shoreline, long term residents who selected the area to raise families and have established a community, 3D is closer to Hickory Woods than other zones, such as 2T which has more transience. We are an established community.

9. Zone 3D – rebuttal. This is not a letter written on behalf of all residents. Many of us in the neighborhood would welcome the change.

10. Zone 3D – Summerlin Subdivision – please don’t move us. My daughter is in 3rd grade and has attended Hickory Woods since we chose to move into the neighborhood. We are confused why the apartment complexes in 2T would still attend Hickory Woods when they are farther away than Zone 3d. Please let us stay.

11. Zone 3D – Plan A proposes moving us out of Hickory Woods. Reiterates sentiment of other emails: “Ring community” around the lake, established friendships, feeder pattern to middle school changes, better candidates for movement are west of the lake – 7W,2H,2N,2T,5E – more isolated from the others (major roads, railroads, etc.) and much closer to Banks for feeder pattern after elementary. Also, it’s unconscionable that transfer students would be allowed to remain at the expense of forcing other children out of their neighborhood schools. Re-set the transfers and protect home schools.

12. Parkside by the Lakes subdivision at Union Lk and Wise, zone EA. Plan D moves us out of Keith and into Dublin. Please allow us to stay. We like the reputation and experience of Keith and purposely built our house because of Keith’s reputation. Plans A, B & C do not move us. Please do not adopt plan D.

13. Willow Ridge sub, zone ZK – Plans B & D have us attending Hickory Woods, which is 1.5 miles away, and ideal for parental
involvement in the school, daily routines, etc. Plan A sends us to Pleasant Lake, which doubles their bus riding time, 5.6 miles away and limits volunteering activities. Plan A also will require double busing because sub is divided into two middle schools per feeder pattern. Plan C also splits neighborhoods. We oppose Plan C and prefer B or D.

14. Apple Orchard Lane in Wolverine Lk. sub. On paper it looks like our sub stands alone. It does not. We are slated to be moved under plan C to Glengary, which affects the feeder pattern to middle and high school. My son wants to attend Central and play in the band there. Furthermore the youth football teams are divided by which high school the kids will attend. We have moved from the Braves to the Chargers and now would not play with those students. Please leave our village intact.

15. Zone BG – current Keith family slated to go to Dublin. It’s unfair that Keith seems to be absorbing so many of the Maple students, at the expense of other students. I’m concerned about bus riding time and my daughter’s nut allergy, which Keith has a good protocol for.

16. Please start the feeder pattern for current 5th graders heading to middle school NOW. I understand that you have committed to sibling transfers being granted, but it makes more sense just to have everyone start to attend their slated middle school now. This is a bigger deal with the high schools than the middle schools and it’s not fiscally responsible to have double busing for a couple years to phase this in.

17. Plan D splits neighborhood – BA (Dublin) / AX (Commerce) – Please don’t do this.
**Additional Input given at the Meeting and since the meeting:**

18. A family in Zone RU writes that Mallow Street is being put in the QD Zone and it should be in the RU Zone. My children are going to be sent to a different school from everyone else at their bus stop.

19. Another family concurs with the above family and asks “please do not split up areas QD and RU; these areas are one neighborhood.

20. A resident in Zone VE in Loon Lake Woods Subdivision would like to recommend plan C or D. I built in the Loon Lake Subdivision so my children would attend Loon Lake Elementary; it seems only a few streets are going to be redistricted to Wixom Elementary.

21. Six more cards/families expressed their displeasure with Zone 3D being moved from Hickory Woods Elementary. The streets they concerned about include: Ludlow, West Lake Drive, North Haven and Tiverton. They believe this change is splitting neighborhoods that should not be split. They believe they would be adversely affected by Plan A. They are also concerned their children will not have an opportunity to participate in the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme at Geisler Middle School. Further, a letter with signatures from 43 residents who live in the 3D area was presented at the Board of Education meeting on Thursday, January 12.

22. Three more cards/families in Zone EA who all live on Hummingbird Street. They have students who currently attend Keith and they believe the bus drive to Dublin would be extremely long. They are opposed to keeping “Schools of Choice” students at Keith over the students who live on Hummingbird Street.

23. Several emails have been received from the Heron Hills neighborhood, (S. Commerce north of Glengarry, south of Oakley Park). This neighborhood believes they should not be moved from Oakley Park Elementary to Glengary Elementary because of the proximity of their subdivision to Oakley Park and to Walled Lake Central High School.