

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

During the 2007-2008 school year, Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) conducted a *Southeast Area Utilization Study*. The purpose of the study was to identify and analyze changes in student enrollment trends, residential development, and population demographics within the Southeast Area. To obtain community input, public forums were held at Chesapeake High School and Dundalk Middle School. Additionally, community members had the opportunity to provide input via the Internet. Over 600 community members responded either by attending community forums in person, providing e-mail input, or by writing letters

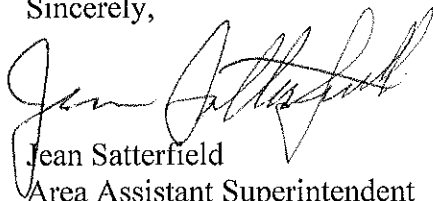
The results of the report and the summary of responses to the public forums and the survey are available on the BCPS web site at the following address:
<http://www.bcps.org/board/exhibits/2008/081208ExhibitI.PDF>.

As a result of the *Southeast Area Utilization Study*, long-term recommendations and immediate action steps were presented to the Board of Education of Baltimore County at the August 12, 2008 board meeting. Recommendations and action steps included:

- Increasing seating capacity in various elementary school clusters.
- Renovating Dundalk High School and Sollers Point Technical High School.
- Investigating alternate locations for the ESOL Program, which is currently housed at Norwood Elementary School.
- Implementing a Boundary Study Committee to balance enrollments between Edgemere Elementary and Chesapeake Terrace Elementary Schools.

We look forward to continuing our efforts to provide a quality education for the students attending Baltimore County Public Schools.

Sincerely,



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