

September 23, 2019

Dear Freedom Elementary Parent/Guardian,

Freedom Elementary School is currently at approximately 108% of its capacity and is projected to reach 122% of capacity by 2022. When an elementary school exceeds 105% of its capacity, in accordance with CCPS Board policies, potential solutions for overcrowding will be explored.

This past July, when our Board of Education adopted the most recent Educational Facilities Master Plan, the Board approved the recommendation to form a committee to explore and study redistricting options in the southeast area to alleviate overcrowding at Freedom Elementary. We are currently in the process of forming the committee, which will include parent representation from Freedom and nearby elementary schools. Throughout the 2019-2020 school year, the committee will meet to study and consider potential redistricting options. This process will conclude with a report and recommendations for consideration to the Board of Education by September 2020.

If there are recommendations for redistricting, we will share them with you through several forms of communication. In addition, there will be multiple opportunities for input prior to any action, including at least two public hearings on any considerations and/or recommendations. Any Board-approved recommendations for redistricting would not be implemented until the 2021-2022 school year.

Carroll County Public Schools understands that potential redistricting can bring uncertainty and concern. We are committed to open communication throughout this entire process. Please be assured that we will keep you informed of every step along the way.

In an effort to keep you as informed as possible, we have created a webpage on the CCPS website entitled *Freedom Area Redistricting*. Here you will find information about the process, the timeline, and the work of the committee, as well as background material and, ultimately, the committee's report. You may access the webpage by [clicking here](#). We will notify you when information on the webpage is updated.

As always, we remain committed to providing high quality instruction and a safe and secure teaching and learning environment at each and every one of our schools. We value each and every student, their family, and our school communities.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we advance through this process together.

Sincerely,

Steve Lockard