

**Resolution Opposing the School Boundaries Proposed by the Highline School District
Capital Facilities Advisory Committee (CFAC)**

WHEREAS Capital Facilities Advisory Committee (CFAC) has proposed Highline school boundary changes that would harm our local communities and the diversity of our schools,

WHEREAS CFAC's own principles for Boundary Review state the changes are to "1. Ensure Equity, 2. Forecast for Future Needs, 3. Value Cohorts & Community Connections, and 4. Plan for Safety"¹;

WHEREAS the new boundaries violate the principle of equity by removing a significant portion of the Somali community from the Marvista school district, all residents of the Southwood, Terrace View and Wellington Place apartments. Currently 102 children of the Somali community attend Marvista, have been active in the school for more than a decade, and make up 70% of the African American population at Marvista.

WHEREAS the new boundaries remove an entire portion of Normandy Park from the Marvista school district, which will separate many children from their cohorts and split a community, thus violating principle three³;

WHEREAS the new boundaries will cause children of various schools in the district to cross major thoroughfares and take much longer rides on public transportation to get to school, which endangers them and violates the plan for safety⁴;

WHEREAS a portion of Normandy Park that is being removed is within walking distance to the school but the proposed boundary has children several miles away from the school transferring into Marvista which will increase the cost of transportation for the school and the families;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 33rd legislative district democrats opposes the CFAC boundaries, and encourage our representatives to instead consider the ABC4Highline proposals⁵;

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the upon adoption of this resolution, it be sent to all relevant school board members, the local press, and to King County Council.

1. <https://www.highlineschools.org/Page/11466>
2. Hazel valley will be sent to Cascade and then Highline, separate from three other cohorts they would go to middle school with. McMicken Heights will be the only cohort from the new middle school going to Tyee. North Hill will be the only cohort from Chinook going to Mt. Rainier. Marvista will be the only cohort from Sylvester going to Mt. Rainier.
3. Children across the street from Highline (on the other side of S. 156th Way) will be bussed to Mount Rainier instead of going to Highline. Removing children from south Normandy Park, (SW 208th street and SW 207th place) causes children who walked/biked back roads to school to now have to cross over 1st Avenue South and Des Moines Memorial. The proposal has North Hill kids cross Hwy. 99 to Chinook instead of staying in Des Moines.
4. <https://abc4highline.com/>