Cc: Fredrickson, Samantha G
Subject: FW: Depoali/Damonte Rezoning
Date: Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:16:21 PM

Dear Ms. Reno,

To:

Thank you for your message. It will be shared with the full committee.

Respectfully, Paul

Paul M. LaMarca, Ph.D. Chief Ombudsman & Strategies Officer

From: Staci Reno

Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:22 PM **To:** Zoning < <u>Zoning@washoeschools.net</u> > **Subject:** Depoali/Damonte Rezoning

Hi there.

I would like to share my feelings on Rezoning the Virginia Foothills Community to the new Arrowcreek Middle School and based on rumors the additional rezoning to Galena High School.

Based on the fact that the rezoning of the high school is not currently on the table I would suggest that we not rezone these kids away from Depoali. When kids are pushed into a new school away from their peers they will have to make new friendships, but this particular group of kids will then be zoned to Damonte instead of Galena where all their friends will be going so then they will be forced to go into high school and have to start all over building relationships. For a school district who says the social and emotional parts to learning are important it doesn't feel like this move for middle school is considering the social and emotional pieces.

If you are making this change in anticipation of then changing the High School Zoning in future years then I would suggest you look at the map again and consider redrawing the line on Geiger Grade. Western Skies Drive connects directly from Damonte High School to the Virginia Foothills neighborhood. This road is currently an emergency access road which makes the dive to Damonte over 3 miles and our kids are provided with busses; however they are currently in the process of paving the road to open it through to the high school, with that change that puts us just over 2 miles and in walking distance to Damonte, thus costing the district more money to bus these kids to a school the could walk home from. For kids who play sports that will be an additional burden on parents who will need to transport their kids when we are walking distance to a school.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Staci

To:
Cc: Fredrickson, Samantha (

Subject: FW: Meeting on 5/16 regarding Zoning changes for Herz Middle School

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:28:08 PM

Dear Ms. Lewis,

Thank you for your message. It will be shared with the full committee.

Respectfully, Paul

Paul M. LaMarca, Ph.D. Chief Ombudsman & Strategies Officer

From: Tiffany Lewis

Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:29 AM **To:** Zoning <<u>Zoning@washoeschools.net</u>>

Subject: Meeting on 5/16 regarding Zoning changes for Herz Middle School

Good morning,

My name is Tiffany Lewis and my children are zoned for Brown/Depoali/Damonte Ranch. After reviewing all the posted documents and testimony, I have concerns about the zoning of "Baby Brown" to the new Herz Middle School and then back to Damonte Ranch for High School.

Proposal E pulls current students in the "Baby Brown" area away from their community and puts them into a community they are not a part of during a crucial time in their social and emotional development. Students will lose the majority of the friends/connections in the current Brown community that they've been a part of for 6 years. Additionally, based on current information it appears these children will then be kicked out of their new community and sent back to Damonte Ranch High School. This will be very disruptive to students and families when we will have spent 3 years trying to make new community connections.

I understand that the zoning meetings for the High Schools will not occur until later in the year. However, if the Board insists on option E I would request that the "Baby Brown" students attending Herz Middle School be zoned for Galena High School so they are not forced out of a community they've tried to establish themselves in to rejoin a community they were part of 3 years prior. Our children need consistency in this pivotal time in their lives. They should not be bounced back and forth between communities being forced to constantly start over.

Thank you, Tiffany Lewis

To: Cc:

Fredrickson, Samantha G
FW: Re-zoning in South Reno

Subject: Date:

Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:29:24 PM

Dear Mr. Hoff,

Thank you for your message. It will be shared with the full zoning committee.

Respectfully, Paul

Paul M. LaMarca, Ph.D. Chief Ombudsman & Strategies Officer

From: Zoning

Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:13 PM

To: LaMarca, Paul <PLaMarca@washoeschools.net>

Subject: FW: Re-zoning in South Reno

From: Chris Hoff

Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 10:40 AM **To:** Zoning < 20ning@washoeschools.net

Subject: Re-zoning in South Reno

In advance of your committee meeting this evening, I would like to strongly express our disagreement with the proposed new zoning for students from Brown Elementary. Our son will be in the 5th grade this fall and moving on to middle school in 2020. We live in Curti Ranch. Under the current proposal (or from what we can gather from meeting minutes; we haven't been able to find a map that clearly articulates the proposed zoning), he will be zoned for the new ArrowCreek middle school. After 3 years there, he will then be zoned to come back "down" to Damonte Ranch High School. We find this terribly unfair to children who have made friends in grade school, then forced into a new environment for middle school and once new friends have been established at middle school, remove them again from that known environment back to a new school.

We urge you to look at alternative options.

Regards,

Chris & Karen Hoff

To:

Cc: Fredrickson, Samantha G
Subject: FW: Brown Student Zoning

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:33:07 PM

Dear Ms. McQuattie,

Thank you for your message. It will be shared with the full zoning committee.

Respectfully, Paul

Paul M. LaMarca, Ph.D. Chief Ombudsman & Strategies Officer

----Original Message-----

From: Jenna McQuattie [

Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 6:31 PM To: Zoning < Zoning @washoeschools net>

Subject: Brown Student Zoning

To Whom It May Concern;

My children currently attend Brown Elementary School. While we are very excited about the much needed new middle school in the Arrowcreek area, I am concerned about what this means for my children, their friends, and how those relationships will evolve and mature.

The current plan concerns me because it is proposed that some (not all) the Brown ES students will go to the new middle school, then to Damonte Ranch HS. It seems that it would make the most sense to either (1) keep these students at Depoali or (2) zone them for Galena. It doesn't make sense to separate a small group of students from their peers for three years only to have them re-acclimate and continually have to make new friends, find their place in social circles and extra curriculars. Keeping them with the same peer group (either in middle school or by changing the high school zoning to be consistent with how the middle schools feed students) would be beneficial for these students socially, allowing for more supportive and successful educational foundations.

I do hope you consider how these students will be impacted by being separated from their peers for a portion of their education and come up with a better plan to keep students together from middle school through high school, when interpersonal relationships become critical in development, for opportunities, and for personal growth.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jenna McQuattie Brown ES parent

To:
Cc: Fredrickson, Samantha G

Subject: RE: Public Comment regarding Item 2.02 of WCSD Zoning Advisory Committee May 16

Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 7:08:52 PM

Dear Ms. Venis,

Thank you for your message. It will be sgared with the full zoning committee.

Respectfully, Paul

Paul M. LaMarca, Ph.D. Chief Ombudsman & Strategies Officer

From: Rebecca Venis

Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 6:56 AM **To:** Zoning <<u>Zoning@washoeschools.net</u>>

Subject: Public Comment regarding Item 2.02 of WCSD Zoning Advisory Committee May 16

Good Morning,

I would like to submit the following public comment for the meeting to be held on May 16th by the Zoning Advisory Committee in regards to item 2.02 Discussion regarding the new attendance zone for the Marc Herz Middle School.

I am the parent of a Brown Elementary School 5th Grader. We moved into our current neighborhood 8 years ago specifically so that our son could attend Brown Elementary School, DePaoli Middle School and then Damonte Ranch High School.

We live off High Chaparral Drive (north of Geiger Grade) and it has just come to my attention that for the 2019/2020 school year my son would continue to be zoned to DePaoli, but then for the 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 school year he would be rezoned to the new Herz Middle School. Following that, for High School he would be rezoned to Damonte Ranch High School.

I would request that children who are located on the east side of 395 and north of Geiger Grade (Curti Ranch and the Virginia Foothills) NOT be zoned to Herz Middle School. This is a small neighborhood that is in close physical proximity and makes sense to leave at DePaoli for busing and transportation reasons.

I have attached an image to show the neighborhood I am speaking about and thank the committee for their consideration of this request.



Rebecca Venis

Rebecca Venis

From:
To: Zoning

Subject: Fwd: Zoning of Arrowcreek, Huffaker and Wooster

Date: Thursday, April 18, 2019 6:05:12 PM

Katie Jameson

Subject: Zoning of Arrowcreek, Huffaker and Wooster

Members of the Zoning Committee,

I want to thank you for your time and dedication to this effort and holding these valuable forums for parents and the community to come together to make the best decisions possible. We live in the Meadow Vista Estates off Huffaker Lane. Two of our kids currently attend Huffaker and one will attend Huffaker in two years. We have two concerns

- 1) Transportation time and safety.
- 2) loss of developing lifelong friendships and ties to a close community of children and parents.

We knew when we chose this neighborhood we would attend to Huffaker, Pine and Galena. We've enjoyed this area for six years now and with that we have chosen jobs, a daycare and aftercare all in this area that allows us to feasibly commute to each of these locations. The re-zoning of Wooster would crest more road time and lessening the safety of our travels in inclement weather. With increasing traffic this poses a big concern. This has given us the quality of life to avoid long commutes and allow more time for our children to participate in after school activities as well as school sports and functions. We are also able to safely get from point A to B simply because it's less road to travel. As a working family this is very valuable to us or we otherwise could not transport our kids to these activities given our 8-5 work schedules. The biggest draw back to being re-zoned for Wooster above all would be distance. Given we are so south we would have to travel on the freeway through the traffic at some heavier commute times. Reno is growing fast and the once (ten minutes across town) is quickly becoming a thing of the past. Now with our zoning of all three schools we would not have to get on the freeway. We also will have three children as many other families do all in different Washoe county schools to juggle these transits. We do utilize the school bus three afternoons a week but otherwise school activities, such as soccer and chess club require pick up at 4:30pm. Along with the change I see the bus commute for my children from Wooster being inevitably long being the farthest away from the school and at a time our kids will have a great deal of functions and need viable parent involvement. The equally important opposition would be that our kids attend Judy's Kidz Klub and many activities with children in the surrounding neighborhoods of Lakeside, Damante Ranch, Patriot, Longley and Arrowcreek. Our Kids are in leagues and other activities together with Hunsberger children. This wide scoop of neighborhoods has given our children the opportunity to make lifelong friendships and support groups that are vital to

their upbringing especially in middle school and high school, during the most sensitive part of their adolescence. During these adolescent years strong positive peer support is most impactful to their success. Secondly, the parent networks we have developed are continually proving to be beneficial to their educational development. I would hate too see these schools and groups broken up in this rezone plan.

We are in agreement with the discussion that these decisions should be based solely on transportation safety, numbers of schools, and keeping feeder schools together while keeping their education the foremost thought and support those efforts. It is equally important we give each school the equality to be successful by properly equipping them with the right the number of students. We would like to see all of the above taken into account and see as little impact to our feeder school of Huffaker into Galena High School at best this is what should stay intact for the practical reasons of transportation and keeping kids together. We do understand that we can and maybe will feed into Pine Middle School or Arrowcreek and would accept either as long as the plans to set forth an action plan are well thought out and give each school a fair shot to be successful in servicing these students. Numbers are important and vital as well as the very reason we are having these discussions. We need to eliminate overcrowding. And that is the goal of these new schools which will require some changes. We would agree with this initiative as long as the groups remain intact and keep feeding up to their high school together all the way for our children who have already created bonds with each other. It would be a larger preference to feed into Arrowcreek where our kids know a lot of the students from Hunsberger through Judy's summer/break camps. Although as I have indicated we would take either middle school proposed but remain hopeful that these most southern neighborhoods do not get re-zoned in later efforts to Wooster which just simple isn't feasible to commute to.

Thank you again for your hard work and dedication to these important efforts. Thank you for listening.

Sent from my iPhone

To:

Cc: <u>Fredrickson, Samantha G</u>

Subject: FW: Zoning- effects of Herz Middle School Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 2:36:33 PM

Attachments: Zoning.docx

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Dear Julia,

Thank you for your thoughtful message. It will be shared with the full committee.

Respectfully, Paul

Paul M. LaMarca, Ph.D. Chief Ombudsman & Strategies Officer

From: Julia Gritton

Sent: Friday, April 19, 2019 5:55 PM

To: Zoning < Zoning@washoeschools.net > **Subject:** Zoning- effects of Herz Middle School

Hello fabulous people who volunteer their time to better our schools!

I just wanted to offer another option to the zoning. Even though I might be a day late and a dollar short as they say. I attended the zoning meeting last night just to get information on what was happening in our communities.

It seems I missed any notification for the perilously held meetings but wanted to offer an option that in my mind might make parents and the zoning committee happy with the outcome.

I don't have the in depth numbers and given that I work full time I'm not able to do a full analysis.

It would be great if the option below was at least looked at and number provided so parents know that every option was explored.

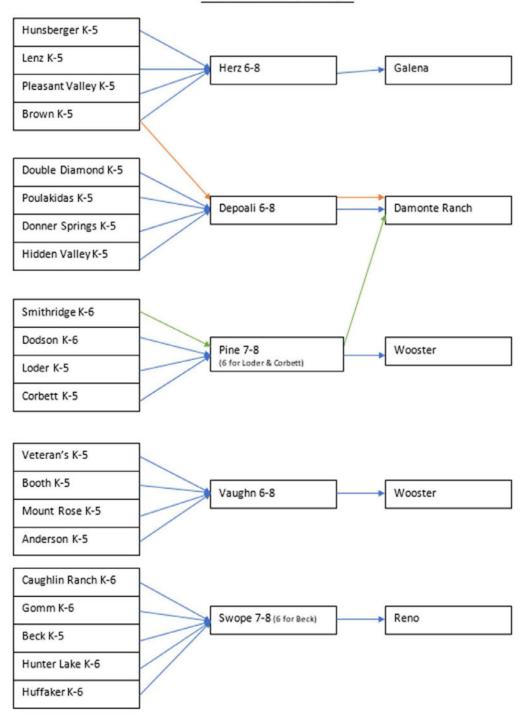
Thank you for your time, Julia

- The heat maps show larger increases in population on the east side which means that the likelihood of more schools will be built on that side.
- Cost of land on the west side of the valley is more expensive than the east so the school district finding land on the west side to build schools will be more challenging and more expensive. Not completely out of the question but

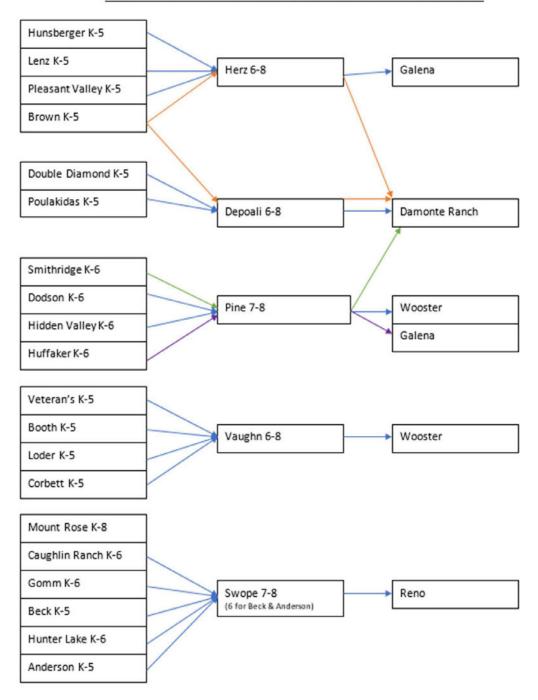
extremely more difficult

- Per the council recommendation the inclusion of the portion of Brown to Marce Herz middle school, Depoali is underutilized and was not repopulated.
- In trying to keep the students out of the busy McCarren and So Virginia area and trying to keep with the Zoning committee guidelines what if....
 - o Hidden Valley (A) or Donner Springs (B) or both (C) moves to Depoali
 - Donner springs is logical as they are zoned for the high school.
 - o Move Loder and Corbett zone to Pine
 - o Move Mount Rose and Anderson zone to Vaughn
 - Virginia past Plumb is getting narrowed and will not be as big of a street
 - lacktriangle This should allow for the 6th grade not in TWI at Mount Rose and the 6th grade at Anderson to go to Vaughn and bring down capacity numbers there.
 - o Huffaker moves to Swope eliminating the overcrowding at Pine
 - Would this allow Corbett to still do a push for 6th to Pine?
- In pushing the school zones in a clockwise motion and putting the overcrowding to the east side of the valley should allow for less zoning changes as new schools are built to accommodate the already booming area.

PROPOSED ABOVE



CURRENT PLAN AS PROPOSED BY COMMITTEE



To:
Fredrickson, Samantha G

Subject: FW: Lenz Elementary/Herz Middle School Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 2:38:15 PM

Dear Ms. Bryant, the Zoning Committee's recommendation is that Lenz students matriculate to Marce Herz. The Board of Trustees makes the ultimate decision and is expected to take action in June.

Respectfully, Paul

Paul M. LaMarca, Ph.D. Chief Ombudsman & Strategies Officer

From: Jim & Rebecca Bryant [

Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 3:01 PM **To:** Zoning < <u>Zoning@washoeschools.net</u>> **Subject:** Lenz Elementary/Herz Middle School

To Whom It May Concern:

I recently learned that Lenz Elementary is being considered to not he a feeder school for the new Herz Middle School and instead be zoned for Pine Middle School. We moved to the area several years ago, specifically for Lenz Elementary and knowing that a new middle school would soon be build for our children to attend. We are less than a 5 minute drive to the new Herz Middle School.

I am asking that this be reconsidered and rejected. It would not be fair for kids to have to go to a middle school that is not only further from their houses than Herz would be, but also absurd that they would then go to High School at Galena and be separated from friends they have made throughout Elementary and Middle School.

Please be sure to stop this ludicrous idea and ensure that Lenz children go to Herz Middle School.

Thank you

Rebecca Bryant



Washoe County School District Zoning Advisory Committee

April 20, 2019

Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you so much for taking to time to read this and hear my input regarding the zoning or rezoning of Pleasant Valley Elementary School.

My son, Colton, is currently a 2nd grader at Pleasant Valley. He has attended the school from kindergarten forward and being that the house we live in is our family home, it is very unlikely that we will relocate before he attends middle and high school.

I am writing to express my concerns, not over which school he attends, but how his transition from middle school to high school will be handled. I have no concern over whether he attends the new school at Arrowcreek or Depoali Middle School. I believe that both are and will be excellent schools and we are lucky to have those be our choices. My bigger concern is that he continues to attend school with the friends he makes in middle school as they transition to high school.

The transition to high school can be a difficult one for even the most self-assured child. Social changes can be difficult and high school can me a mine field of social struggles. Friendship is often what gives these children a strong footing. Changes during this time can lead to terrible struggles. We purposefully purchased our home before he started kindergarten to allow for minimal changes to his social circle during these times.

I simply ask that if we are zoned for Arrowcreek that we be rezoned for Galena to allow for a simpler transition and if Damonte Ranch High School is where he is bound for in his high school years, that zoning for Pleasant Valley be left to Depoali.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my input,

Alisha Nielson-Twitchell Concerned Parent

Cc: Fredrickson, Samantha G

Subject: FW: Neil Road rezoning and Smithridge ES expansion

Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 8:15:15 PM

Thank you for your message, it will be shared with the entire zoning committee.

Respectfully, Paul

Paul M. LaMarca, Ph.D.

Chief Ombudsman & Strategies Officer

From: Pablo Nava Duran [

Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2019 11:03 PM

To: Zoning <<u>Zoning@washoeschools.net</u>>; Holland, Katy <<u>Kathryn.Holland@WashoeSchools.net</u>>

Subject: Re: Neil Road rezoning and Smithridge ES expansion

I accidently send a email, I didn't finish my conclusion

I like to thank you for the hard work for zoning committee, capital funding protection committee, and WCSD board members for doing this exciting for Sun Valley, Spanish Springs, South Reno, and low-income students for building new MS to relieve overcrowding and sending sixth grader to MS is a huge social aspect for young learners and more space for ES, new ES in high growing area to relieve overcrowding nearby ES, and building Wildcreek HS to have exciting learning environment for low-income students, relieve overcrowding at Spanish Springs HS to rezone Sun Valley students to new HS, and relieve overcrowding at many HS.

Sincerely,

Pablo Nava Duran

On Thu, May 2, 2019 at 10:53 PM Pablo Nava Duran

wrote:

Dear Zoning committee and WCSD board members

I would like to make a public comment regarding Neil Road rezoning discussion to take place on vote recommendation by zoning committee on May 16th at WCSD board room and final vote by board members on May 28th at WCSD board room. I'm support Corbett and Dodson ES students who live in Neil Road area to be rezone to Smithridge, but I strongly oppose that Smithridge ES student who live on west on 5-180 freeway to be rezone to Echo Loder ES, that make our neighborhood separate, also rezone from Pine MS to Vaughn MS.

As I know that Echo Loder ES was feed to Vaughn MS, so that make negative impact on our neighborhood social-aspect and create split-feeder for high school (majority of Loder goes to Wooster HS, but students who live South of Moana Ln goes to Galena HS). Rezoning to Loder can require bus to cross Kietzke Ln and Moana Ln to go to Loder ES and Vaughn MS (cross Plumb Ln), that didn't save on WCSD transportation budget. Neil Road

area are currently zoned for Pine Middle School and Galena High School and could separate our neighborhood.

I know that Zoning committee had a concern about rezoning students to Huffaker ES (which is Galena feeder school) for safely concern, but it great for social aspect, but they decide to go different direction to send students to Loder ES (Wooster feeder school), that make negative impact in Neil Road community. Pine MS was a main feeder school to Galena HS until new Hertz Middle school is going to open in fall 2020, Pine MS is soon going to be split-feeder school (Wooster, Galena, and Damonte Ranch HS) and I want to maintain Pine MS as a main feeder school to Galena HS as they can.

Neil road neighborhood is South of Moana Ln, East of Virginia St, North of South McCarran, and West of airport. If zoning committee doesn't rezone students to Huffaker ES, due to safely concern, then there are other options for Neil Road community. Smithridge Elementary School was built in 1965, which is older building. I support rezone from Corbett and Dodson students who live South of Moana Ln to rezone to Smithridge ES and leave Smithridge students who live on West on 5-180 highway. There are two options:

- 1. Add a mobile classroom to increase capacity
- 2. Add a second story (floor) to increase capacity

I'm encourage all Neil Road students to go to Smithridge ES as the neighborhood school and increase social aspect.

I had concern about rezone Neil Road area to rezone from Galena HS to Damonte Ranch HS, when the new high school at Wildcreek open. Damonte Ranch and South Meadows area is the fastest growing community in Washoe County, and many South Reno schools are overcrowding, so they had to built on Damonte Ranch HS expansion, Poulakidas ES and Marce Hertz MS, soon they going to built new ES at Rio Wrangler. If Neil Road area was rezone to Damonte Ranch HS, DRHS is going to be overcrowding including expansion. As I know that new high school at Butler Ranch/Donner Springs is on WCSD building website. You know what date are going to built in Butler Ranch HS? Neil Road community is not going to be rezone from Galena HS anytime soon until Butler Ranch HS was built.

Thank you for the hard word for zoning committee, capital funding protection committee, and WCSD board members for doing this exciting for Sun Valley, Spanish Springs, South Reno, and low-income students for building new MS, ES, and Wildcreek HS

To:
Cc: Fredrickson, Samantha G
Subject: FW: Pleasant Valley

Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 8:35:43 PM

Dear Mr. Crossman,

Thank you for your message and it will be shared with the full committee. We do anticipate Marce Herz matriculating to Galena but that action will not occur until fall of 2019.

Respectfully, Paul

Paul M. LaMarca, Ph.D. Chief Ombudsman & Strategies Officer

From: David Crossman [

Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 8:39 PM **To:** Zoning < Zoning@washoeschools.net>

Subject: Pleasant Valley

I attended the last zoning meeting at Swope Middle School and agree with the proposed zoning change for Pleasant Valley. I have 4 children, 2 students at Depoali (6th and 8th grades) and 2 at Pleasant Valley (4th and 2nd grades). Geographically it makes sense to have Pleasant Valley attend the new Arrowcreek Middle School. Furthermore, the projected growth maps also support Pleasant Valley being zoned for Arrowcreek. My concern is with the High School zoning, it would seem logical for the Pleasant Valley area to therefore also be zoned for Galena High School. I would hope this is the conclusion you would also come to as you consider the High School zoning.

I feel it is also very important that this decision is made sooner rather than later. This gives students and families time to prepare and adjust to the changes that are inevitable and necessary.

Thank you for your time, Danelle Crossman From: To:

LaMarca, Paul

Cc: Subject: Date: <u>Fredrickson, Samantha G</u>
Re: Proposed rezoning meeting
Thursday, May 9, 2019 6:15:21 AM

Thank you so much for responding. I appreciate it. I know there isn't much us parents can do. I do think you all know what you want to do and will do it. All I ask is that you really do take into considerations the friendships the kids have made at this important time for them. I still do think waiting until the Rio Rangeler Elementary is built to make this move is the best decision. Thank you again for responding.

Megan Costanza

Sent from my iPhone

On May 8, 2019, at 8:40 PM, LaMarca, Paul < PLaMarca@washoeschools.net > wrote:

Dear Ms. Megan,

Thank you for your message and it will be shared with the entire zoning committee. You can search your address at the below link to see if the proposed changes would affect you. I do believe Depoali will be taking variances but cannot guarantee that at this time.

http://datagallery.washoeschools.net/buildings/Map

Respectfully, Paul

Paul M. LaMarca, Ph.D.

Chief Ombudsman & Strategies Officer

From:

Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 9:54 AM **To:** Zoning < <u>Zoning@washoeschools.net</u> > **Subject:** Fwd: Proposed rezoning meeting

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From:

Date: May 8, 2019 at 6:16:01 AM PDT

To: Zoning@washoschools.net

Subject: Proposed rezoning meeting

Hi!

My name is Megan. I unable to attend the upcoming rezoning meeting tomorrow. I have a 5th and 2nd grader in Brown. We live in Curti Ranch.

While I understand the concern of massive home building here I am very concerned with the possibility of moving my daughter and to Herz middle school her 7th grade year. That means she will be leaving a massive amount of her friends. Yes you can say she will make new ones or you can move but that's easier said than done. She had grown up with these kids and that would devastate her. My son would be upset as well.

I don't see why you can't wait till the new Rio Rangle elemenatary is done to rezone. Then all the kids from Brown would move to Herz is my understanding.

Please consider waiting until this new elementary is built. Or will Dipolai take variances? Thank you!

Megan

Sent from my iPhone

From:
To: Zoning

Subject: Zoning for Middle Schools.

Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 5:43:19 PM

Good Evening,

I am unable to attend the zoning meeting on Thursday, but I would like to voice my support for sending Lenz Elementary School students to Herz Middle School located near Hunsberger Elementary School. It only makes sense for transportation as we live less than 2 miles from the new school. Bussing the Lenz students all the way to Pine has always been a concern for me and I do not support continuing to send Lenz students to Pine when there is a much closer option for them.

Thank you,

Kristine Richter Lenz Elementary School ETS and Lenz Elementary School Mom

Cc: Fredrickson, Samantha G

Subject: FW: Rezoning to Wooster HS and concerns about future of this school

Date: Monday, May 13, 2019 7:17:00 PM

Dear Mr. Nava Duran,

Thank you for your message and it will be shared with the committee.

Respectfully, Paul

Paul M. LaMarca, Ph.D. Chief Ombudsman & Strategies Officer

From: Pablo Nava Duran [m

Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2019 7:03 PM

To: Zoning <<u>Zoning@washoeschools.net</u>>; Holland, Katy <<u>Kathryn.Holland@WashoeSchools.net</u>>;

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tconvington@washoeschools.net

Subject: Rezoning to Wooster HS and concerns about future of this school

Dear Zoning Committee and Board Members

I would like to make a public comments about Smithridge ES rezoning to Wooster HS, the future of Wooster HS, and the zoning take place on May 16th at WCSD board room. On the agenda 2.03, Neil Road community was strongly oppose rezone to Wooster HS. Smithridge ES is currently zoned for Pine MS and going to be lone school to go to Wooster HS, others pine feeder schools going to Damonte Ranch and Galena HS. Neil Road community know that Galena HS currenty has 1500 students and know that Zoning Committee decided to rezone Pleasant Valley ES and "baby Brown" ES from Damonte Ranch HS to Galena HS, that maybe create Galena HS overcrowded and unlikely my sister will graduate from Galena HS. Here are reasons why Neil Road area should not rezone to Wooster HS.

I'm graduated from Galena HS three years ago and I live in Neil Road neighborhood nearly ten year ago previously lived in Donner Springs area. I have a sister who in third grade at Marisopa Academy and my family planned her to be zoned and graduate from Galena HS. Neil Road area are currently zoned to Galena HS and about to rezone to Wooster HS

I did realize that Hidden Valley, Donner Springs, and Dodson ES are affluent neighborhoods were currently zoned for Wooster HS and they going to be rezone to Damonte Ranch HS. Neil Road is a minority and low-income neighborhood and Smithridge ES is going to be rezone to Wooster HS, that make Wooster HS resegreation, similar to Hug HS. Wooster HS is a good

school with good academic, with this change, Wooster HS is turnung to be a dropout factor and lower academic success and I don't want my sister to go to school that has low academic performance. The zoning Committee didn't know that whole Central Reno was part of low-income neighborhood, so please reconsider. Here are Neil Road HS plan:

- 1. If zoning Committee does rezone Smithridge ES to Wooster HS, just keep two out of three Donner Springs area. For example, 1. Hidden Valley ES and Dodson ES remain Wooster HS and Donner Springs ES going to Damonte Ranch HS 2. Donner Springs ES and Dodson ES remain Wooster HS and Hidden Valley ES going to Damonte Ranch HS 3. Hidden Valley ES and Donner Springs ES remain Wooster HS and Dodson ES going to Damonte Ranch HS. With three example, Wooster HS can remain academic success and better performance while Galena HS get relieve and addition from Pleasant Valley and "Baby Brown" ES to Galena HS.
- 2. If number one doesn't work, then expand Galena HS capacity to 2400, that gets more students from Pleasant Valley ES and "baby Brown" ES to Galena HS. Also rezone Huffaker ES from Reno HS to Galena HS. With Galena HS expansion, that make my sister to increase chance to graduate from Galena HS.
- 3. If number one and two doesn't work, Neil Road community know that Pine MS will be split-feeder school to HS, so rezone Galena HS students who attended Smithridge ES to Wildcreek HS, that make Neil Road students to have new and dynamic experiences at the new HS at Wildcreek HS
- 4. If number one, two, and three doesn't work, Zoning Committee passed on ES changes in Neil Road area recommendations to board of trustees. if the board of trustees doesn't pass or more information, Neil Road community does have another alternative: rezone Pine MS students who attended Smithridge ES, Corbett ES, and Neil Road area to Vaughn MS, to make Smithridge ES not to be lone pine feeder school to go to Wooster HS and better social aspect.
- 5. If number one, two, three, and four doesn't work leave HS on Neil Road area as it is until the new HS at Butler Ranch.

If Zoning Committee does decide to rezone to Wooster HS and none of Neil Road HS plans work, then my family will have to move to Sun Valley area where the new Desert Skies MS is going to be built, eventually new HS at Wildcreek where WCSD is planned to rezone rest of Sun Valley to new HS to relieve overcrowded at Spanish Spring HS.

Neil Road community would like to thank you for Zoning Committee and Board members for making diversity, expand neighborhood school, build new school, helping minority students to increase academic performance, and increase graduation rate.

To: Cc: Subject:

Fredrickson, Samantha G
FW: Zoning comment

Date: Monday, May 13, 2019 7:16:01 PM

Dear Ms. DeFlorio,

Thank you for your message and it will be shared with the full committee.

Respectfully, Paul

Paul M. LaMarca, Ph.D. Chief Ombudsman & Strategies Officer

----Original Message-----

From: Lydia DeFlorio [

Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2019 6:19 PM
To: Zoning Zoning@washoeschools net>

Subject: Zoning comment

Hi,

I am unable to attend the zoning meeting on May 16th. As a parent of children zoned for "baby Brown," I am very much in favor of being rezoned to the new Arrowcreek middle school. However, I would then ask the committee to also rezone us for Galena High School when those discussions begin next year so they aren't having to adjust to yet another new peer group again in high school.

Sincerely, Lydia DeFlorio