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Dunwoody, GA 30338

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Dekalb County School District  
1701 Mountain Industrial Boulevard  
Stone Mountain, GA 30083

Mrs. Tyson, Mr. Drake, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Williams, Mr. Erwin, Mr. Orson, Mr. DaCosta, Ms. Gevertz, Mr. Jester, Dr. Morely, and Mrs. Turner:

Thank you for the time, effort, and consideration that you are putting into the Austin redistricting effort.

The Principal's Advisory Council appreciates the immediate relief that is provided to the Dunwoody Elementary School community in the staff recommended map that was presented at Dunwoody High School on 11/20/19. We are grateful for the redistribution of over 240 students, thus allowing Dunwoody ES to operate within the capacity for which it was designed.

Regardless of this effort, significant concern remains about the anticipated future growth of Dunwoody Elementary School and the lack of distribution of this growth in the most recent map. While we understand the value of using 2021 anticipated enrollment numbers because of their reliability, we implore you to consider projections extending to 2026 as you finalize these lines. This redistricting process is not one that our community would choose to engage in again in just two years. According to your projections, Dunwoody ES is expected to have tremendous growth. Without relief from the redistricting process, Dunwoody ES is expected to have 1310 students in 2022 and 1490 in 2026. Our campus and infrastructure cannot handle the immediate growth, let alone the anticipated growth. While Austin ES is expected to grow as well, the growth is not as significant, and it has been accounted for by using the "new school bump" formula in year 2020. The rest of the elementary schools in the area are expected to remain flat or even lose students in future years.

In letters sent to you in April, September and October of 2019, the PAC of DES requested that the entire area west of Ashford Dunwoody and extending to I-285 be

zoned for Austin Elementary School as this area is geographically in closer proximity to Austin Elementary School, and it addresses projected enrollment as well as instructional capacity at Dunwoody ES. Region 1 BoE member, Stan Jester, indicated Austin ES “cannot handle this growth,” but it is not clear to us how DES would be any better equipped to accommodate the projected growth of this region than Austin ES. By zoning this area to Austin ES, Dunwoody ES retains a significant geographical area with known plans for development; therefore, dividing these regions of anticipated growth ensures an equal burden of overcrowding and maintains balanced utilization ratios at each school.

This process and the end result are of utmost importance to our community. Members of our PAC would appreciate the opportunity to speak with Mrs. Tyson, Mr. Drake, Mr. Williams and/or any Board of Education members to ensure that our sentiments and voices are accurately represented.

On behalf of the parent representatives of Principal's Advisory Committee of Dunwoody Elementary School, we thank you for your time and immediate attention.

Respectfully,

Principal Advisory Committee of Dunwoody Elementary School

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