



PUPIL ACCOUNTING AND SCHOOL BOUNDARIES

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Prince George's County Board of Education, per the recommendation of the Superintendent, has voted to reverse the previous decision to close Pointer Ridge Elementary School. The Board also adopted the cancellation of related boundary changes for Perrywood Elementary School, Kettering Elementary School, Benjamin Tasker Middle School, and Kettering Middle School. The approved school assignments for your address can be viewed using School Finder (<https://gis.pgcps.org/schoolfinder/findschool2.asp>).

The canceled boundary changes include:

- Pointer Ridge Elementary to Northview Elementary
- Pointer Ridge Elementary to Perrywood Elementary
- Perrywood Elementary to Kettering Elementary
- Benjamin Tasker Middle to Kettering Middle

Pointer Ridge Elementary School was slated to close after this school year as part of the district's 2022 Comprehensive Boundary Changes. However, following further study, review by staff, and information gathered during several community touchpoints, the Superintendent recommended to the Board of Education that Pointer Ridge Elementary remain open. To best utilize the school while also addressing a high-need area for the district, beginning in school year 2024-2025, Pointer Ridge will welcome a cohort of students who participate in the regional Autism program.

The decision to keep Pointer Ridge Elementary open with the addition of a regional Autism program, allows the district to realign space to meet the needs of special education learners while simultaneously raising the building utilization rate into optimal range. The Superintendent's [90-day report](#) outlines the commitment to community engagement and exploring new strategies to support special education students through staffing, school facilities, and resource allocation. This decision represents that commitment.

If you have questions regarding this communication, please send an email to school.boundaries@pgcps.org. Thank you for your support of Prince George's County Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Rhianna McCarter
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