

Report Summary:

Impact of AACPS Phase II redistricting and simple solutions to keep Edgewater kids in Edgewater schools

Section 1: Current Situation Overview for the Rt. 2 Corridor in Edgewater

In all three scenarios:

- 71 elementary students would move from Edgewater Elementary to Mills-Parole Elementary
- 47 middle school students would move from Central Middle to Annapolis Middle
- High school students would then ping-pong back to South River High School

Section 2: Key Considerations

Our objective is to keep Edgewater students at Edgewater ES and Central MS. This report outlines a clear, practical proposal backed by solid evidence. We respectfully urge these solutions to be adopted in Dr. Bedell's recommendation. All three scenarios currently have identical outcomes for our students.

To support this proposal, we've identified **four key priorities** that reflect the most important concerns of our community:

Priority Consideration 1: Over-Utilization of Mills-Parole Elementary School

The proposed scenarios harm Edgewater and Mills-Parole students. When our 71 elementary schoolers are relocated to Mills-Parole, this Title I and Community School becomes overcrowded, quickly. Utilization soars to over 99% by 2033—leading to bigger class sizes, less resources, and potential redistricting measures again.

Priority Consideration 2: Loss of Stability-Stop the Ping Pong

Meanwhile, with our 47 middle school students, the utilization rate at Annapolis MS rises marginally from 51% to 54%, far from solving the 759-seat deficit. These moves force our students to switch or “ping pong” between school clusters in 8th and 9th grade, disrupting their sense of belonging and stability. If we stay, Central MS is not overcrowded now, in 2033, or under any scenario.

Priority Consideration 3: Annapolis MS Capacity

We recognize the need for improved utilization at Annapolis MS, but goals must be balanced. A 3% gain doesn't justify disrupting students during a critical stage of development. Instead, seize this opportunity to rethink how space is used—reduce the school's State-Rated Capacity (SRC) strategically and align it with community needs.

Priority Consideration 4: Road Safety & Travel Time

This change creates the largest drop in route safety among all Phase II scenarios. Forest Drive is one of the most dangerous roads in the county. Also, the Edgewater “ping pong” puts siblings 33 times further apart than they are now—an unnecessary burden on families.

Our proposal also addresses broader considerations, including community impact, Board policy, and the wider South River redistricting effort. It aligns with the AACPS Strategic Plan, Board Policy, and the Board of Education's stated goals and values around redistricting.



Section 3: Simple Solutions for Student Success

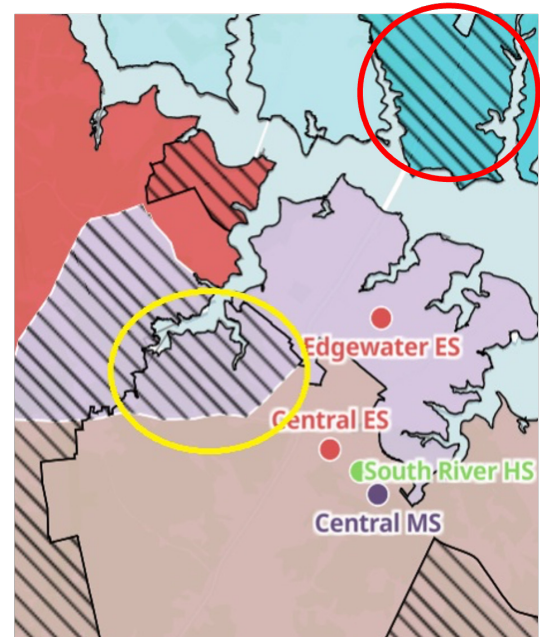
Elementary School Recommendations:

Step 1: Keep the Edgewater Rt. 2 Corridor students in Edgewater ES

Step 2: Keep the yellow-circled area in Central ES. *This is a subtle and welcomed solution that benefits groups across South County**

- Mills-Parole ES utilization eases down to 89% in 2033
- Edgewater ES utilization is 95% in 2033 (estimated)
- Central ES utilization is 92% in 2033 (estimated)

* The yellow-circled community is in full support of this proposal and hopes to retain their assignment at Central ES.

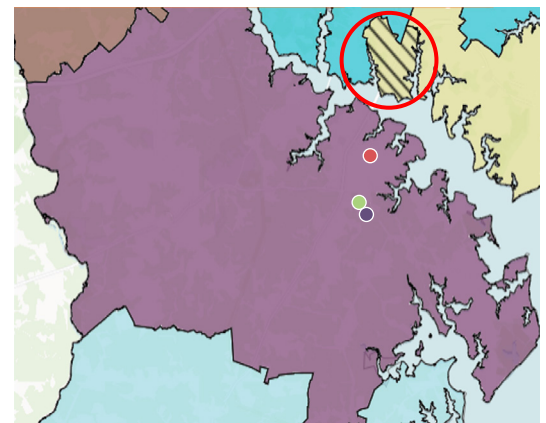


Middle School Recommendations:

Step 1: Keep the Edgewater Rt. 2 Corridor students in Central MS

That's it – a simple, high-impact solution. No additional adjustments are needed, and there's no ripple effect to other schools or communities.

- Central MS utilization is 87% in 2033 (estimated)



Section 4: Conclusion

Thank you for your consideration of our proposal. For further information or inquiries, please contact: Kathleen Perry | kathleenmperry76@gmail.com