

Introduced by: Councilmember Clay

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION #2009-69**

Expressing Support for School Boundary Changes Recommended by Superintendent Weast

- WHEREAS, facility and need changes at schools in Takoma Park and east Silver Spring prompted Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) to undertake a boundary study for these schools in January, 2009; and
- WHEREAS, input on boundary changes was provided by the Community Advisory Committee, other residents, and the Takoma Park City Council; and
- WHEREAS, Takoma Park City Council Resolution #2009-45 urged the Montgomery County Board of Education to choose a boundary configuration for schools in Takoma Park and eastern Silver Spring that considers the criteria established by the Community Advisory Committee, input received through the Community Advisory Committee process, input provided by others outside of the Community Advisory Committee process, and that considers the interests of the school children of populations that are traditionally less active in the community process; and
- WHEREAS, Takoma Park City Council Resolution #2009-45 also urged that neighborhoods that are currently designated to attend Takoma Park Elementary School, Piney Branch Elementary School, and Takoma Park Middle School should continue to be allowed to attend those schools and, while additional neighborhoods may be added, no neighborhoods should be subtracted; and
- WHEREAS, Takoma Park City Council Resolution #2009-45 also supports moving students that reside in Takoma Park areas that were affected by the 1997 county boundary changes but did not get into Takoma Park schools because of space limitations into Takoma Park Elementary School, Piney Branch Elementary School, and Takoma Park Middle School; and
- WHEREAS, the Superintendent's recommended changes meet all of these criteria and also provide a phasing plan which reduces difficulties students may face during the transition period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Takoma Park supports the recommended boundary changes recommended by Superintendent Jerry Weast and urges the Montgomery County Board of Education to adopt the boundary changes as recommended.

ADOPTED this 26th day of October, 2009.