

## Motion

### Agenda Item IV. C. 12. a (Proposals 24.1, 24.2 & 32) Superintendent's Recommendation

#### **Reopen Villa Heights as a Home School serving grades K - 5; Change the Home School Boundaries for Walter G. Byers School and Highland Renaissance Academy, Eastway and Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle Schools and Garinger and West Charlotte High Schools**

May 24, 2017

I move approval of the Superintendent's proposal, effective with the 2018-2019 school year, to:

- reopen Villa Heights Elementary School in August 2018 as a home school with grade levels K-5; and
- change the boundaries for Walter G. Byers K-8 School and Highland Renaissance Academy by shifting a portion of the home school attendance areas for these schools to Villa Heights; and
- change the middle and high school continuation schools for students living in the affected areas from Walter G. Byers and Martin Luther King, Jr. to Eastway Middle and from West Charlotte High to Garinger High.
- establish a partial magnet school at Walter G. Byers K-8 with a school-wide Health and Medical STEM theme to serve countywide with continuation to the academy programs at Hawthorne.

#### **Details of Proposed Changes**

1. Projected Effective Date:  
Beginning of the 2018 - 2019 school year
2. Home School Boundary for Villa Heights
  - a. The part of the Walter G. Byers attendance area east of the light rail line; and
  - b. The part of the Highland Renaissance Academy attendance area south of North Davidson Street and west of Anderson Street.
3. Middle School Assignment for Villa Heights Students

All students attending Villa Heights will attend Eastway for middle school.

  - a. For students in the portion of the Walter G. Byers attendance area assigned to Villa Heights, the middle school continuation will change from Byers to Eastway.
  - b. For students in the portion of the Highland Renaissance attendance area assigned to Villa Heights, the middle school continuation will change from Martin Luther King, Jr. to Eastway.
  - c. The Eastway home school area will be changed to include all of the Villa Heights attendance area.

4. High School Assignments for Villa Heights Students  
All students attending Villa Heights will attend Garinger for high school.
  - a. For students in the portion of the Walter G. Byers attendance area assigned to Villa Heights, the high school continuation will change from West Charlotte to Garinger.
  - b. For students in the portion of the Highland Renaissance attendance area assigned to Villa Heights, Garinger will continue to be the high school assignment.
  
5. Default Assignments for rising 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Highland Renaissance and Walter G. Byers
  - a. Walter G. Byers students who will be 5th graders during the 2018-2019 school year may remain at Walter G. Byers for the 5th grade year only. They will be assigned to Eastway Middle School for 6th grade.
  - b. For other students, see Motion IV. C. 1
  
6. Default Assignments for rising 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Walter G. Byers and Martin Luther King, Jr., and for rising 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students at West Charlotte living in the attendance area for the new school:  
See Motion IV. C. 1
  
7. Magnet Program at Walter G. Byers
  - a. Grades K-2 and 6-7 will be available in the School Options Lottery for the 2018-2019 school year in the Health and Medical STEM program at Walter G. Byers. The program will grow one year at a time until it includes all grades K-8.
  - b. The magnet seats will be available to students countywide with transportation.
  - c. Continuation for the magnet program will be to the academy programs at Hawthorne, which is also a countywide magnet program.