

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Cromwell Valley Elementary Regional Magnet Parent:

In July, you received a letter from me informing you that Baltimore County Public Schools is reassessing its plans for the central area and that the proposed plans for an addition to Cromwell Valley would not be included in our fiscal year 2016 capital budget request. As we move forward, I understand that you have some questions regarding school year 2015-2016.

First, as many of you know, we are in the midst of completing our review of the recommendations from the audit of our magnet schools and are planning to take our magnet program plan to the Board in December. To that end, the following outlines the plan for school year 2015-2016. The plan for school year 2015-2016 does not differ from what we are doing this school year.

- Only siblings of existing magnet students and walkers will be admitted to Cromwell Valley.
- If your child receives transportation this year, then transportation will be provided for next school year.
- The program at Cromwell Valley remains the same for 2015-2016 as it is for this year.

We have received questions regarding what happens to the students at Cromwell Valley if the school eventually does become a neighborhood school with a boundary. The following is the response that was posted on the Web site: “Siblings and walkers are eligible for priority placement at CVE for school years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, and are subject to Superintendent’s Rule 5140, *Special Permission Transfer*, when CVE has a defined boundary. This means that siblings/walkers who are in Grades K to 2, and do not have an older sibling in Grade 4 or 5, would need to go to their home school if not included in the new boundary for CVE. Those siblings/walkers who are in Grades K to 2, and have an older sibling in Grade 4 or 5, will be allowed to remain until their terminal year.” We will need to revisit this issue when we receive the recommendations from the Magnet School Task Force.

Until we receive the proposed plan for our magnet schools and refine our capital plan, we cannot be more specific other than what we have included in this letter. We appreciate your patience.

Sincerely,



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Chief Academic Officer