Please Join the Pointers United Movement!

**Why should you join?** The BOE has called for redistricting to occur in Howard County to become effective in the '20-'21 school year. The Feasibility Study in June recommended splitting the neighborhood of Pointers Run in three different options sending neighbors on the same streets to different schools within our community. Superintendent Martirano proposed a different set of moves that would send our entire neighborhood to Swansfield Elementary, the 4th closest elementary school to our neighborhood. We don’t like either option. There are major implications for our neighborhood middle and high schools as well with these plans. Getting moved to Harper’s Choice or Wild Lake is not outside the realm of possibilities!

**Who is Pointers United?** The Pointers Run neighbors between Grace & Quiet Night Ride and Trotter Road and Summer Sunrise who oppose the Feasibility Study options and Martirano’s proposal. This neighborhood is made up of 4 “polygons” that are used to assign attendance areas by the BOE. We are polygons 64, 1064, 129, and 1129. There are roads that connect each of these polygons with next door neighbors on the same street but in different polygons. Our desire is to have the BOE consider these 4 polygons one unbreakable neighborhood during the redistricting process and keep us in our community schools.

**What are we fighting for?** We see the importance of keeping students in their community schools without dividing that community in arbitrary and damaging ways. We need to urge the board to keep our neighborhood together at either of our neighborhood schools, Pointers Run or Clarksville Elementary.

**When do you need to get involved?** Now! The redistricting process is in full swing. The BOE will make their final decision on November 21st. Between now and then there will be 4 public forum feedback sessions, and many BOE meetings to discuss the options. Anyone can write to the BOE to offer feedback on the process.

**How should you get involved and stay tuned into what is happening?**

1. Join our facebook page, “Pointers United” for updates, sample letters of testimony, dates and times of BOE meetings and public forums.
2. Sign our petition.
3. Sign up to testify at the public feedback forum on September 24. You can sign up in person or by phone starting at 8am on September 3.
4. Attend the public forum on September 24 wearing a tie dye shirt and holding a Pointers United sign to show support for the members of our group who will testify. We don’t all need to speak. If we can have 50 or 100 people stand when 1 person is speaking it sends a powerful message!
5. Attend BOE meetings wearing a tie dye shirt and holding a Pointers United sign. (Tie dye shirt found on Amazon: Koloa Surf Co. Colorful Tie-Dye T-Shirts color: Rainbow)
6. Send in written personal testimony to restricting@hcpss.org . This is a chance for you to express your own personal preferences. If you prefer to stay at Pointers Run, we will help outline the best arguments to stay there and you can use your own. If you prefer to move to Clarksville we will help outline the best arguments and you can use your own as well.
7. Visit POINTERSUNITED.com to find sample letters and weekly updates.
8. Get a Pointers United sign and put it in your front yard as a sign of solidarity and to spread awareness to neighbors who are unaware of this redistricting process and the impact it has on our neighborhood.

**Pointers United**

“Keep Pointers United in Redistricting!”