Pointers United Will Hold Rally to Keep Community Children in Community Schools

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HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND (November 15, 2019) - Pointers United, the western Columbia community group focused on keeping community kids in community schools, is organizing a rally to show county wide unity in keeping all children in their nearest school.

This gathering is in direct response to the sudden change in direction by the Howard County Board of Education that will move communities from their neighborhood school, in violation of parts of the Howard County Public School System’s Policy 6010 which “define[s] the conditions and process by which school attendance area adjustments will be developed and adopted.”

Some of the violations include: overfilling a high needs school, creating an island of houses separated from the rest of the school, increased transportation costs, and creating a small number of students from elementary to middle & high school.

In addition, this move will require busing nearly 200 children through a closer school attendance area, impacting after school activities and parental involvement.

The gathering will be tomorrow, Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 12 noon at the community children’s playground to the south of the intersection of River Run & Summer Sunrise Drive, Columbia, MD. GPS users can enter 6444 River Run, Columbia, MD or 39°11′48.3″N 76°54′47.6″W. Ample street parking is available.

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For information regarding HCPSS Policy 6010, visit:
https://www.hcps.org/policies/6000/6010-school-attendance-areas/

Pointers United values the importance of keeping students in their community schools without dividing that community in arbitrary and damaging ways. For more information visit https://pointersunited.com/.

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