



## FORUM TOPIC REQUEST

Each Board Member may request two forum topics per meeting; **use this form for one topic.**

**TOPIC:** Comprehensive Review of FCPS Policy 8130, which has not been holistically reviewed in 38 years.

Time Sensitive  Yes  No

### Desired Date/Time Frame and Reason

January/February due to the complexity of the topic and the length of lead time needed for engagement.

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### 1. Specify topic's relation to Student Achievement Goal, Operational Expectation, or policy:

A boundary policy update relates to Strategic Goal #2, "Safe Supported, Included, and Empowered" because it can provide holistic, community-oriented, best practices and data-driven guidelines for comprehensive capacity relief. Schools that are overcapacity can impact students' abilities to have a safe and inclusive school climate.

This policy can also positively impact student sleep and mental health by potentially reducing travel time and easing strained FCPS transportation services, which can enhance start time flexibility.

Finally, this policy review also relates to Strategic Goal #4 "Equitable Access and Opportunity" because it will help ensure equitable access to programming by ensuring boundaries efficiently and effectively utilize facilities without negatively impacting building capacity.

### 2. Objective of the topic/conversation:

**Background:** In 2018, based on recommendations from the Facilities Planning Advisory Council (FPAC), FCPS began reviewing Policy 8130, the policy that governs the school division's boundaries. This policy has not been comprehensively reviewed since its adoption in 1986.

In 2018 and 2019, FCPS held a series of work sessions, resulting in staff drafting a policy to be presented to the board in July 2019. After that work session, also in July 2019, the FCPS School Board directed the Superintendent to hire an outside consultant to engage the community and provide best practices to the board. This company, MGT, held three virtual community meetings in September of 2021 and collected input through a survey. MGT then presented its final report at a work session to the school board on December 14, 2021.

This link walks through this timeline, with links to the referenced information: <https://www.fcps.edu/facilities-planning-future/school-boundary-adjustments/boundary-policy>

At that time, FCPS was in the midst of supporting students and staff in the first full year of return to school following the pandemic, the School Board had initiated a Superintendent search, and no further action was taken towards finalizing and adopting an updated boundary policy.

**Objective:** to complete the comprehensive review of FCPS Policy 8130.

### 3. Desired outcome:

a)  Forum discussion only

c)  Refer to committee for recommendation e)  Other

b)  more information/report from staff

d)  Refer to a work session

Refer Policy 8130 to the Governance Committee for review and direct the \_\_\_\_\_ Superintendent to support the committee in its work. Any potential updates to the policy will be presented to the full School Board at an upcoming work session.