

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 10/17/2000

Reference No.: CR-53-2000

Proposer: Estep

Draft No.: 1

Sponsors: Estep

Item Title: A Resolution recommending to the Board of Education that property owners and civic associations in affected neighborhoods be advised of proposed school site locations, before final site selections are made

Drafter: Steven M. Gilbert
Principal Counsel

Resource John Timms
Personnel: Aide

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: __/__/__

Executive Action: __/__/__

Committee Referral: 9/26/2000 HEHS

Effective Date: __/__/__

Committee Action: 10/12/2000 FAV

Date Introduced: 9/26/2000

Public Hearing: __/__/__ __:__ __

Council Action: 10/17/2000 ADOPTED

Council Votes: DB:A, JE:A, IG:A, TH:A, WM:A, RVR:A, AS:A, PS:A, MW:-

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: _____

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE DATE: 10/12/00

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Scott, Bailey, Gourdine and Russell).

Staff summarized the legislation indicating that CR-53-2000 recommends to the Board of Education a procedure to inform property owners and residents and civic associations before selection of a school site within a neighborhood.

Council Member Estep, sponsor of the legislation, explained that the resolution recommends to the Board of Education to notify property owners and residents within 500 feet of the proposed location within 60 days before the Board makes final school site selection in a particular neighborhood. Council Member Estep also explained that in his district a proposed school site

was changed without informing the community.

The community has since provided input into the new location with suggestions for modifications. These proposed modifications will cost approximately \$400,000. This expense could have possibly been avoided had the community been made aware prior to the determination of the site. Council Member Estepp further explained that he has communicated his concerns to Superintendent Metts and she is aware of the proposed resolution.

Council Member Scott provided correspondence from Superintendent Metts indicating that the Board has not had an opportunity to take an official position on the resolution.

However, she indicated that a process is currently in place for advising communities regarding site selection for new schools.

The Legislative Officer and the Office of Law find it to be in proper legislative form. The Office of Audits & Investigations determined that there should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of adopting CR-53-2000. The County Executive supports CR-53-2000.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

Residential neighborhoods presently receive no notification before selection of a school site within a neighborhood. The resolution recommends that the Board of Education provide notice to residents and civic associations before a school site is selected in a particular neighborhood.

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