



Memo to: Mr. Robert Copeland, Superintendent
From: Donald E. Harm, Assistant to the Superintendent for Administration
Re: Decision Brief –Ferderbar Redistricting Proposal Options
Date: May 7, 2014

As requested, listed below are five options for Ferderbar Elementary School for the upcoming school year, 2014-2015. In each option, I have enclosed staffing and renovation needs. In each option presented, transportation costs were not examined. Presently in this analysis, we are only addressing for redistricting purposes census code 8K.

The five options reviewed include the following:

OPTION 1:

Keeping all students currently in the Ferderbar attendance areas in Ferderbar. The net result of this option would mean an increase of 3.5 FTE's in Ferderbar over last year and the need to convert four spaces for classroom use by Ferderbar there or in Poquessing.

OPTION 2:

Keeping all students currently in the Ferderbar attendance area in Ferderbar but sister-schooling any new registration in their attendance area in full-day Kindergarten and Grade 1 and Grade 4 (right now we are at max with four sections of Kindergarten and Grade 1 and telling any new registrants that sister-schooling is a possibility). This option caps full-day Kindergarten and Grade 1 at four sections each. This option would increase FTE's at Ferderbar by .5 next year and create a need of one area at Ferderbar or Poquessing being converted into a classroom.

OPTION 3:

Redistrict census code 8K students from Ferderbar to Lower Southampton. This option would decrease 2.5 FTE's over last year's FTE's at Ferderbar and there would be no renovation costs and the possibility of recreating the Technology Lab room. In this option, any new registrants for this year in Grade 2 or Grade 3 would need to be sister-schooled.

OPTION 4:

Redistrict census code 8K students from Ferderbar, except for Grade 5 and their siblings with an attendance exception. This option would decrease 1.5 FTE's over last year's FTE's at Ferderbar and there would be no renovation costs and the possibility of recreating the Technology Lab room. In this option, any new registrants for this year in Grades 2 and 3 would need to be sister-schooled.

OPTION 5:

Redistrict census code 8K students from Ferderbar except for Grade 4 and Grade 5 students. In Grade 5, siblings (3 Grade 4) could be granted attendance exceptions. In Grade 4, siblings would not be able to receive an attendance exception. This option would decrease 1.5 FTE's over last year's FTE's at Ferderbar and there would be no renovation costs and the possibility of recreating the Technology Lab room. This option eliminates the possibility, if the Board chooses to go to the 5-8 model the following school year and/or the building of a new school, that students would be moved three consecutive years. In this option, any new registrants, Grades 2, 3 and 4, would need to be sister-schooled.

*In Options 4 and 5, the possibility exists if enough Grade 5 students go to Lower Southampton because of not using an attendance exception, an additional reduction of 1 FTE could be the result.

*In Option 5, if Grade 4 siblings in Grade 2 (currently 3) or Grade 3 (currently 2) were allowed to return that would increase each grade by 1 FTE.