Oakland Mills Community Association
Education Committee Report
June 27, 2017

- The committee held its first meeting of the year on June 13.
  - Reviewed the committee's objectives. There was some discussion about clarifying the redistricting objective so that it would not inadvertently prevent balancing two schools with out of range FARM rates. Mr. Edelson will draft language to share with the committee.
  - The committee held an extensive discussion of the upcoming redistricting process. HCPSS did not select any committee members for the Area Attendance Committee. Mr. Edelson has asked Dr. Altwerger if anyone from the Oakland Mills area will be on the committee. AAC meetings are open to the public for observation, and committee members agreed that someone from OM will be present at every meeting. The committee worked out an initial coverage schedule between Dr. Harrington (SFES parent) and Mr. Romack (OMMS PTSA President) and agreed that members will check in prior to each meeting (Tuesday evenings beginning June 27) to ensure there is coverage.
  - Mr. Anderson (OMCA Board) and Mr. Romack will assist Mr. Edelson with recruiting committee representation from Oakland Mills High School.
- The Board of Education will review the 2017 area attendance and capital improvement feasibility study at the June 22 meeting. Mr. Edelson provided links to the Committee and the OMCA Board of Directors. Mr. Edelson also contacted Dr. Altwerger for more information. While not all of these recommendations are imminent for implementation during the next redistricting (2018-2019 school year), there are some concerns about impact on OM schools. Talbott Springs, Stevens Forest, and Oakland Mills High School would be substantially impacted if all recommendations are adopted over time. Of particular note - the Thunder Hill Neighborhood would be redistricted to Wilde Lake High School while the OMHS attendance area would extend to the eastern border of the county in Savage. There would also be substantial exchange of students between TSES and SFES.