

## Community Forum #2 Responses (9-26-18)

Kids	ES	MS	HS	Process Questions?	What do you like best?	What do you like least?	Other comments?
Yes	LLES					That the majority of Liberty Lake students will be separated from their peers and left to the old school. That LL residents/PTSA board members petitioned heavily for this being told it was a school for our kids.	How can Liberty Lake residents choice into the new school? How can we grandfather our kids in?
Yes	RES	HMS			I think it looks good	nothing	
Yes	LLES			Yes, it would be nice if Liberty Lake students had first chance to opt in to Selkirk, as we have a 5th grader who is now going to be split from her friends who she has gone to school with since kindergarten.	I really don't care for the draft middle school boundary, as we were sold on voting for this as a new school for liberty lake students and yet our kids are being districted out of the new school. We door knocked and campaigned for the bond and now feel like it was a bait and switch.	the fact that the majority of liberty lake students won't even get to attend the new middle school, yet we are all the ones who voted for the bond and campaigned for it. Our kids are being split from their friends and Greenacres is not our first choice for our kids to attend.	Please consider allowing all current 5th graders at liberty lake to attend the new school, and then give preference to liberty lake families to opt in to the new school as you are planning on opening it at only 67 percent capacity. Thank you
Yes	OES		UES	No	Opportunity Elementary stayed with Bowdish MS, which is closer to our house.	n/a	Good work balancing all of the numbers and variables, and accounting for future growth.

Yes	LLES			Why are you splitting up Liberty Lake?	The plan for growth	Splitting up Liberty Lake	<p>We live around the corner from Greenacres Elementary and got moved to Liberty Lake because of the change in boundaries for the elementary schools, I think it is a terrible idea to split up the community of Liberty Lake. Because of this move</p> <p>my oldest son has already lost his friends that he made in Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade, and now he will lose the new friends that he has made at his new school again. Taking children and splitting them from their friends during middle school, which may be one of the hardest times of life, is going to affect them for the rest of their lives. Do you remember trying to make new friends in middle school? It isn't easy, especially for some children. Please figure out a way to keep the school together. Why can't Riverbend and Greenacres Elementary go to Greenacres Middle school, and that would make it possible for Liberty Lake to stay together. I understand there will be growth in the community, but splitting the school is the worst decision. Thank you for taking this into consideration.</p>
Yes	LLES	GMS		No.	Our school did not change. The I-90 boundary was a good idea.	Much of 'core' Liberty Lake is split between schools.	When can another Middle School be built? Does this plan accommodate the redistricting that will be required when it's built?

Yes	SES				I like that the lines didn't change to much, but that future growth and socioeconimc status were taken into account	I think it is interesting that both of my kids elementary and middle school that they will attend are farther away then other schools.	Your northern boundary on Morningside heights is interesting. That most northern boarder i.e. incline and belleaire, sundance roads are closer to the greenacres elementary and greenacres middle schools but they are slotted to go to sunrise and evergreen. Just a note. That norther boundary that runs east and west is placed to include the current houses and right on the line of another housing development.
Yes	LLES	GMS		yes	I like that Liberty Lake is split more evenly so every kid will roughly be in middle school with at least half of their grade school mates.	I really like this proposal the best. Well done!	Please address current 7th graders at GMS who will be 8th graders when the new middle school opens. Also I would like those kids to finish out their middle school years at GMS without moving for the last year.
Yes	LLES			no	That they have tried to include as much of liberty lake that they could according to the numbers. I like the split at molter much better than proposal one	that liberty lake students will be split for middle school and that all can't attend the same one	I wish there was a way to amend the selkirk middle plan to have the same capacity as green acres middle. Why is that school a 580 target capacity and selkirk middle almost 100 students less than that?
Yes	SES	EMS		no	I appreciate the effort that was made to keep communities and neighborhoods together	no complaints	My concern is for the current boundaries of the elementary schools. Sunrise elementary is already beyond capacity with more projected developments in the works. All of the new arrivals are already being shipped to other schools to ease the burden on sunrise, leaving these children isolated from the neighbors and communities. It appears a redrawing of the boundaries is in order to help keep the communities together, since other school are not at full capacity now.
Yes	LCES			why were the boundary lines drawn splitting liberty lake?	i dont like the proposal	the fact that liberty lake was split	you need to come out with a new proposal that keeps liberty lake as one

Yes	LCES					<p>Splits up Liberty Creek Elementary students that have been going to school for 6 years between two middle schools. Doesn't include Legacy Ridge.</p>	<p>Seems like if you don't include Legacy Ridge, those kids will be split from other Liberty Lake friends for Middle School, and then likely split from middle school friends again when the new High School boundaries are completed (Greenacres area will likely go to CV and Liberty Lake to the new High School).</p>
Yes	LLES	GMS		<p>No, must be stressful dealing with so many possibilities. Thanks for all your hard work.</p>	<p>I think the freeway is a good north-south boundary. Unsure about the lake boundaries.</p>	<p>I don't think the busing is practical around the southeastern side of the lake making much sense. Seems like kids would need to still do some awkward transporting.</p>	<p>Seems like it would make more sense to have the students south of the Liberty Lake Golf Course along the lake front be on the same buses all headed to GMS. The students along the lake would all know each other and would want to go to the same school, especially if it makes busing a shorter commute. The pocket of Big Trout Lodge and older neighborhood homes west of Molter is an unsure boundary area for either school. I guess numbers would have to be considered about sending them to GMS or Selkirk. Busing isn't as much of a concern for that area as it is around the northeastern sides of the lake. Just concerned about amount of time on buses and any transitions with buses for kids around the lake.</p>

Yes	LLES			Wondering what the boundary changes would mean as far as which high school our students would attend? When will the final decision be made?	Not happy with it at all	<p>You are splitting our neighborhood and most of my children's friend will go to a different school. Everyone from their church group, scout troop, and many of their classmates will not be in school with them in middle school. They only live a few streets over. It doesn't make sense. Why can't the boundary be on Liberty Lake Road so you're not splitting a neighborhood right in half? I also notice you're splitting the lake neighborhood in half. I know that's a tight knit community and they will have similar issues. Wouldn't it make more sense to make the boundary more North/South and less East/West? Send some kids from the river district to Greenacres, which is closer anyway.</p>	No.
Yes	LLES	GMS	No		I like that my future middle school student will attend Selkirk MS, the closest school to our residence.	<p>The city of Liberty Lake has been cut in half by the proposed boundaries, and we live at the very edge of the proposed boundary. My child will not be able to see any of his school friends, church friends, and scouting peers since they will all be attending Greenacres MS.</p>	<p>Liberty Lake should be included as much as possible in Selkirk MS's boundaries. Any cutoffs should be made in an East/West direction near Valleyway Ave south to and around the lake itself. This would ensure communities around the lake go to Greenacres MS and the communities near the Interstate go to Selkirk MS. This keeps communities and neighborhoods together and not divided as they are proposed to be now.</p>

Yes	LLES				Proposal #2 is arguably better than Proposal #1 in keeping neighborhoods together.	That it splits Liberty Lake. I feel terribly misled about the bond I voted for. I had the impression that it was for a middle school for Liberty Lake. It never occurred to me that all of the children in the community wouldn't be able to attend the same school. It seems to me that in sheer tax dollars, more support for the project probably came from Liberty Lake than elsewhere, and that it's somewhat ironic that LL is the community being split. I'm not sure people got what they thought they were voting for. I would be very careful in future planning.	Please consider a transition plan that includes: 1) allowing children in LL to choice into the other MS if it helps them with established friendships, carpools, sports teams, etc., at least for the first few years while there is capacity, and 2) arranging enrollment in next year's (2019-2020) 5th grade classrooms at LLES so that the kids are grouped in their class with kids that will go to their same MS in fall of 2020. For example, have classes of kids that will be going to Selkirk together, and other classes that will be going to Greenacres together. This might help all the kids have a little more chance to make friends with the kids they'll be seeing in the halls the following year in MS.
Yes	LLES	GMS	No		The boundary through Liberty Lake seems a little more logical	It still splits existing elementary school boundaries, especially in Liberty Lake	I appreciate that the committee is soliciting input from the community and seems to respond to feedback. I've looked at the population density maps, and I see how difficult it must be to draw these boundaries. Still, I hate to see Liberty Lake Elementary split up. We have a great sense of community in Liberty Lake and would love for all of our kids to attend middle school together.

Yes	LLES				I like proposal 1 not proposal 2. I am not sure why it is not still on the table.	I am not sure how it is fair to split up one community and not the others. How do you find it fair to allow all Riverbend students and Greenacres elementary students (more than the majority) go through elementary school together for five years (k-5) and then proceed to middle school together and split Liberty Lake down the middle of the community.	<p>I am not sure what the right call is here but I feel as though Liberty Lake is not benefiting from this as well as we could be. We have a wonderful community and we moved to this community ten years ago so that we could raise our children here and have a small community feel to allow our children to grow up together. This now has been taken away.</p> <p>Middle school years are the most important years for our children and I feel that we should and could have a better defined line for a boundary that accomodates all middle school children.</p> <p>It would be helpful to know how our tax dollars were allocated from Liberty Lake residents vs Riverbend and how those tax dollars helped with Selkirk.</p>
Yes	LLES		Yes		The people presenting were helpful in understanding the boundary process.	I feel duped. When the bond was presented, we were told it was to build a new middle school for our kids. We voted yes, pay some of the highest taxes in the area and now our kids are not included in the boundary. I understand the committee is doing their best to make ends meet, but a prior notice of possible boundaries would have better educated voters. I would have still voted yes, but wouldn't be as irritated about it as I am now.	A transitional plan would be helpful. The students in Legacy Ridge have been yanked around as it is with changing boundaries - kindergarten center to Greenacres to Liberty Lake and now moving to a middle school, away from friends once again. A transitional plan to include the students currently at Liberty Lake in the new Selkirk Middle School would mean a smoother transition, with friends. Middle school is awkward enough without the added pressure of making completely new friends. Please consider a transitional plan similar to the one presented for CVHS.

Yes	LLES			It seems that keeping Liberty Lake together is not an option in any future proposal. Please confirm.	I appreciate the time the members of the committee gave to this process, and I feel like the committee tried to listen to our input. I feel like the boundary line now is a more natural boundary line.	I wish Liberty Lake was not divided up. I feel like the community will be changed by this boundary line process.	Please consider transition options and choice options, if this is the only boundary line option moving forward.
No				I would like to see a rolling enrollment of all schools over a 10 year projected period.	NOTHING!!!!	Destroying kids within their neighborhood by splitting LL Elementary and all of the kids in Liberty Lake. Elementary schools should feed their respective local middle school.	Create a Proposal 3 !!!! that keeps neighbors and their kids together. Do not make decisions based on future growth that may or may not take place at the timeline you are imagining! Our citizens did not vote for these new schools to have our community dissected.
Yes	LCES						Our family is disappointed in the decision to split Liberty Lake in half, causing the friends of our kids to go to a different middle school and potentially high school. We learned tonight (for the first time) about a previous proposal that would've avoided a split, and feel like we missed our chance to voice our opinion then. Bringing some more attention to this, via flyers sent home with the kids or an email would've been helpful in this case. I was told tonight about the possibility for opening up cross-registration to certain kids and would like to be considered for this given that we felt certain this wouldn't be an issue when we voted for the school bond.
Yes	LLES						

Yes	LLES		<p>My question and only wish is how to keep the Liberty Lake community in tact. Why are you unable to take some of the "green" area around Riverbend Elementary (North of the freeway/Barker) and transport those kids to Greenacres MS? That way more of Liberty Lake can be included at Selkirk MS. North to South, that seems to be more geographically even. Why is this not put to a vote?</p>	<p>I do like the draft provided tonight more than the draft shown at the May/June forum. The first draft really alienated the neighborhood south of Country Vista Dr. Thank you for including close to half of Liberty Lake in the new proposal and appreciate the expanded boundary on Molter.</p>	<p>My biggest concern is not keeping the community of Liberty Lake together. We are an incorporated city and should be kept together. Why would you split our established community?</p>	<p>Is there a way to transition the current 5th graders together?</p>
Yes	LCES		<p>Why is it not made a priority to keep kids together? It is important for their development to have long lasting friendships, but an entire city is going to be cut in half during a very difficult time in their development. For projected growth?</p>	<p>The poster-board</p>	<p>I was not satisfied with the explanations I was given.</p>	<p>I would like to get a note in the mail when things that affect me and my family are up for debate, so that we have a chance of actually doing something about it.</p>

Yes	LLES		<p>Why is this not put to a vote? We approved the bounds to build these school we should have more input at the public level.</p> <p>Please revisit working scenario # 4 from 6/11/2018 Presentation to the board. This seems to fit the goals of the boundary review and keeps the Liberty Lake community together.</p>	<p>I appreciate the opportunity to discuss and the understanding of our frustrations.</p>	<p>Splitting the Liberty Lake Community The comment that the boundary will have to be redrawn in 2 years if Liberty Lake is kept together.</p>	<p>If you cant find a way to keep Liberty Lake together, please consider the opportunity for the LLES 5th graders to transition together to the same middle school.</p>
Yes	LLES	GMS	<p>Why can't we use working scenario number 4 from the June Board presentation for our boundaries. It keeps an existing community together and lets most of the kids from the Liberty Lake Elementary School to stay together.</p>	<p>I can tell that the committee has worked hard and I appreciate their time and efforts.</p>	<p>Liberty Lake is still divided, but the River District where much of the new growth is projected is kept together.</p>	<p>Can proposal number 4 still be utilized? If not can we have choice options.</p>
No		GMS	CVHS	<p>Working scenario #4 from the June board presentation</p>	<p>Any scenario that divides a town and sends children from the same elementary school to different middle schools. Neighborhood schools are desirable, and people often use the schools as a deciding factor in where they choose to live.</p>	

Yes	LCES			Yes- why do they not review the comments about splitting up liberty lake	Nothing, it is just like the first one in that it divides an existing town and burdens one school with all the growth of the river district	It divides the town of liberty lake	Please go back to working proposal #4 from the june board presentation. It keeps liberty lake together and does not burden the school with all the growth of the river district. by dividing river district, instead of liberty lake, you can divide the growth areas to two schools, increasing your absorption capacity
Yes	LCES				working proposal #4 from the June board meeting	it divides the town	you're working hard keep it up
Yes	LLES			Will there be an opportunity to explore a transition plan for LLake Kids?	It is evident much work has gone into the boundary process. Tough result, but I want to acknowledge the work to date.	The recommendation is to split LLake nearly in half. The impact is significant and incredibly frustrating. Our kids have built great friendships within our community with our schools at the center. Education, sports and other extracurricular activities drive this community of children and the plan splits them up. Super tough to accept.	<p>Thank you for the work you've done to date and for the opportunity to provide feedback. I appreciate that part of this process.</p> <p>Here are my largest concerns: First, why was the current LLake population taken into account prior to the bond? If it was and there was knowledge that boundaries would be an issue, why wasn't the public made aware? The surprise after voting for the Bond was almost as bad as realizing the recommendation was to split the community. There has got to be a way to not split up our kids.</p> <p>Here are a few suggestions I hope the committee and or school board would take seriously.  First, let's not split the community until we have too. We're not at capacity and should allow our kids to stay together until we have a problem to solve. I appreciate the forethought but what if the growth doesn't happen as planned or expected?  Second, lets plan for some kind of transition plan for the kids. If we must split the city, take your time. Allow for the massive change to our community to be less abruptly realized.</p>

Yes	LLES					Splitting up Liberty Lake separates the community and increases travel for Greenacres students.	Add me to the chorus to keep Liberty Lake together.
Yes	LLES	GMS		not at this time; most of my questions were clarified on the Liberty Lake community facebook page as well as reading the minutes from the boundary review committee.	This is in regards to the boundary proposed on 26Sep18: I like that my children will be attending middle school with most of their friends from Liberty Lake Elementary with the new/modified boundary; using Molter and Boone as the EW/NS boundary makes more sense than proposal #1.	Unfortunately all the children that attend Liberty Creek/Lake Elementary will not continue on to the same middle school.	Prefer Proposal #2 v. Proposal #1
Yes	LCES			Why is Legacy Ridge kids being taken from their friends?	Nothing	That Legacy Ridge is being separated from the rest of Liberty Lake.	Please rethink about including Legacy Ridge in the boundaries of with the rest of Liberty Lake. My son's best friend who lives in Rocky Hill will be separated from him at their formative years. We are a small tight knit community. Please do not separate these kids!
No		GMS		Yes-Why does liberty lake have to be divided down the middle. Can you post why liberty lake has to be split down the middle?	I appreciate all the thoughts and considerations, but I do wonder if the members of the boundary review committee truly understand that they are dividing liberty lake community. There are only 3 out of 22 residents of Liberty Lake on the committee.	I don't like how Liberty Lake is divided in half. The community as a whole is affected. I really don't like proposal #1 or #2. Is there any way Liberty Lake can stay together?	If there is no way that Liberty Lake can stay together, another boundary proposal could be the newer areas of Liberty Lake to go to the new middle school. For example, Rocky Hill (areas North of Mission). The core or centralized areas of Liberty Lake (areas around Pavillian Park and the two Elementary schools) to go to GMS. Or, Is it possible to have Liberty Lake Road be the boundary for the two schools?

Yes	LLES			No	It is almost done. Cut the Riverbend area in half, and then put that last little piece of Liberty Lake in its place and you will be good to go.	I don't like that you are still dividing Liberty Lake.	One of the main reasons that people move to Liberty Lake is so we know what school our kids will go to. You live in Liberty Lake, you all go to the same school. It's crazy this may not be the case. A school is only as strong as its community and to cut it in half is not a smart move in the least.
Yes	LLES	GMS		no		<p>You are dividing our Liberty Lake community. When it came down to gathering LL to vote for the bonds to get LL their own Middle School, this community completely came together to support and vote yes for these bonds. We had our children out standing on the streets , holding signs to vote yes, had multiple gatherings...b/c finally the kids in LL would have their own school and friends would not have to be bused all over the spokane valley due to over flow. NOT ONCE was it communicated at that time that 1/2 the kids that helped their parents convince families to vote yes..that THEY would not get to attend their new school. Do you honestly think that the votes would have come in as "yes" if it had been communicated that only half of the city would be able to go to the new MS? What you are doing to this small community is pathetic, and unnecessary. Please re consider your thoughts on this. It looks like to me, that taking the boundary west of Barker, and having those kids go to GMS would allow the entire LL community to attend Selkirk.</p> <p>If this cannot happen, please at</p>	<p>Its already being discussed heavily in the community that when the new MS is full in the expected 8-10 years that people are so upset over this boundary issue this time, that NO ONE is going to vote to raise our taxes and vote in another bond in the future. I hate to see that, as our communities continue to grow, but completely understand the frustrations due to the fact you are dividing a very close knit community and family. Please reconsider. Thank you.</p>