April 30, 2025

Dear Families,

On April 24, 2025, the Board of Education of Prince George's County approved the Brandywine Area School Reorganization plan. The plan establishes the grade configuration and attendance zones for a new school in the Brandywine area. The school will be constructed through the Blueprint Schools Program and will provide a state-of-the-art educational facility for 1,500 elementary and middle school students opening in school year 2027-28.

Under the approved plan, kindergarten students residing in the current Brandywine Elementary School attendance area will be assigned to attend Baden Elementary School for school years 2025-26 and 2026-27. Students in grades 1st through 5th will continue to attend Brandywine Elementary School during those two school years. This change will address the over-enrollment at Brandywine Elementary School while we await completion of the new school.

Beginning in school year 2027-28, a reorganization of Gwynn Park Middle School, Baden Elementary School, and Brandywine Elementary School will occur as follows:

- 1. The new Brandywine Area Academy will open on the site of the current Gwynn Park Middle School.
- 2. The Academy will serve students in grades 3rd through 5th who reside in the current attendance areas of Brandywine Elementary School and Baden Elementary School, AND students in grades 6th through 8th who reside in the current attendance area of Gwynn Park Middle School.
- Brandywine Elementary School will become an Early Learning Campus serving students in grades PreK through 2nd who reside in the current attendance areas of Brandywine Elementary School and Baden Elementary School.
- 4. Baden Elementary School will close.
- 5. Gwynn Park Middle School will close, and its building will be demolished.

A presentation detailing the approved plan is available at tinyurl.com/pgcpsBoundary.

In accordance with COMAR, the School Board's decision may be appealed to the Maryland State Board of Education within 30 days of the date of the decision.

Sincerely,

Millard House II Superintendent

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