

Catchment Areas in the Flemington-Raritan Regional School District

Equity Ad Hoc Committee Representatives
Dr. Kari McGann, Superintendent of Schools
Daniel Bland, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
May 23, 2022

J.P. Case Middle School.....**682** 7th & 8th grade students
(same number of students as last reported)

Reading-Fleming Intermediate School.....**656** 5th & 6th grade students
(one less student than last reported)

Francis A. Desmares Elementary School.....**484** K - grade 4 students
(one less students than last reported)

Copper Hill Elementary.....**481** Pre-K-grade 4 students
(nine more students than last reported)

Robert Hunter Elementary.....**406** K - grade 4 students
(same number of students as last reported)

Barley Sheaf Elementary School.....**379** K - grade 4 students
(three more students than last reported)

Out of district students.....**14** Students
(one more student than last reported)

Total enrollment.....**3,101** Pre-K - 8th grade students
(9 more students than last reported)

**Flemington-
Raritan
Regional
School
District
Enrollment
as of
5.17.2022**

Projected Enrollment Growth for 2022-2023

School	Grades	Current Enrollment	Estimate Projected Enrollment
J. P. Case	7-8	682	681
Reading-Fleming	5-6	656	657
Francis A. Desmares	K-4	484	451
Copper Hill	PK-4	481	576
Robert Hunter	K-4	406	392
Barley Sheaf	K-4	379	396

The Ad Hoc Equity Committee Recommendations

- Address functional capacity issues, especially at FAD;
- Review and address the functional capacity disparity between Copper Hill Elementary School and other elementary schools;
- Address special education disparity in buildings;
- Address and seek to bring greater balance the percentage of economically disadvantaged student enrollment among schools; and
- Address and seek to bring greater balance to the percentage of English as a Second Language student enrollment among schools.

Equity Ad Hoc Committee Representatives

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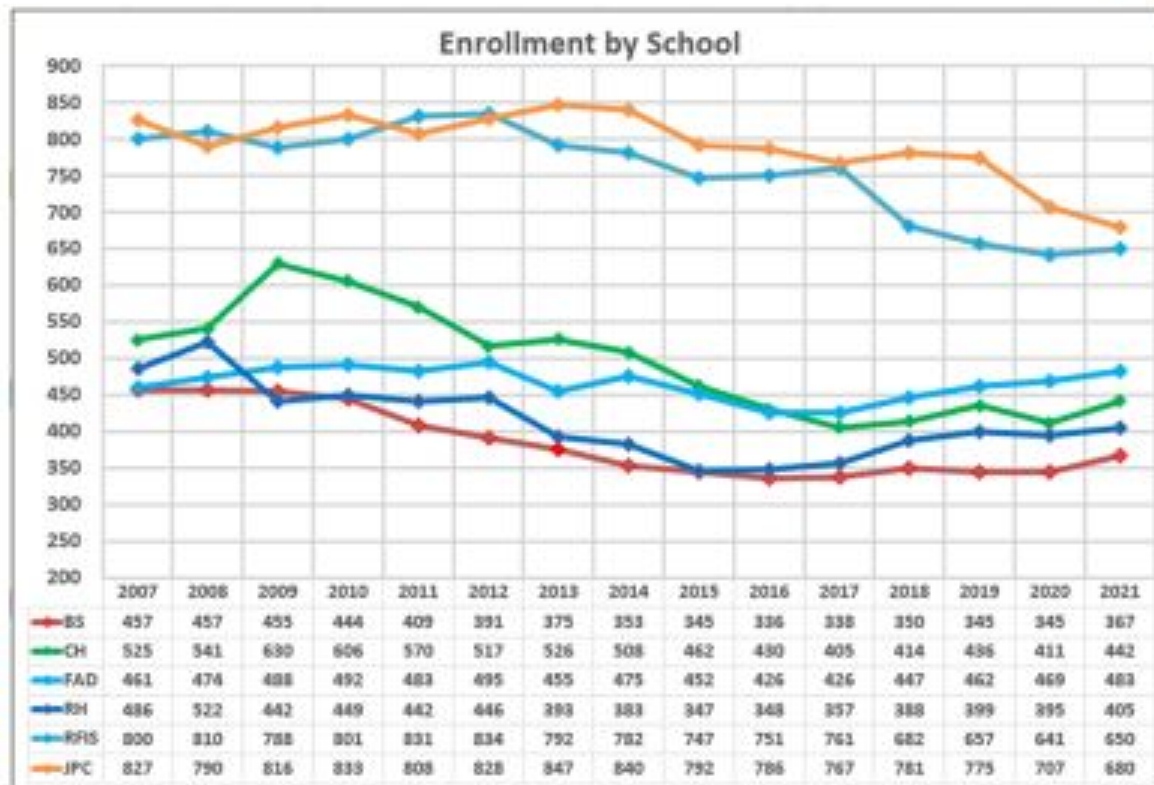
The committee participated in heavy lifting, diving deep in data on multiple evenings for hours at a time. The group analyzed carefully variables to drive toward previously established goals. They used data on housing developments, school enrollment, capacity percentages, and economically disadvantaged numbers to develop proposals. Proposals were then analyzed to provide strengths and challenges for each redistricting proposal.

Factors Impacting Space Utilization at Our Elementary Schools

Enrollment Changes

Although District-wide enrollment has declined, each schools' enrollment trends are unique

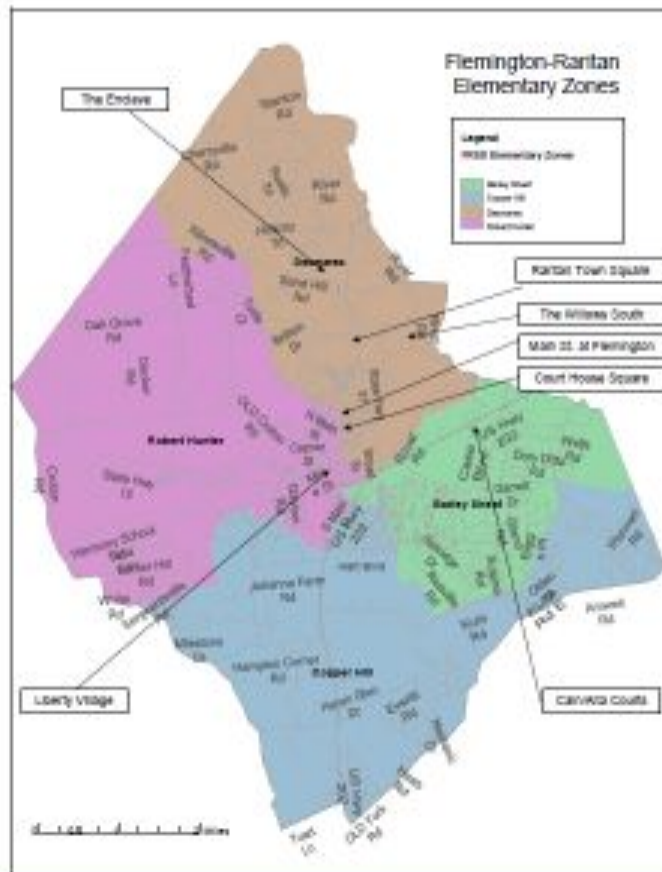
- Desmares never experienced a significant decline in enrollment and has grown consistently since 2017
- Barley Sheaf and Robert Hunter experienced a gradual but significant decline in enrollment. Both have stabilized in recent years
- Copper Hill experienced the greatest decline in enrollment and has been relatively stable since 2016.



Impact of New Residential Properties

- Raritan Town Square – 101 more units
 - (Walter Foran near PetSmart)
- Willows South II -100 units
 - (Walter Foran across from Willows I)
- The Enclave at Healthquest – 200 units
- Courthouse Square (Union Hotel) - 216 units
- Main Street at Flemington (Agway) – 100 units
- Liberty Village

*Enrollment in the northern half of the District is growing;
enrollment in the southern half has declined.*



Functional Capacity Ratio

- Current Functional Capacity Ratio**

- Hi/Low: 59.7% to 80.48%
- Range: 20.78
- Average: 73%

- Coming Soon!**

- Raritan Town Square
- Willows II South
- The Enclave at Health Quest
- Cain Court

	Functional Capacity	Current Enrollment 10-2021	Projected Enrollment Increase	Current Ratio	Projected Ratio
BS	487	367	25	75.4%	80.49%
CH	740	442	0	59.7%	59.73%
FAD	590	483	62	81.9%	92.37%
RH	508	405	0	79.7%	79.72%
Elem	2325	1697	87	73.0%	76.73%

- Projected Functional Capacity Ratio**

- Hi/Low: 59.73% to 92.37%
- Range: 32.57
- Average: 76.73%

The disparity in functional capacity ratios is projected to increase by another 11.79% over the next 2-24 months.

Current Functional Capacity Ratios: RFIS 59.36% & JPC 55.76%

New Instructional Programming

- Full Day kindergarten doubled the number of teachers and classrooms previously used for kindergarten
- New and expanded programs have increased staffing and room use
 - World language K-4
 - Behavioral Disabilities program K-8
 - Preschool program
- Growth in the number of English Language learners has necessitated additional staffing and room use
- Growth in the number of students requiring intervention services (Support program) has gradually increased staffing and room use



New Development Update

The Flemington-Raritan Community

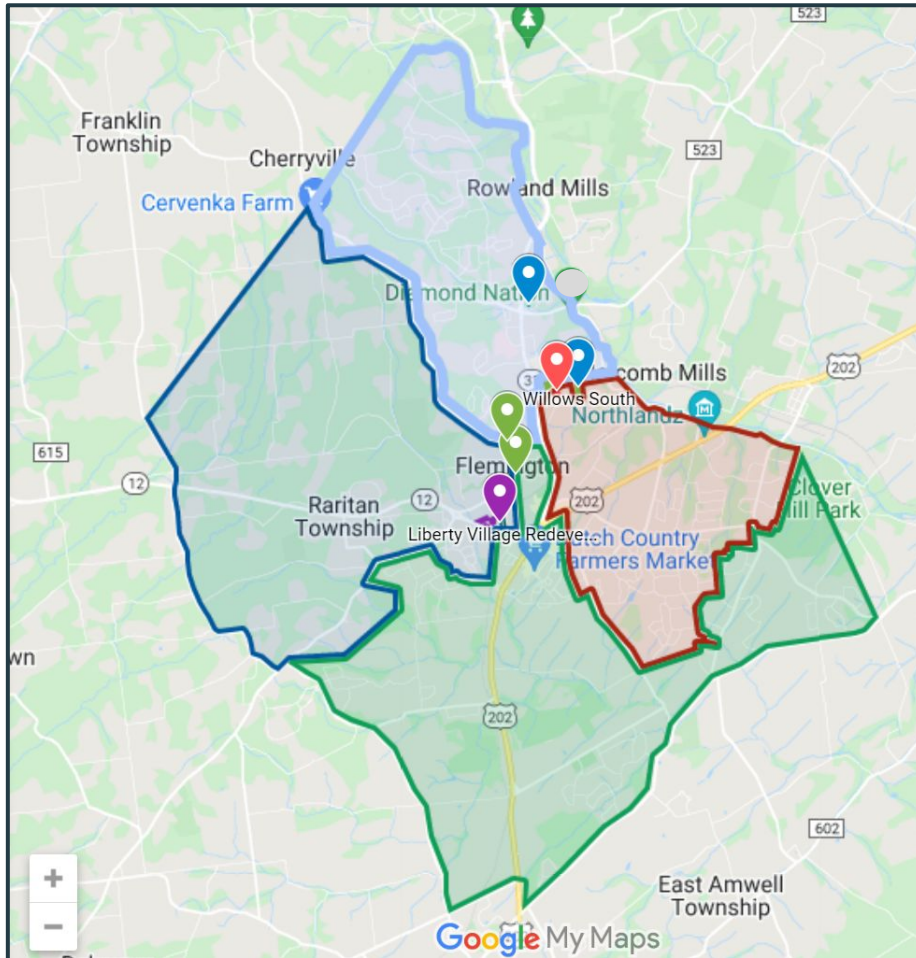
Doing Nothing is Not an Option

*Providing every student, every opportunity, every day
requires ensuring equitable access
to instructional programs, services, and resources within the District.*

*Growing disparities in school demographics and the lack of instructional space
in schools will result in inequitable class sizes,
the inability to implement instructional programs with fidelity,
and the ability to provide resources for intervention programs.*

New Developments

- The Enclave
- Raritan Town Square
- Raritan Junction Redevelopment Area
- Willows South II
- Main Street at Flemington (Agway)
- The Courthouse Square at Flemington
- Liberty Village Redevelopment Area



**AVAILABLE
NOW**

RARITAN TOWN SQUARE

18-22
Students

140 Total units

- 1 bedrooms = 62
- 2 bedrooms = 72
- 3 bedrooms = 6

Building E (134 Route 31)

- 4 floors residential
- 101 units

Building F (142 Route 31)

- 1st floor retail
- 2-4 floors residential
- 39 units



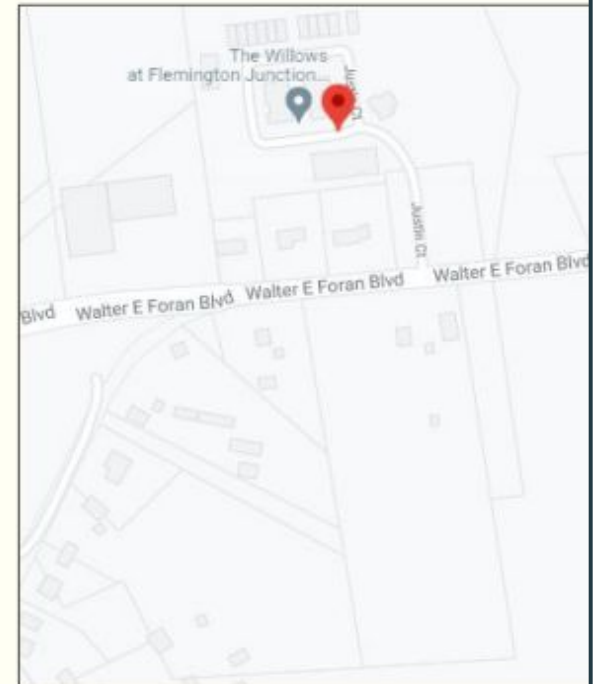
Building F Completed = August 2021
Building E Completion = February 2022

**AVAILABLE
NOW**

WILLOWS SOUTH

48-52
Students

- 100 total units
- 9 buildings
 - 1 bedroom = 18
 - 2 bedroom = 57
 - 3 bedroom = 25
- Framing and sheathing currently in progress
- Date of occupancy unknown





THE ENCLAVE



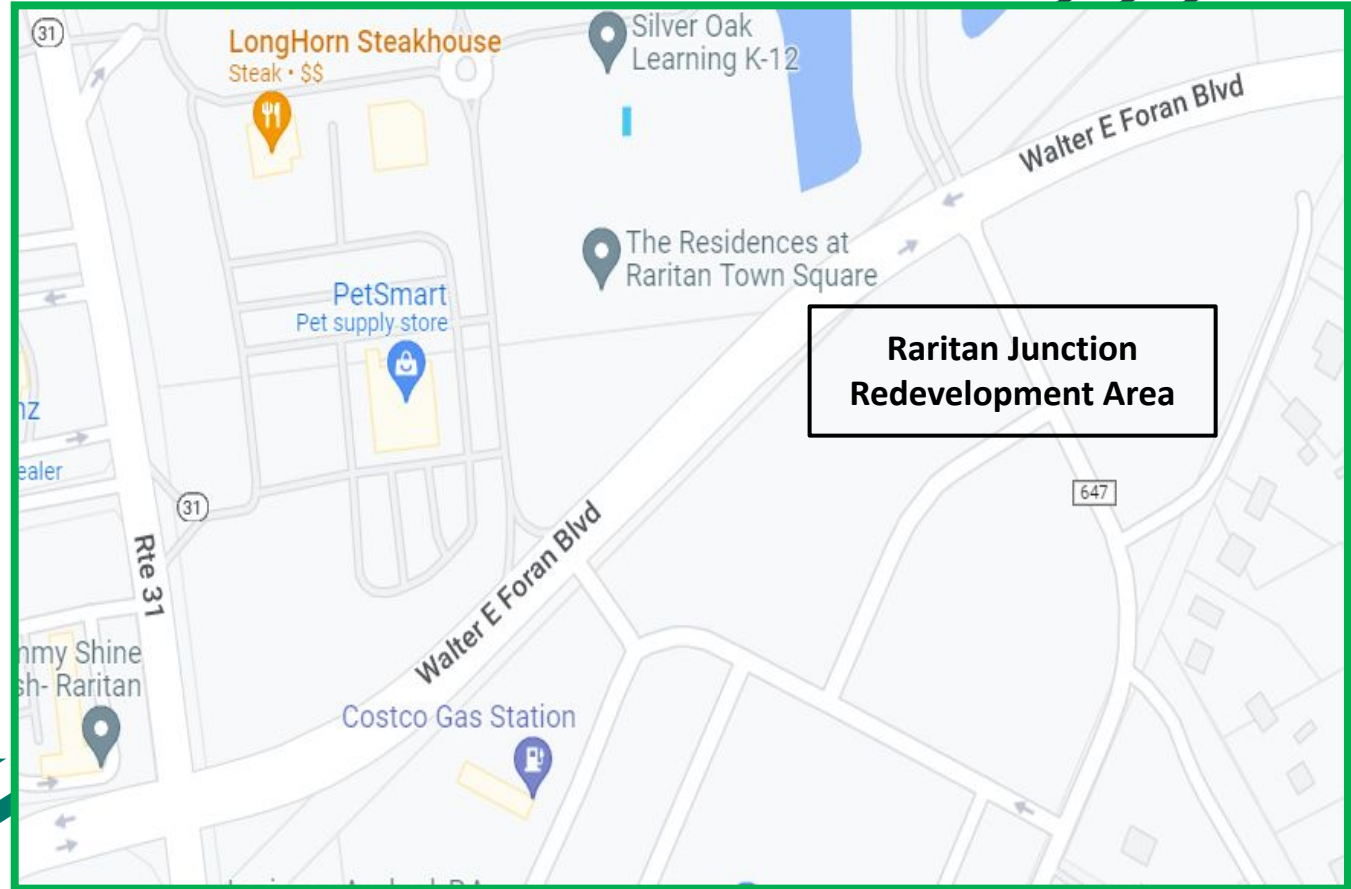
200 units

- 1 bedroom = 55
- 2 bedrooms = 137
- 3 bedrooms = 8

Site work underway; unlikely to be occupied by June 2022.



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COURTHOUSE SQUARE (UNION HOTEL)



Total of 206 units

- Studio units = 6
 - 1 bedroom/1 bath = 82
 - 2 bedroom/2 bath = 125
 - 2 bedroom Duplex = 9
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- 5% or 14 units of affordable housing

Completion date unknown;
not likely before 2023



MAIN STREET AT FLEMINGTON

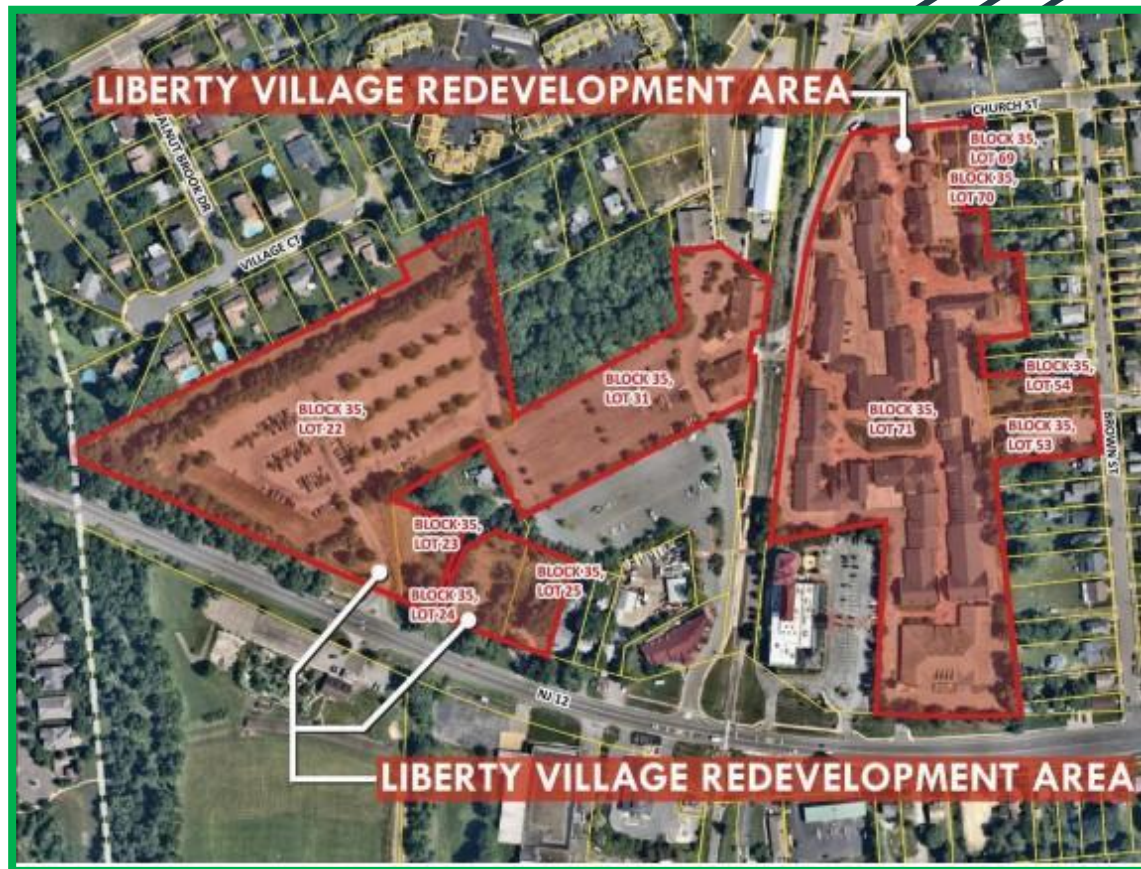


Agway Property

Building 1 – 62 units on three floors

Building 2 – 38 units on two floors

55 one bedroom units
45 two bedroom units



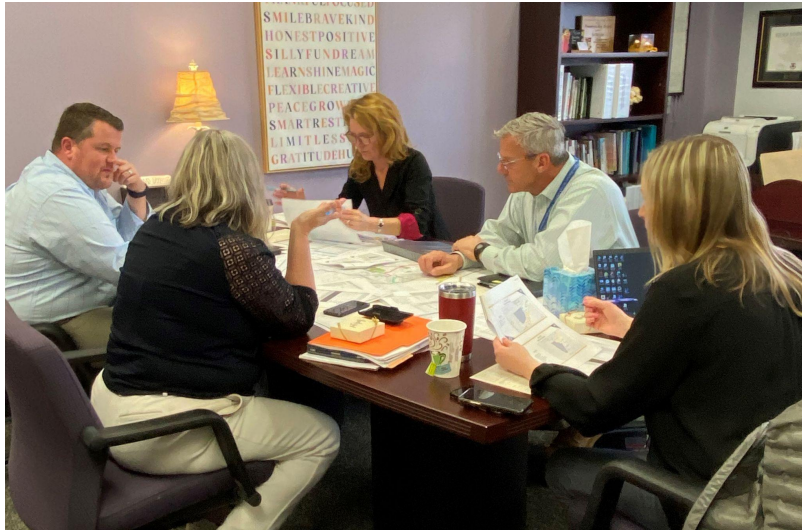
Developing the Redistricting Plan

“Redistricting a community is a big project and can affect many families, staff, and faculty in a school community. The process of redrawing neighborhood school boundaries to produce an equitable distribution of students among different schools is tedious work and requires many to roll up their sleeves to review enrollment data, transportation routes, building capacities, programming offerings, and anticipated new construction. The committee worked through several scenarios before a final decision was reached.”

Dr. Kari McGann, Superintendent



The behind-the-scenes work was many months in the making and the District is grateful for all who were involved in this important work.



My appreciation to the Superintendent's Equity Ad Hoc Committee Members for their time and energy:

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Katherine Rayburn	

Mitigating the Impact on Enrolled Students

Year 1 Plans; 2022-2023

1. To mitigate the impact of redistricting on currently enrolled students:
 - The redistricting plan creates needed space (when possible) by transferring students who are anticipated to live in new developments.
 - The redistricting plan has multiple phases, which lessens the impact on current students and their families.



Addressing Special Education & ESL Disparity

Year 1 Plans, 2022-2023

2. To address disparities in the number of special education, English as a second language, and economically disadvantaged students.
 - The LLD program at Robert Hunter will move to Barley Sheaf. (A new faculty member is being hired for this position.)
 - ESL students who live in the Barley Sheaf catchment area but previously received ESL services at Copper Hill will attend school at Barley Sheaf to receive ESL services in their home school of Barley Sheaf instead of Copper Hill.



Addressing Functional Capacity Issues Year 1 Plans; 2022-2023

3. To address the disparity in functional capacity ratios between school, especially at Francis A. Desmares and Copper Hill:
- Multiple areas of our community will be redistricted from FAD to Copper Hill Elementary School (CH) including Willows South, the Broad Street community area, and soon to be completed, Raritan Town Square.
 - Some students who live in an area close to and including Walter Foran Blvd will attend Barley Sheaf instead of Francis A. Desmares



Redistricting Plan – Year 1 2022-2023

Residences at Raritan Town Square

134 Route 31
142 Route 31

From Barley Sheaf to Copper Hill

The Willows at Flemington Junction South

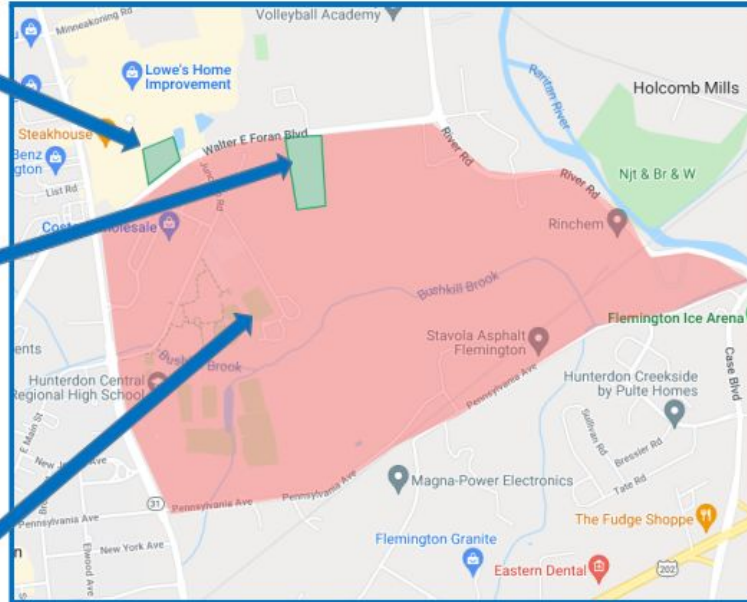
70 Junction Road

New development assigned to Copper Hill

Existing Homes

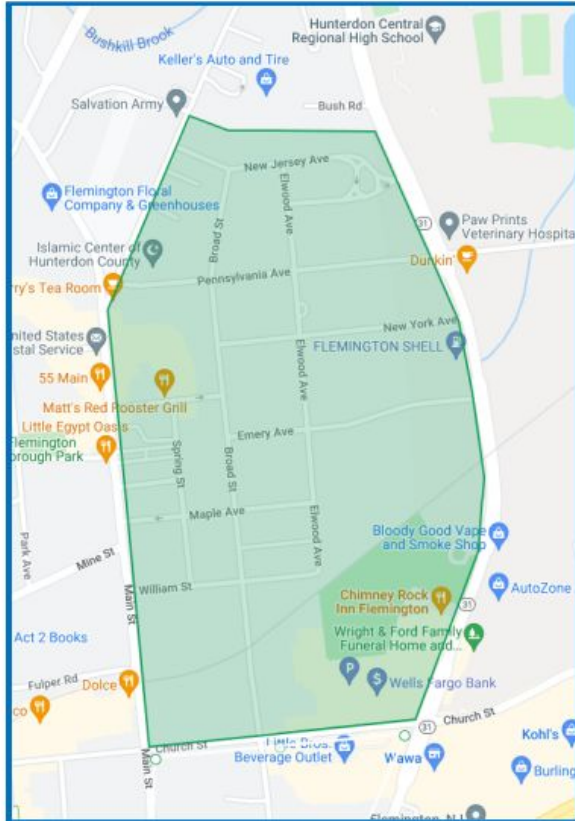
- Foster Lane
- Junction Road
- Lafayette Court
- Pennsylvania Avenue - House #'s 100 & above
- River Road
- Route 31 – House #'s 2-124 even numbers only
- Walter Foran Blvd. – House #'s 2-80

Francis A. Desmares to Barley Sheaf



Redistricting Plan – Year 1

2022-2023



Existing Homes in Flemington Borough

- Bloomfield Avenue
- Broad Street – House #'s 1-117
- Chorister Place
- Church Street – House #'s 78-170 even numbers only
- East Main Street – House #'s 1-37 odd numbers only
- Elwood Avenue
- Emery Avenue
- Highland Avenue
- Main Street – House #'s 2-170 even numbers only
- Maple Avenue
- New Jersey Avenue
- New York Avenue
- Pennsylvania Avenue – House #'s 1-62
- Route 31 – House #'s 31-81 odd numbers only
- Spring Street
- William Avenue

Francis A. Desmares to Copper Hill



Addressing Community Housing Developments

Phase 2 Plans, 2023-2024



Year 2
2023-2024

4. To address future, known housing developments:
- Future students living in the Raritan Junction Redevelopment Area (near Costco will attend school at Barley Sheaf Elementary (estimating 22 students)
 - To provide space for these students, students living in the Mott Way/Claridge area will be redistricted from Barley Sheaf to Copper Hill (estimating 30 students)
 - The Enclave will remain in the Francis A. Desmares catchment (estimating 13 students)

Redistricting Plan – Year 2 2023-2024

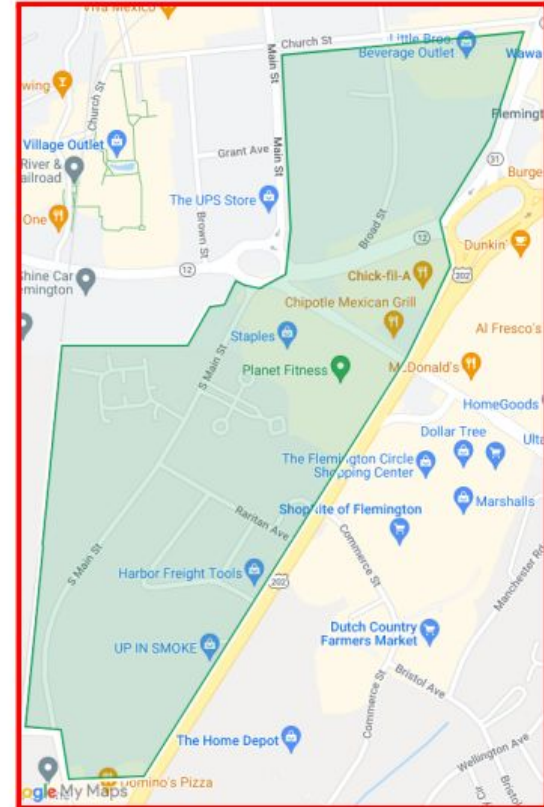


**Year 2
2023-2024**

Existing Homes in Flemington Borough

- Broad Street – House #'s 140-155 both sides of street
- Church Street – House #'s 78-170 both sides of street
- Clark Circle
- Main Street – House #'s 172-216 even numbers only
- Ranch Haven Road
- Raritan Avenue
- Route 202 – House #'s 9-29 odd numbers only
- Seals Place
- South Main Street – House #'s 221-302 both sides of street
- Spring Garden Road
- Village Commons
- Walters Lane

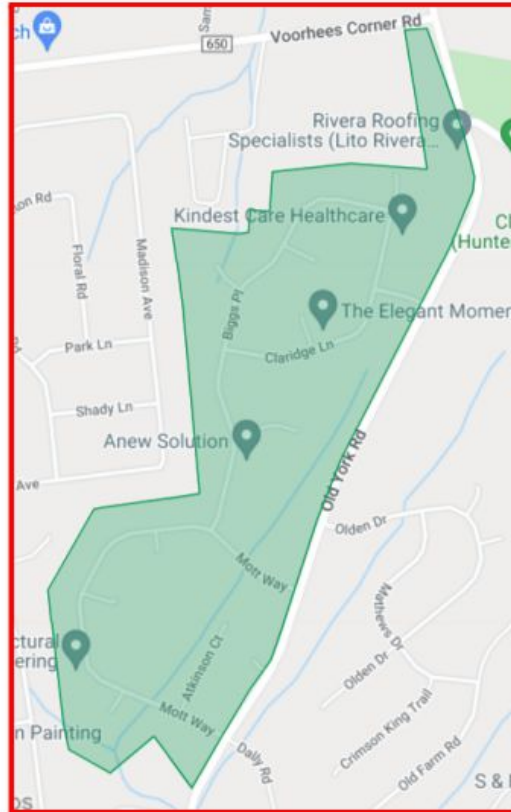
Robert Hunter to Copper Hill



Redistricting Plan – Year 2 2023-2024



**Year 2
2023-2024**



Existing Homes in Raritan Township

- Atkinson Drive
- Avalon Court
- Ballentine Court
- Bernard Drive
- Biggs Place
- Bilcher Court
- Burnett Court
- Claridge Lane
- Jay Amy Lane
- Mott Way
- Old York Road – House #'s 219-313
- Waterford Court

Barley Sheaf to Copper Hill

Addressing Community Housing Developments- Phase 3-4 Plans, 2024-2025

4. To address known, future housing developments:
- Students who enroll from Union Hotel area *and* Agway/Main Street at Flemington are projected to enroll at Copper Hill Elementary School
 - Liberty Village Redevelopment potential growth will not enroll students at Francis A. Desmares



Redistricting Plan – Future Steps

The Enclave at Raritan

- HealthQuest Boulevard - adjacent to Health Quest off Route 31

New development assigned to Francis A. Desmares



The Courthouse Square at Flemington

- Main Street – site of the Union Hotel and adjacent areas

New development assigned to Copper Hill



Phases 3-4



Redistricting Plan – Future Steps

Liberty Village Redevelopment Area

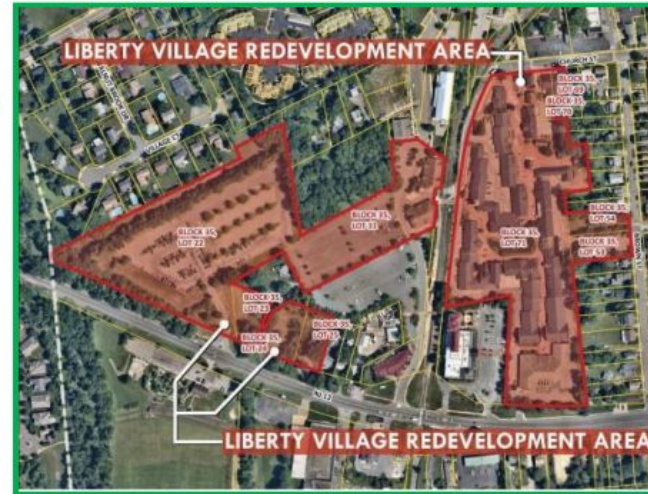
- Church Street
- Stangl Road

New development assigned to Robert Hunter

Main Street at Flemington

- East Main – former site of Agway
- Hopewell Avenue
- Walter Foran Boulevard

New development assigned to Copper Hill



Phases 3-4

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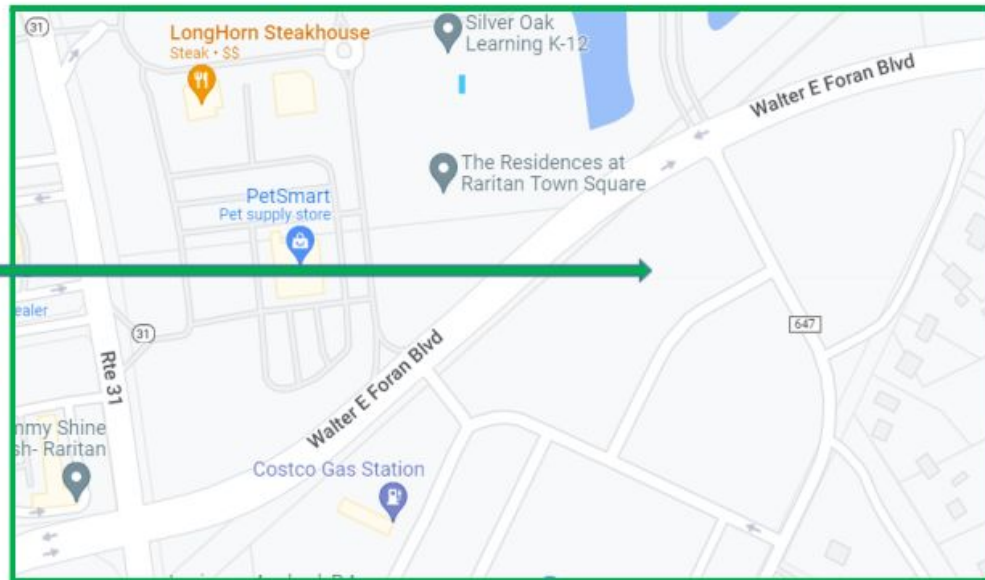
Raritan Junction Redevelopment Area

- Walter Foran Blvd. (adjacent to Costco)

**New development assigned to
Barley Sheaf**



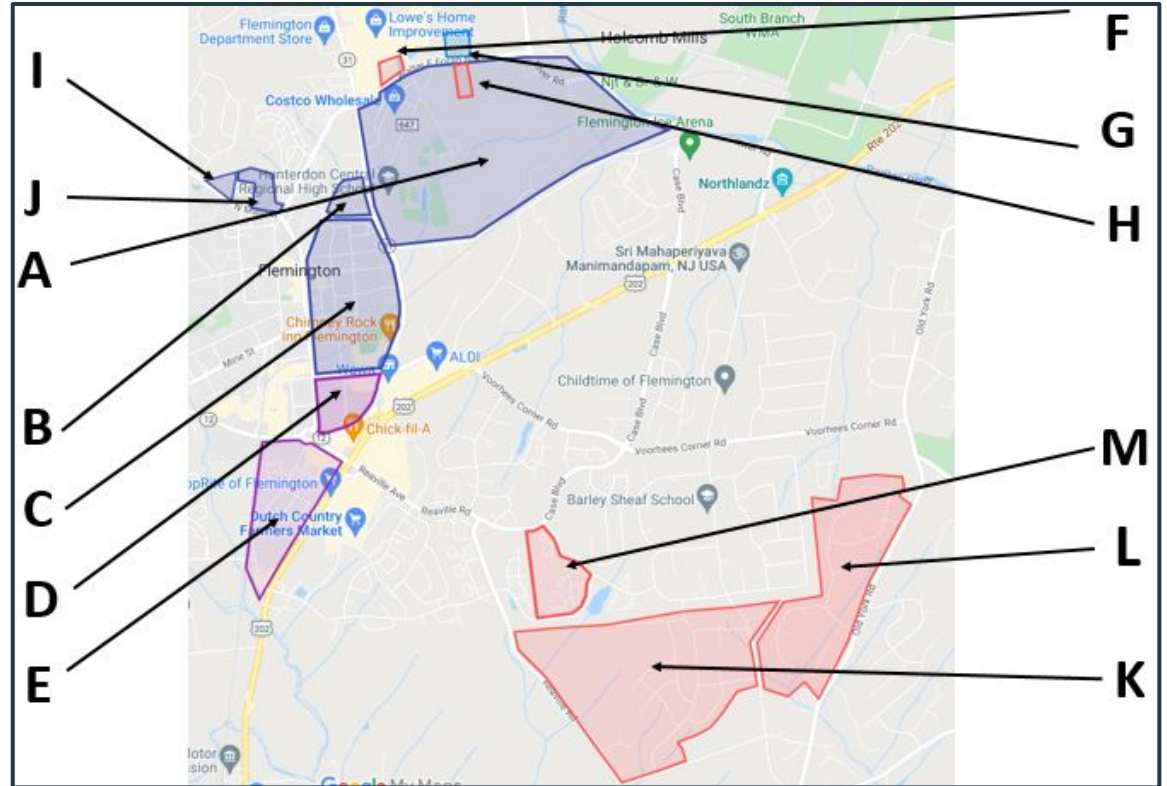
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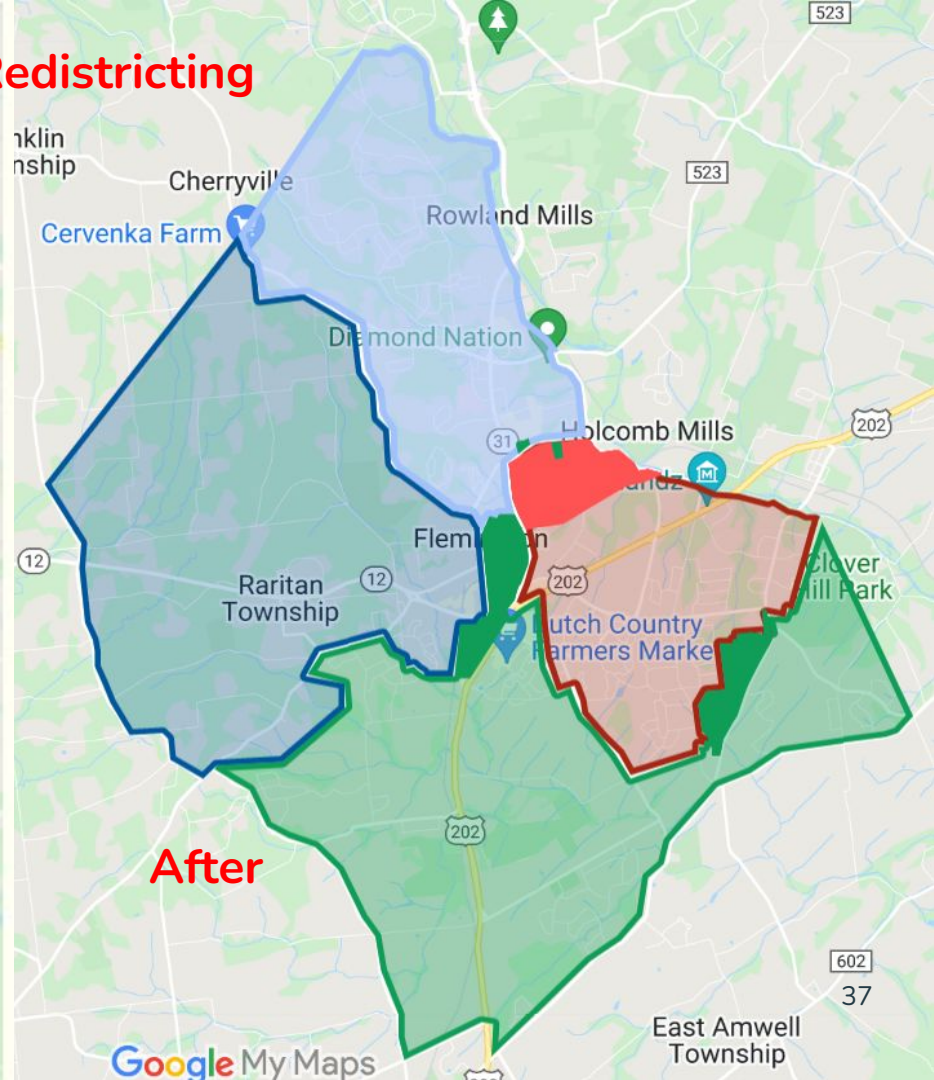
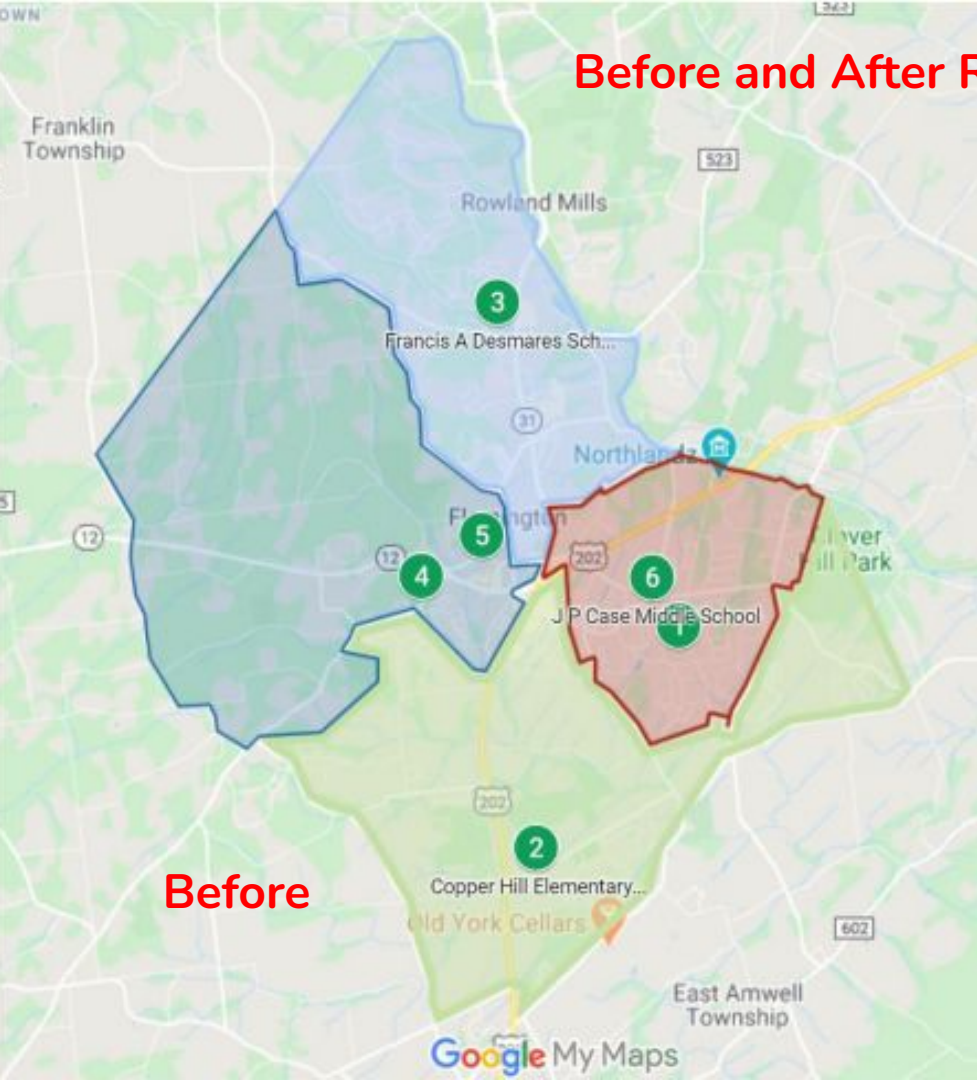
Examining Options

To address the recommendations by the committee, multiple areas were analyzed to determine their viability as a redistricting option

In the end, some areas were determined to be less suitable for redistricting based on the priorities set forth.



Before and After Redistricting



Helping Students Transition

To keep the community advised of the new residential properties and adjustment the District must make, the [December](#) and [January](#) and [March](#) issues of the Community Newsletters featured information on enrollment trends and residential construction. [A link on the District's website](#) is also available to provide information.

Specific information will be shared with affected families in the beginning of May.



To Support Families with the Transition

- Students and families will be provided several opportunities for school tours/meet and greets over the summer
- PTO's are preparing to welcome and support new families
- School representatives have called or will be calling families to welcome them to their schools

The District's sincere
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members for their powerful
thinking!

Questions, thoughts,
comments?

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