MEMORANDUM

E. Baton Rouge Parish School Board
Summary of Advertised Plans

With the advertisement of the 19 plans produced for the Board’s consideration, this memo will cover the grouping of the plans and the demographics of each plan.

The plans are grouped into three categories. One is the demographer’s plans. The second is the Finney plans, including the Ware-Collins Plan. The final category are the Public plans that had their genesis with the Maptitude for Redistricting Online (MORe) portal. A brief summary of each category is presented with the listing.

**Demographer’s Plans:**

The plans submitted by the demographer consist of Illustrative Plan 1-11, Illustrative Plan 3, and Plans 4 through 9. Except for Plans 8 & 9, the previous plans have been in the public domain and covered in the Board workshops and Public Input sessions. Plans 8 & 9 are variations of Illustrative Plan 3 which was the original 9-member plan submitted for Board consideration and public review. Illustrative Plan 1-11 is the original 11-member plan configuration submitted for Board consideration and public review. At the various Board workshop and Public Input session, Plans IP3, IP1-11, and Plans 4-7 have had printed copies displayed for review.

All of those plans meet the traditional redistricting requirements and are proportional to the Black population in the EBR public school district.

**Finney Plans**

These five plans created and submitted by Dr. James Finney represent alterative Board memberships. The plans covered the district configurations under an 11-member, 12-member, 13-member, 14-member, and 15-member plan.

All five plans have been in the public domain for a number of weeks. At each Board workshop and Public Input session, the printed copies of the plans have been available for review.

All of the Finney plans meet the traditional redistricting criteria. However, no opinion is being offered by the demographer on the authors intent or approach with the respective plans, including communities of interest considered.

**Ware-Collins Plan**

Dr. Finney constructed the Ware-Collins plan at their request. The plan is based on an 11-member configuration. The plan was enumerated as the author identified the plan when submitted for review.
reviewed, the plan met the traditional redistricting criteria. However, like the other Finney plans, no opinion is being offered as to the application of some of those criteria, such as considered communities of interest.

**Public Plans**

The five public plans had their beginnings with the plan authors using the MORe redistricting portal. The plans were numbered as they were identified by the authors when submitted to the demographer for review.

Plan X-1 was submitted two weeks prior to the deadline but was not published until the demographer received permission to do so. The other plans were submitted after the last Public Input session. All are variations of the original plan 12 as created by the author.

Like all the plans, these were reviewed for adherence to the traditional redistricting criteria. Since they are all 9-member plan configurations, incumbency was applicable and all of the plans kept incumbents in their current districts. Other traditional redistricting criteria was met but no opinion is being offered as to the approach the author used nor the weight they may have assigned to some redistricting criteria.

**Summary:**

Of the 19 plans, six were new plans (Ware-Collins, X-1, Plans 12, 20, 22, and 10). Of those, Plans 20, 22, and 10 were variations of the original Plan 12.

The demographer had two plans based on Illustrative Plan 3 (Plans 8 & 9) that had not yet been presented formally. The variation between them is relatively minor.

The Finney plans were in the public realm for almost a month. They are all based on different Board membership numbers. All of the plans met the basic tenements of traditional redistricting criteria.

To assist with the consideration of the various plans, the demographic charts for each are presented with this memo. The charts are place in the groups as outlined above.

By using the demographic charts first, the reader can readily ascertain which plans may be of interest and can disregard the others. For those of interest, reviewing the plan configurations would then refine whether a plan is acceptable or not.

I hope this helps with the Public’s review and the Board’s consideration of a plan going forward.

Thanks,

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Attachments: Demographics for Demographer Plans, Public Plans, and Finney Plans