



COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS  
**2018 FACILITIES TASK FORCE**

**FINAL RECOMMENDATION**

ALTERNATIVE  
**4 B**

ADJUST FEEDER PATTERN  
CO-LOCATION OF BUCKEYE MIDDLE SCHOOL INTO MARION-FRANKLIN HIGH  
AND  
CREATION OF A DEDICATED 6-8 MIDDLE SCHOOL IN SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL.

# THE ROLE OF THE FACILITIES TASK FORCE

**COMMUNITY-LED TASK FORCE** SUPPORTED BY DISTRICT STAFF WHO RECOMMENDED PROCESS FOR SCREENING BASED ON NATIONAL BEST-PRACTICE, LOCAL HISTORICAL WORK, AND SUBJECT-MATTER EXPERTISE.

**REVIEW DATA AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS** ON SCHOOLS AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS FOR CLOSING OR CHANGING ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES AND/OR GRADE CONFIGURATIONS.

PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HAVE A **STATEMENT OF RATIONALE**.

RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE BASED ON OVERALL BALANCE AND **OBJECTIVITY OF FACTORS LISTED IN BOARD POLICY 7105**.

ISSUE DRAFT REPORT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BY THE END OF AUGUST. **FINAL REPORT BY OCTOBER**.

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As an alternative to the Preliminary Recommendation originally proposed in August, the Facilities Task Force recommends the co-location of Buckeye Middle School into Marion-Franklin High School (with two separate and distinct programs, administration, and services) and closure of the Buckeye building,

AND

creation of a dedicated South Middle School within South High School (with two separate and distinct programs, administration, and services), reassignment of Grade 6 from Lincoln Park, Livingston, Moler, Siebert, Stewart, and Southwood to the new South Middle School (joining the current Grade 7-8 already at South),

AND

adjustment of the attendance boundaries for Southwood Elementary and Stewart Elementary to include the current Siebert neighborhood catchment, closure of Siebert Elementary.

AND

adjustment of Fairwood Elementary into the East feeder pattern, with Grade 6 reassigned to Champion Middle School.

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#### RATIONALE FOR SEPARATE MIDDLE SCHOOLS:

- This recommendation seeks to create separate middle schools - with separate and distinct programs, administration, and services from the high schools. This is NOT the creation of a 6-12 school, but a unique 6-8/9-12 model which provides both distinct separation and potential for vertical collaboration.
- The addition of a middle school into Marion-Franklin High School addresses the extremely low building utilization (53%).
- The creation of a dedicated middle school (Grades 6-8) at South High School provides for traditional grade banding and a truer middle school experience for students.
- The Marion-Franklin building is receiving significant “Operation: Fix It” repair investments (including updated HVAC and air conditioning) which make it a more welcoming and larger facility than Buckeye.
- Moving Grade 6 to the new South Middle School creates additional space at Fairwood, Lincoln Park, Livingston, Moler, Stewart, and Southwood and allow existing teachers and staff to better address non-academic barriers. The additional space will also allow for additional Pre-Kindergarten classes at those school, pending funding and staffing.

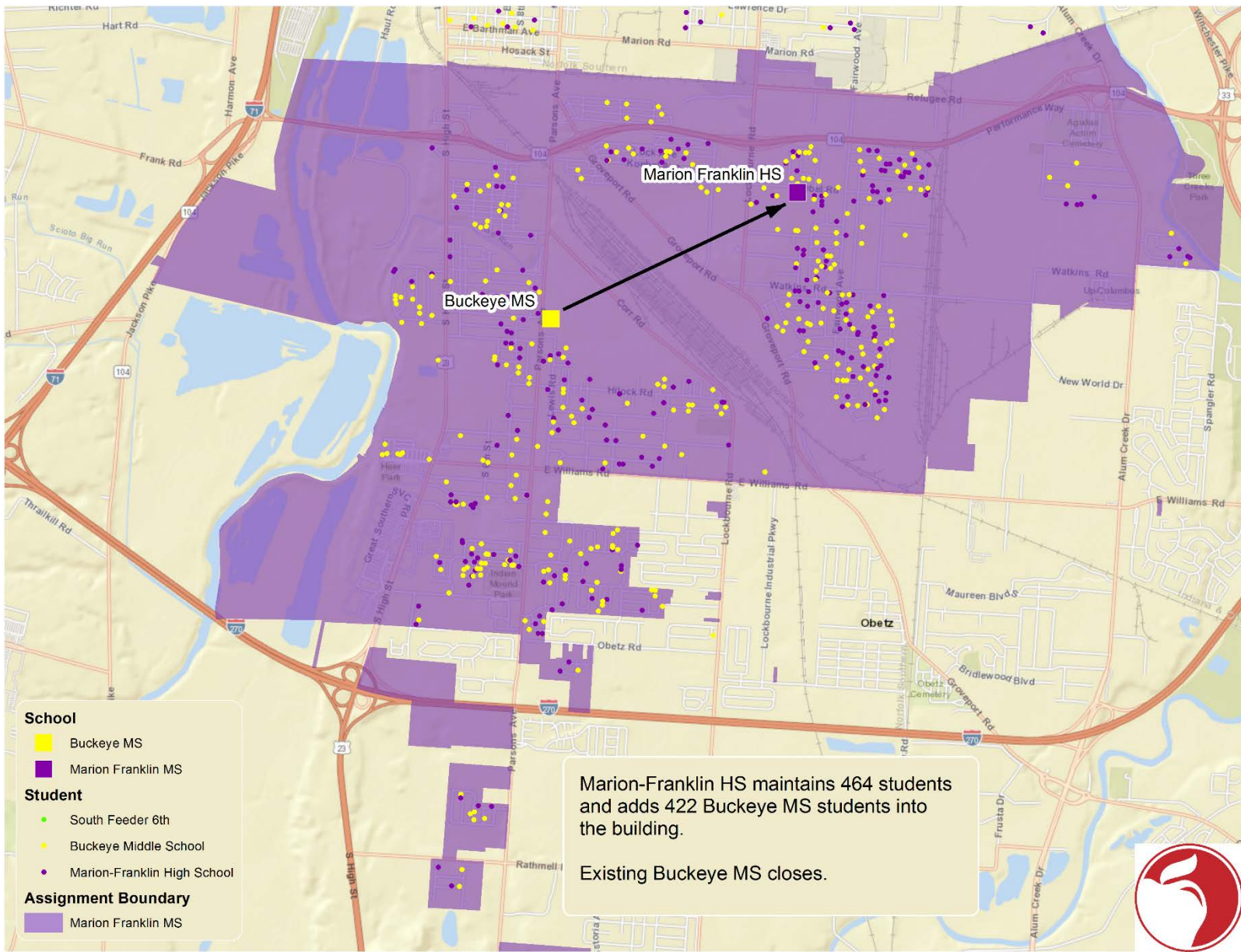
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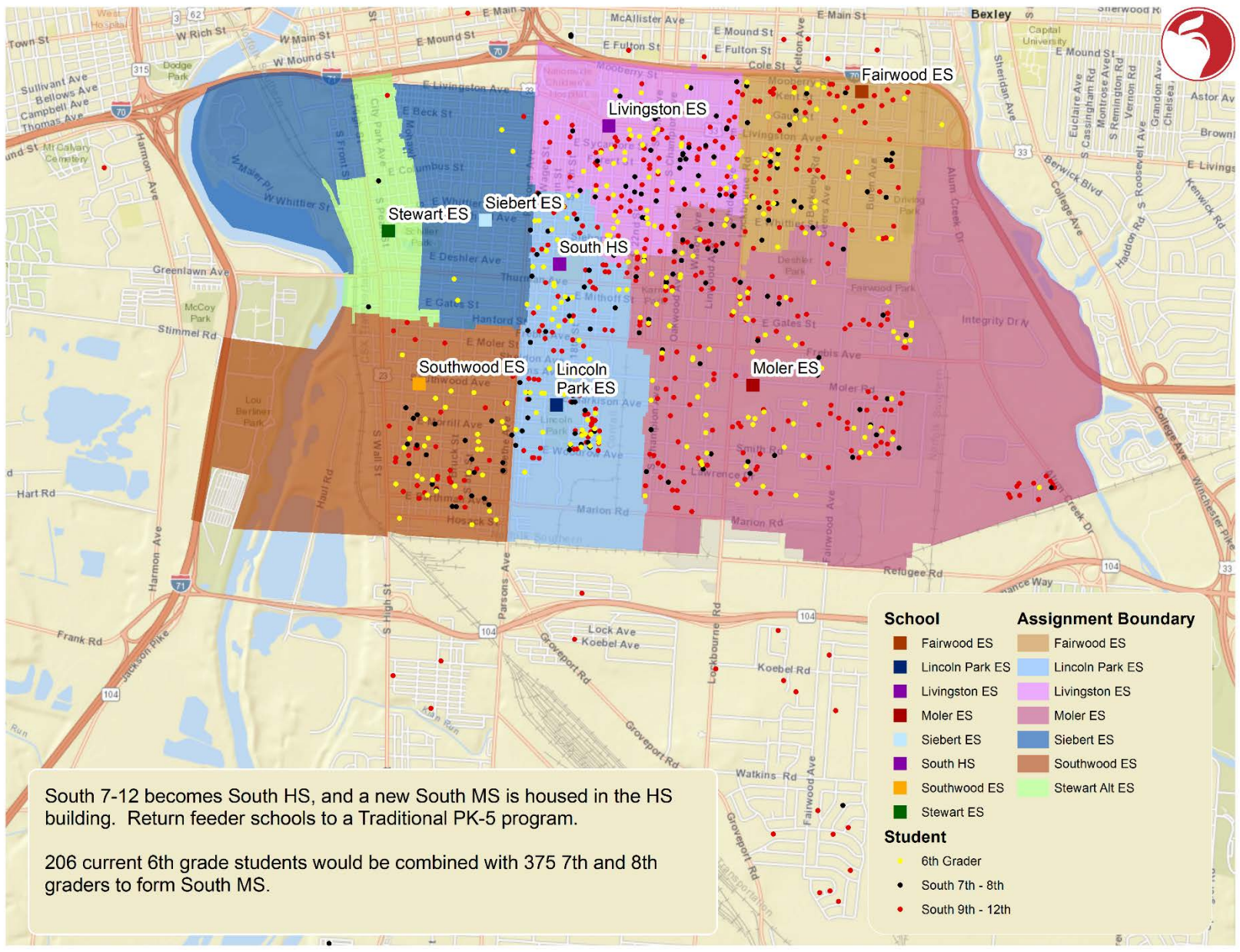
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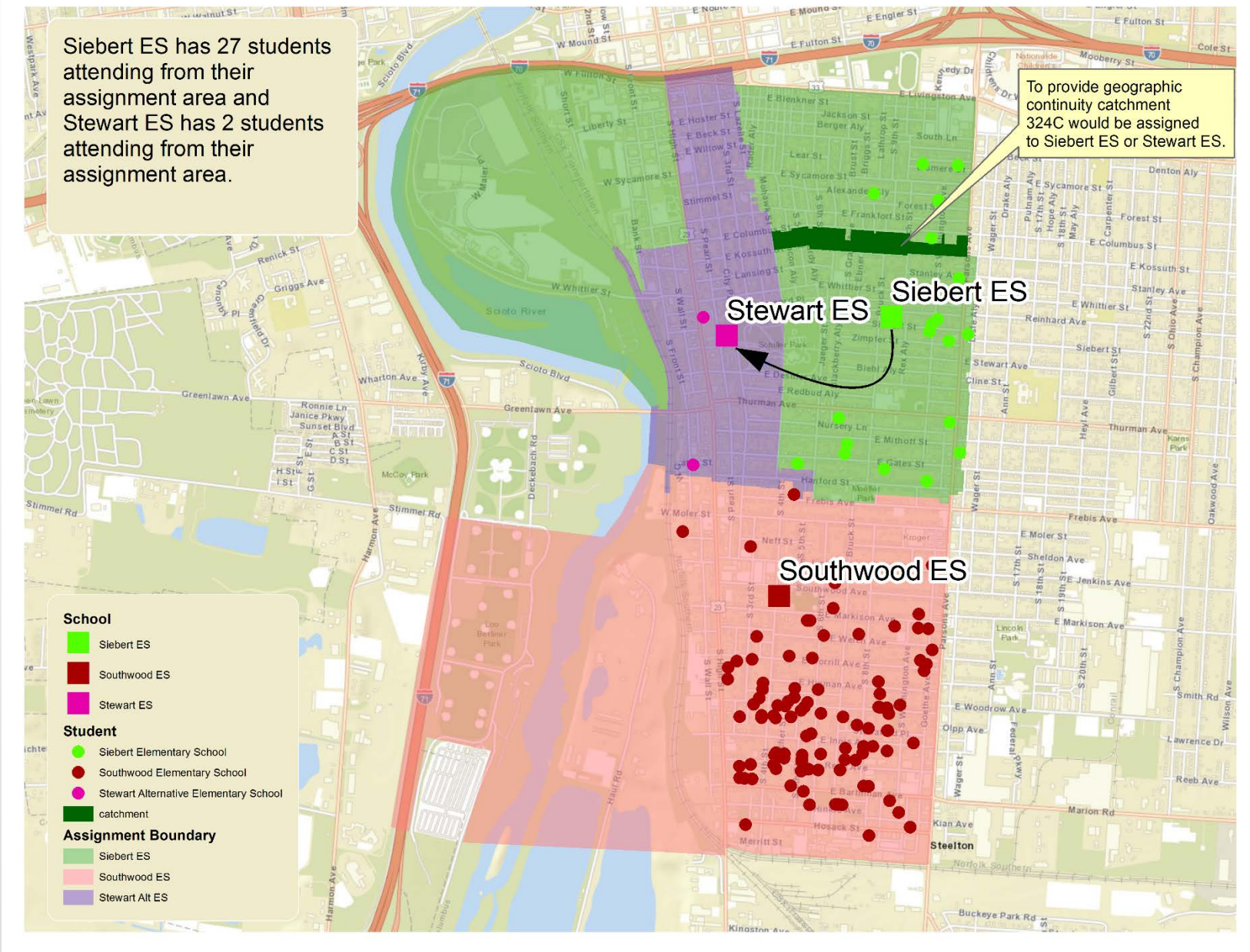
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### RATIONALE FOR CHANGES AT SIEBERT AND FAIRWOOD:

- The reassignment of students currently in the Siebert Elementary neighborhood to Southwood Elementary and Stewart Elementary provides improved learning spaces for students in buildings that have been renovated (and have air conditioning). Changing the home schools for this neighborhood might also draw students and families back to attending a school closer to home.
- Lessening the impact of this closure, it's important to note the percentages of students assigned to Siebert, with approximately 7% by neighborhood, 19% by choice/lottery, and 65% by District placement (including placement for English as a Second language and Special Education service).
- The move of Fairwood students in Grade 6 to Champion Middle School places students in improved classroom space in a renovated building (with air conditioning) and provides a true middle school experience.
- The adjustment of Fairwood into the East feeder pattern increases utilization at Champion Middle School and East High School.











MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMMUNITY-LED FACILITIES TASK FORCE AND THE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE:

**[www.ccsok.us](http://www.ccsok.us)**

**REMINDER:**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS ARE  
NOVEMBER 7 AND NOVEMBER 20**