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Good morning team! (Sorry about the previous email – I hit “Send” accidentally).

Quick update. After we met yesterday, I met with Marshall Orson (DeKalb School Board) and representatives from Druid Hills Civic Association and the Fernbank Elementary advisory council and PTA leadership. They stated their desire to be included in neighborhood discussions around annexation and remain curious and open to the idea.

The biggest takeaway is that they emphatically and resolutely will fight to keep their elementary school district intact. They suspect the same will be true for the Briar Vista Elementary district as well (it’s the one that is effectively the neighborhoods along the northern border of City of Atlanta and DeKalb up to I-85).

It sounded like the group will proceed with neighborhood discussions using a tentative annexation area with these two areas as its boundary. For reference:

<http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/www/documents/redistricting/attendance-areas-approved-elementary-schools-map.pdf>

There may be some additional small neighborhoods outside of those two areas that would want to be included in the annexation boundary because of affiliation to Emory University. DHCA will continue to chat with them.

I suggested that the DHCA group go ahead and get with Mary Margaret Oliver and Elena Parent with those boundaries in mind, at least to get the conversation started and to see if they would sponsor legislation.

All in all, it was encouraging, but it will take some work on APS to figure out how they absorb the students and facilities, if that is even an option. I understand that Marshall is meeting with Matt Westmoreland and Leslie Grant this morning to discuss further.

That’s what I know!

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