

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF VIENNA, VIRGINIA TOWN COUNCIL OPPOSING THE REDISTRICTING OF TOWN OF VIENNA STUDENTS FROM JAMES MADISON HIGH SCHOOL TO GEORGE C. MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Town of Vienna was formally established as a Town in 1890 and is a body politic and corporate as authorized by its Charter, approved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, even prior to its formal incorporation, the Town of Vienna had a longstanding interest in public education in its community, including providing land and funds to build schools within its area and later within its formal corporate boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Vienna, in cooperation with the Fairfax County School Board, has for many years advocated for school boundary lines to correspond and with the Town corporate limits and to ensure that all Town of Vienna students would be in the James Madison High School district; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Vienna is a tight knit community and has a very special relationship with its hometown high school - James Madison High School; and

WHEREAS, the current school boundaries have fostered a sense of stability and belonging for students and families, which is essential for academic success and emotional well-being, and

WHEREAS, changing high school districts and moving Town of Vienna students from Madison to Marshall High School completely goes against our communities' values and unique Town pride; and

WHEREAS, the travel to Marshall from Northeast Vienna to a high school inside the Beltway and through one of the most congested business districts in Fairfax County, would burden the parents and students with longer commutes through already congested corridors in Tysons, particularly during peak school hours; and

WHEREAS, the redistricting proposal would divide Vienna's longstanding neighborhoods and create a disparate impact on a small section of the Town, undermining the very concept of community cohesion; and

WHEREAS, the proposed redistricting would not give all Town of Vienna students the opportunity to participate in current partnerships including the Wings program for seniors, and longstanding traditions such as the popular Madison Homecoming Parade, the Madison Madrigals annual performance at the Mayor and Council Holiday Reception and State Championship teams escorted by the Vienna Police Department;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Council of the Town of Vienna, Virginia strongly opposes the proposed Fairfax County Public School redistricting plan and urges the members of the Fairfax County School Board to re-consider Scenario #4 and find a solution that ensures all Town of Vienna residents continue to attend James Madison High School.

ADOPTED this 27th day of October 2025.

Linda J. Colbert, Mayor

A COPY ATTEST:

Shelley M. Kozlowski, CMC
Town Clerk