

John Newman – Self

“The current design of the School board map does not take into consideration any of the current leadership structure in the district. Our Ward maps are already convoluted and very gerrymandered, to continue this process makes the entire process a sham. My recommendation is to use as close to squares as possible. Do not split school boundaries when creating these districts, no school population should have to vote for 2 separate candidates. Additionally, keeping an alderperson's entire ward together also makes sense. Same logic for state senators and reps so that the number of contacts necessary is lessened. That said, I have little hope that the 77/78 neighborhoods within the city will be kept in tact instead of being split because people know how to draw lines to get the votes they want”