Ms. Lepore,

As a follow-up to our conversation and your faxed request of July 13th, I have attached to this message a "zip" file which contains "area" shapefiles representing the public elementary, middle and high school comprehensive attendance areas for Prince George's County.  The information content presents a graphic depiction of the attendance areas for the **2008-2009** School Year.  As I indicated in our phone conversation, the Board of Education has adopted major boundary changes which affected more than sixty school.  The 2009-2010 boundaries represent a phasing year and is not the final configuration of the adopted changes.

The elementary school boundaries are contained in the "pgcps\_ELEMENTARY" shapefiles;
the middle school boundaries are contained in the "pgcps\_MIDDLE" shapefiles; and
the high school boundaries are contained in the "pgcps\_HIGH" shapefiles.

The files provided are in ESRI Shapefile format and contain the local school number (SCHNO), the State of Maryland code for Prince George's County (MSDE\_LEA) and  the State of Maryland code for the specific school within Prince George's County (MSDE\_SCHNO).  The school name (NAME), an informal abbreviation (ABBREV), the lowest grade level served in the school (LOWGRADE) and  the highest grade level served in the school (HIGHGRADE) is also provided.  Grade Level "91" refers to Kindergarten.  The program code is a local system designation for the type of school or program and will always be "RG" for the schools referenced in the shapefiles.

The projection information for the shapefiles is reflected in the provided ".prj" file and represents Maryland State Plane Coordinates, NAD83, survey feet. The precision of the coordinate information is unspecified. Please note that attendance areas in Prince George's County are based on actual street addresses and any area representation of that information is inherently inaccurate and provided for graphic reference purposes.  These internal working documents are being provided without charge for use in the National Science Foundation project referenced in your letter. I understand the shapefiles will not be redistributed to anyone other than the project sponsor, and neither the College of William & Mary nor the project sponsor will distribute the information to others without explicit permission.

Please let me know if clarification is needed or if you have difficult with the attached file.

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