

Written Testimony of Patrick Gouger, Private Citizen
Opponent of SB 577 "Apple" Map
Proponent of SB 576 Little Jerusalem Badlands Map
Senate Committee on Redistricting
March 29, 2022

Please consider this as amending testimony with the following suggestions:

The senate district combinations below would keep the current SBOE map as unchanged as possible:

It reunites the Shawnee Mission District in SBOE-2. It reunites western Kansas in SBOE-5. It reunites the SBOE-6 in NE Kansas. It keeps the proposed Apple map for SBOE-3 including the Blue Valley and Olathe school districts together.

I would appreciate it if this was proposed formally, reviewed, and considered. It takes the best elements of previous maps introduced and keeps the current SBOE districts statewide as unchanged as possible following committee guidelines.

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There have been many ways "communities of interest" have been expressed in this process. Residents within housing subdivisions, historically ethnic neighborhoods, small business districts and community services, college and medical campuses, church communities and parishes - which are all important when considering redistricting.

But for this map, for the Board of Education, there is only one grouping of communities of interest that matters. The school districts that are charged with educating the kids within that community. Please keep those parents and kids of these school districts together, which will allow them to elect a single advocate from within their community to the state board. The grouping of senate districts that keeps school districts whole should be the first, second and last community of interest consideration.

Respectfully,

Patrick Gouger
Overland Park, KS

Please consider the attached pdf as amending testimony with the following suggestions:

Committee:

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