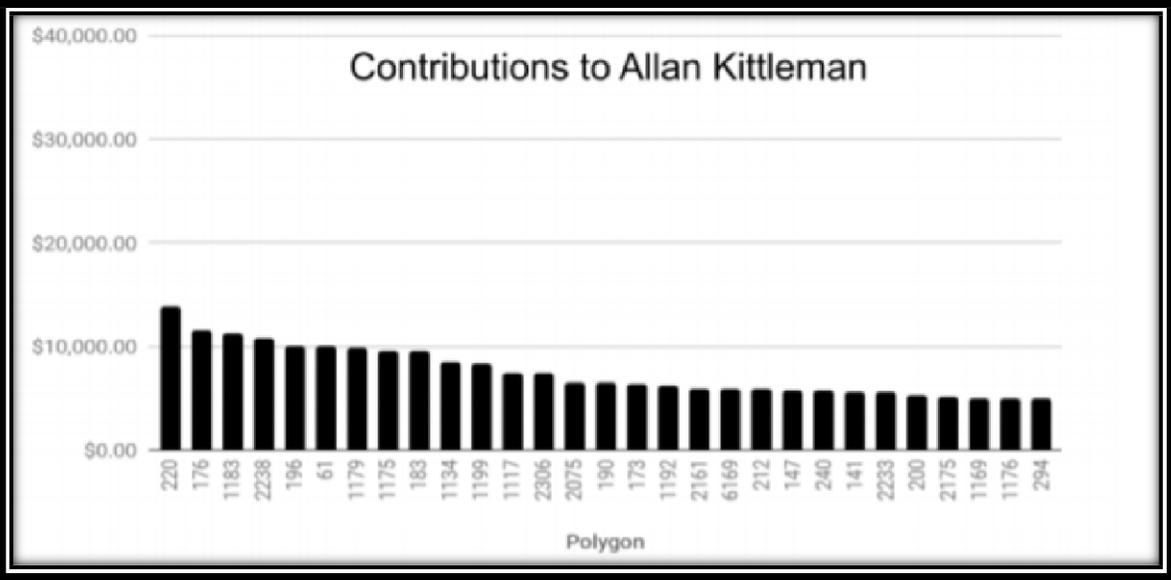
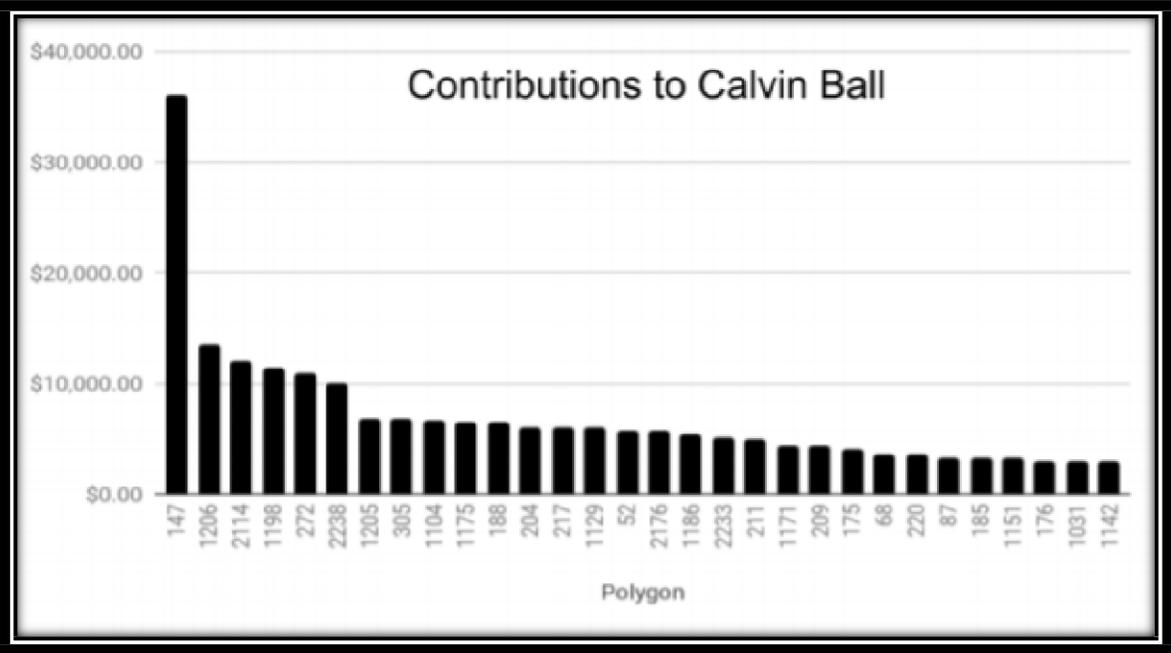


A recent review of Howard County campaign finance reports beginning in 2017 has raised some interesting questions. We cross-referenced individual donations made using Howard County addresses and matched them to HCPSS polygons.

What do you think?

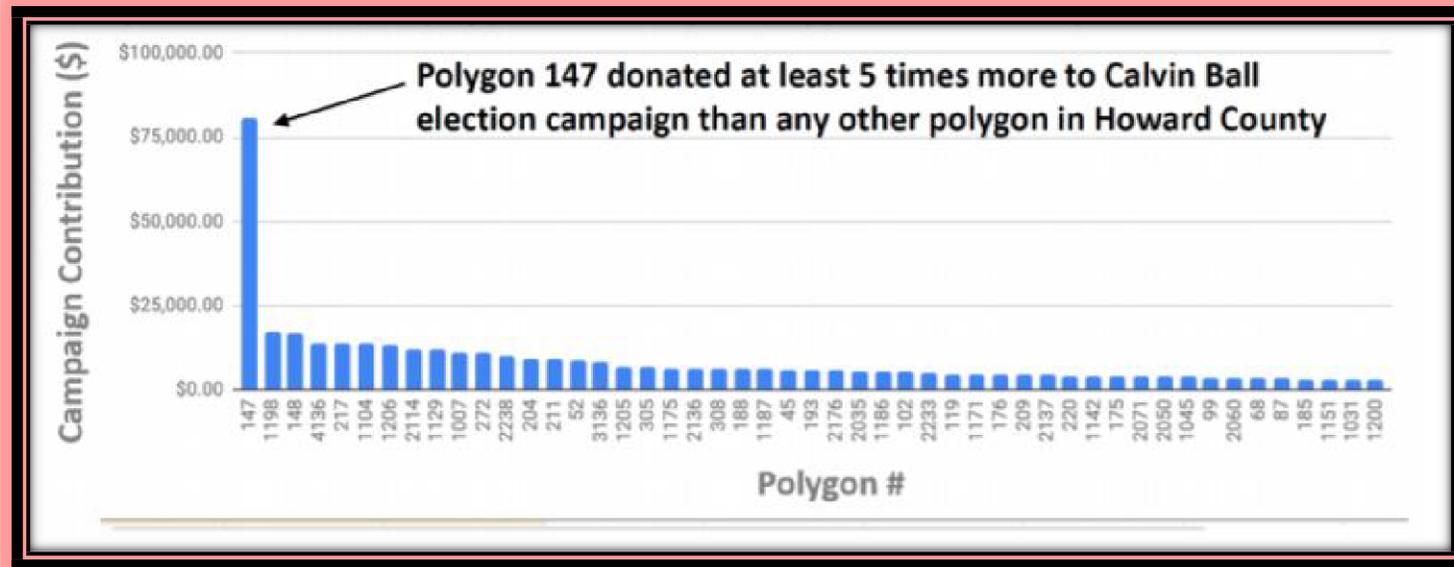


Do you see what we see?

The average total political donation by neighborhood across the county for either candidate is about \$10k.

So, what explains a **500%** increase from a single neighborhood to Calvin Ball's election fund?

Moreover, this is not where County Executive Ball lives.



Let's see if we can figure this out by comparing polygons from a neighboring school.

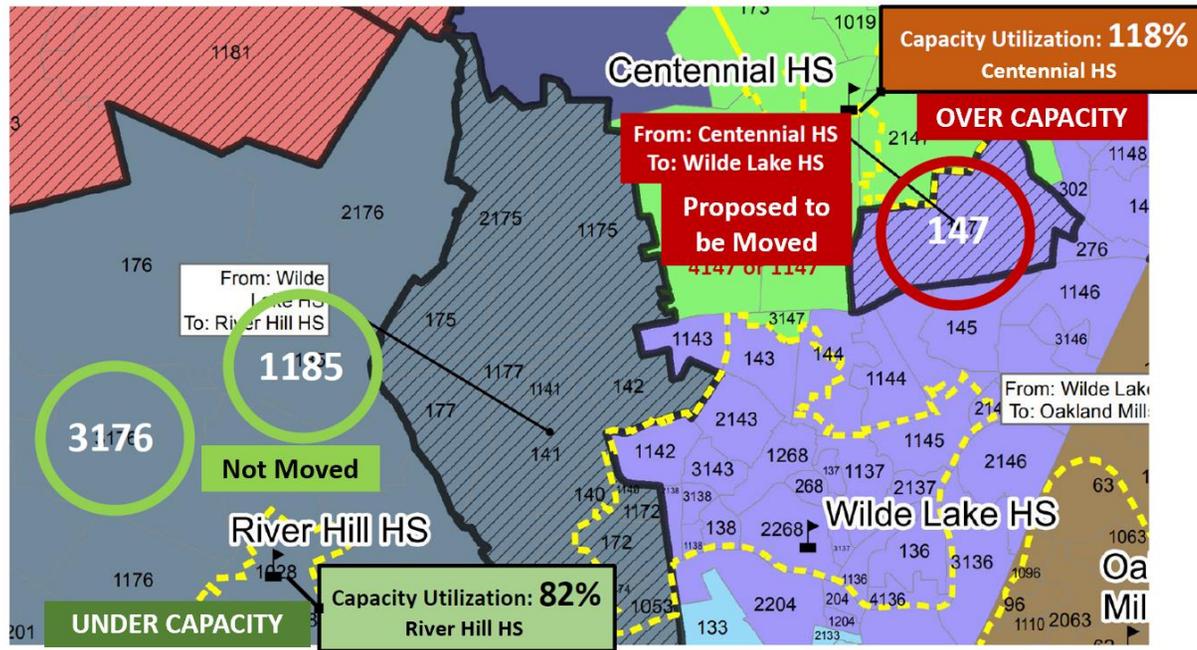
Polygon #	Current High School	# of High School students in polygon (2018)	Distance to Current High School	Distance to New High School	Capacity Utilization of Current High School (2019)	Redistricted to New High School?
3176	River Hill	45	2.1 miles	6.8 miles	93%	YES
1185	River Hill	22	1.7 miles	5.0 miles	93%	YES
147	Centennial	35	1.8 miles	3.9 miles	117%	NO



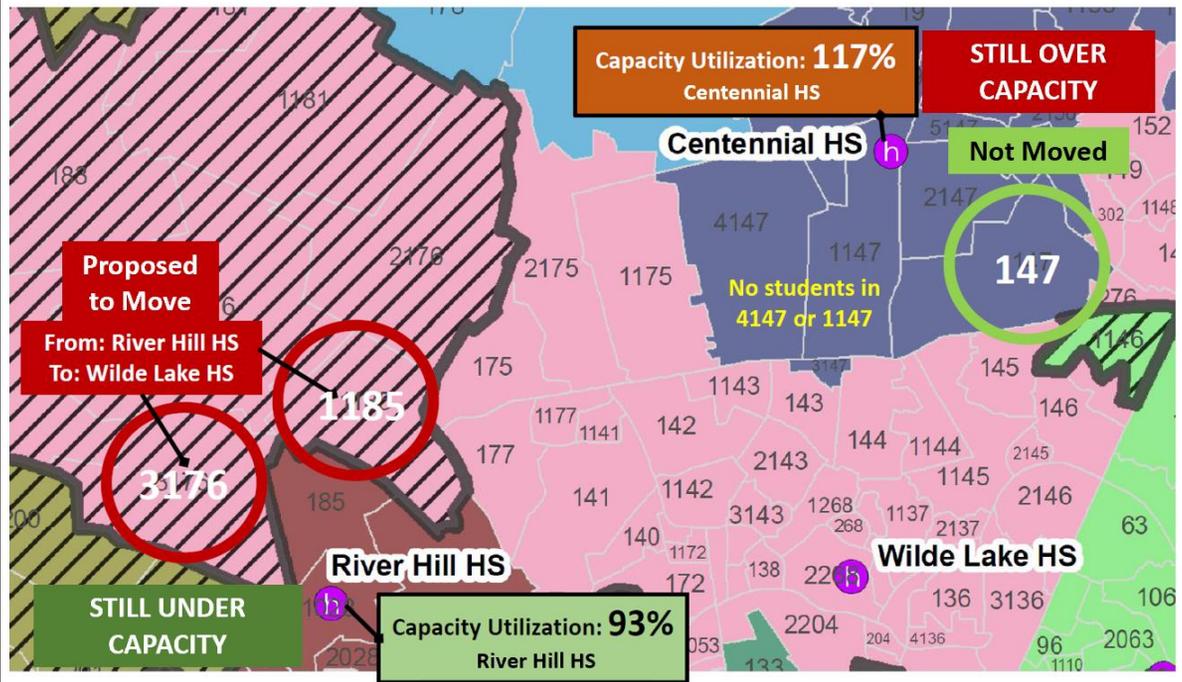
Well, now that's very interesting....

QUESTION: What do we discover when we compare the 2017 and 2019 proposed redistricting plans?

2017 Proposed Redistricting Plan



2019 Proposed Redistricting Plan



Wait, What?! How can that be?

You decide. First, let's review what we know and what we can prove.

FACTS:

- **In 2017, polygon 147 was slated to be moved to Wilde Lake High School ; polygons 1185 and 3176 were not.**
- **Later in Fall 2017, the proposed plan was cancelled until after the County Executive and BoE elections were complete in 2018.**
- **Still in 2017, while the campaign for County Executive was underway, residents from Polygon 147 donated 5x the average political contribution to "The Calvin Ball Team" political candidate account.**
- **Now in Fall 2019, Polygon 147 is no longer slated to be redistricted despite significant overcrowding.**
- **Polygons 1185 and 3176 currently attend River Hill High School which is under capacity.**
- **Polygon 147 attends Centennial High School which is significantly over capacity.**
- **Polygon 1185 and 3176 are now proposed to be redistricted; Polygon 147 is not.**
- **Polygon 147 goes to an overcrowded school and is miles closer to Wilde Lake than polygons 1185 or 3176.**
- **All 3 polygons have the same socio-economic composition.**

Now, here are some questions to think about....

QUESTIONS:

- **How can this be?**
- **What motivated the residents of polygon 147 during the winter of 2017 that convinced them to donate so much money to the Calvin Ball campaign account?**
- **Why were over half of these donations made by residents of this polygon (more than \$42,000) made using personal & business addresses located outside of Howard County?**

Here's an Orwellian question for Superintendent Martirano:

"All polygons are equal, but are some polygons more equal than others?"