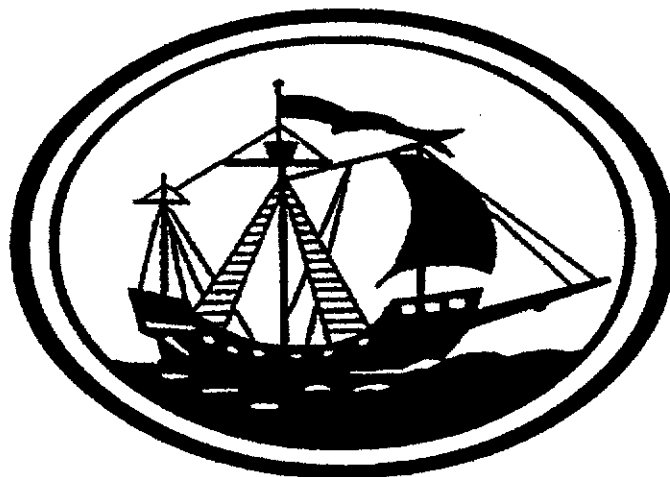


**Portland Public Schools
Ocean Avenue Elementary School Neighborhood Boundaries Ad Hoc Committee
Recommendation to the School Committee**



**Recommended
Neighborhood Assignment
To Create
The New School's Population**

February, 2008

Introduction

The Ocean Avenue Elementary School Neighborhood Boundaries Ad Hoc Committee was appointed on January 23, 2008 by the School Committee. The Boundaries Committee was charged with making a recommendation to the school committee regarding the district boundaries for the new elementary school to be built on Ocean Avenue. Determining the new school's population is one of the elements of the concept design to be submitted to the state for approval on March 12, 2008. The committee was assigned the following working assumptions:

- To establish a school community that achieves a socio-economic balance in which approximately 40-50% of students qualify for the Federal Free Lunch Program
- To attempt to keep the Nathan Clifford student population together
- To disrupt as few neighborhoods as possible
- To keep other elementary schools viable and sustainable
- To make all decisions with regard to best educational practices and programs

Members of the Boundaries Committee were:

Assistant Superintendent – Jill Blackwood
 Multilingual Director – Grace Valenzuela
 Transportation Director - Kevin Mallory
 Principal – Marysue Morrison (Nathan Clifford)
 School Committee Member – Sarah Thompson
 Parent from current Clifford School neighborhood –Ken Giaquinto
 Parent from former Baxter School neighborhood – Janice William

The Boundaries Committee met January 31 and February 11, 2008 to formulate a recommendation establishing the district boundaries and resulting student population that will make up the Ocean Avenue school's neighborhood. The other members of the committee would like to gratefully acknowledge the work of Transportation Director Kevin Mallory in preparing the data displays and maps that informed this recommendation. Data was drawn from the transportation department's database in January, 2008. It is important to note that the student demographic data used to formulate this recommendation is that of known students currently in school in the neighborhood districts referenced. At a time nearer to the opening of the school, the data can be updated to reflect the actual demographics and the boundaries reconsidered.

Committee members are pleased to recommend the following plan for a school district boundary that will keep the Nathan Clifford school population in tact, reunite the former Baxter School neighborhood, and create a school population with the recommended balance of socioeconomic diversity. The resulting school population, based on the students of today would number 434. The planned capacity of the new school will be 441.

Planned Student Count for new School on Ocean Avenue					* rounded up
Grade	Floor	Capacity per class	Design Capacity	# classrooms	# students
Kindergarten	1	16 to 20	20	4	80
First	1	18 to 22	22	3	66
Second	1 or 2	18 to 22	22	2.5	55
Third	2	18 to 25	25	2.5	62.5
Fourth	2	18 to 25	25	2.5	62.5
Fifth	2	18 to 25	25	2.5	62.5
subtotal				17	389*
FLS	1	6 to 8	8	2	16
ELL	1 or 2	14 to 18	18	2	36
subtotal				4	52
total				21	441

The Committee Working Assumptions and Summary of Outcomes

- ▶ **To establish a school community that achieves socio-economic balance in which approximately 40-50% of students qualify for the Federal Free Lunch Program.**

The recommended neighborhood boundary for the new school on the Ocean Avenue site creates a school population with approximately 45% Federal Free Lunch Program recipients. The recommended population of the new school will mirror the citywide average of 47 % without significantly altering the balance at other schools.

- ▶ **To attempt to keep the Nathan Clifford student population together**

The recommended neighborhood boundary for the new school joins the current Nathan Clifford School boundary to the former Baxter School boundary, thereby keeping the entire Nathan Clifford population together. The recommendation also reunites the former Baxter School neighborhood as part of the new school's population. Provision was made for students currently attending Clifford from other districts to finish their elementary school education as part of this new school. Provision was also made for students residing in the current Clifford and former Baxter neighborhoods now attending other schools to be incorporated in the new school population should they so choose.

- ▶ **To disrupt as few neighborhoods as possible**

No other current school neighborhoods have been included in the recommended boundary for the new school. Specialized programs at the new school will include Functional Life Skills (FLS) and classes for English Language Learners (ELL). FLS students will come from around the city. It is proposed that ELLs living in the Clifford neighborhood and (who currently receive services at Reiche) as well as ELLs living in the Presumpscot School neighborhood (who currently receive services at East End Community School) attend the new school.

- ▶ **To keep other elementary schools viable and sustainable**

All other elementary schools remain viable and sustainable with this recommendation.

- ▶ **To make all decisions with regard to best educational practices and programs**

The committee's discussions focused on the needs and well being of the students who will be part of the new school's population. Bus routes will be of reasonable length for elementary school students. Walking routes will be planned for student safety.

The following data informed the committee's discussion of each assumption:

► To establish a school community that achieves socio-economic balance in which approximately 40-50% of students qualify for the Federal Free Lunch Program.

The recommended neighborhood boundary for the new school on the Ocean Avenue site builds a school population with approximately 45% Federal Free Lunch Program recipients. The recommended population of the new school will approximate the citywide average of 47 % without significantly altering the balance at other schools.

Current Schools	Free	Total Free	Enrollment	Proposed Schools	Student Loss	New Enrollment	Free%	Free% Diff
Clifford	42.2%	117	277	New School	-	434	45.4%	3.2%
EECS	78.7%	336	427	EECS	-23	404	75.8%	-2.9%
Hall	31.8%	148	465	Hall	-10	455	31.4%	-0.4%
Longfellow	17.6%	58	329	Longfellow	-35	294	16.3%	-1.3%
Lyseth	19.1%	102	535	Lyseth	0	535	20.8%	1.7%
Presumpscot	62.0%	155	250	Presumpscot	-30	220	65.0%	3.0%
Reiche	75.6%	242	320	Reiche	-6	314	72.6%	-3.0%
Riverton	62.4%	271	434	Riverton	-53	381	64.0%	1.6%
All Schools	47.1%	1,430	3,037			3,037	47.1%	

Neighborhood	From	Free	Reduced	Pay	% Free	Total
Bayside East	Clifford	28	1	8	75.7%	37
Bayside West	Clifford	14	0	4	77.8%	18
Deerfield	Clifford	0	0	3	0.0%	3
Forest Park	Clifford	1	0	4	20.0%	5
Libbytown	Clifford	38	1	9	79.2%	48
Oakdale	Clifford	10	2	30	23.8%	42
Outer Congress	Clifford	13	2	50	20.0%	65
USM	Clifford	15	3	32	30.0%	50
Westgate	Clifford	7	0	5	58.3%	12
Sub-Total		126	9	145	45.0%	280
Morrill's Corner	Riverton	7	0	3	70.0%	10
Ocean Ave 1	Riverton	20	1	22	46.5%	43
Ocean Ave 1a	Longfellow	6	1	28	17.1%	35
Ocean Ave 2	Presumpscot	12	0	18	40.0%	30
Sub-Total		45	2	71	38.1%	118
Front St	EECS	10	0	0	100.0%	10
Presumpscot St	EECS	7	0	0	100.0%	7
Veranda St	EECS	3	0	0	100.0%	3
Sub-Total		20	0	0	100.0%	20
FLS Hall / Reiche		6	0	10	37.5%	16
Total		197	11	226	45.4%	434

► To attempt to keep the Nathan Clifford student population together

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Neighborhood Composition – New School Base Neighborhood Population

Clifford/Baxter - Base Neighborhoods

Neighborhood	Regular Program	School From
Bayside East	31	Clifford
Bayside West	14	Clifford
Deerfield	3	Clifford
Forest Park	5	Clifford
Libbytown	40	Clifford
Oakdale	34	Clifford
Outer Congress	57	Clifford
USM	48	Clifford
Westgate	10	Clifford
Sub-Total	242	

ELL Students

Neighborhood	ELL	School From
Front St	10	EECS
Presumpscot St	7	EECS
Veranda St	3	EECS
Sub-Total	20	
Libbytown	4	Reiche
Oakdale	1	Reiche
Outer Congress	3	Reiche
Westgate	2	Reiche
Sub-Total	10	

Morrill's Corner	10	Riverton
Ocean Ave 1	29	Riverton
Ocean Ave 1a	31	Longfellow
Ocean Ave 2	24	Presumpscot
Sub-Total	94	

Ocean Ave 1	3	Riverton
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Total 336

Total 33

Total 369 Base Neighborhood Students

Students Attending Clifford Residing in Other Portland Elementary School Districts

School	K	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Baxter	1	1	2				4
EECS	1	1				1	3
Hall						2	2
Longfellow	2		1				3
Lyseth			2				2
Peaks						1	1
Reiche	3	1	7	2	1	4	18
Riverton	1		1		1	3	6
Total	8	3	13	2	2	11	39

Of the 39 students attending Clifford from other districts, it is projected that 24 students currently there in grades K-2 will continue to attend the new school with their current classmates should it open in three years.

Students Residing in Clifford and former Baxter Neighborhoods Now Attending Other Schools

Area	#	School Attending		Total
Ocean Ave 1	2	Clifford		
Ocean Ave 1a	3	Clifford	Clifford	5
Bayside East	5	EECS		
Bayside West	1	EECS	EECS	6
Libbytown	2	Longfellow		
Morrill's Corner	2	Longfellow		
Oakdale	3	Longfellow		
Ocean Ave 1	3	Longfellow		
Ocean Ave 2	2	Longfellow		
Outer Congress	3	Longfellow		
USM	1	Longfellow	Longfellow	16
Oakdale	2	Lyseth		
Ocean Ave 1	2	Lyseth		
Ocean Ave 2	1	Lyseth	Lyseth	5
Morrill's Corner	1	Presumpscot		
Ocean Ave 1	1	Presumpscot	Presumpscot	2
Libbytown	2	Reiche		
Oakdale	2	Reiche		
Outer Congress	2	Reiche		
Westgate	2	Reiche		
USM	1	Reiche	Reiche	9
Ocean Ave 1a	1	Riverton		
Ocean Ave 2	1	Riverton	Riverton	2
Sub-Total	45			45

Clifford/former Baxter Neighborhood Students Attending Other Schools

School	K	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Clifford	1	2	2				5
EECS	2	1	1		2		6
Longfellow	1	2	3	5	3	2	16
Lyseth		3	1			1	5
Presumpscot			1			1	2
Reiche	1	1	2	2	2	1	9
Riverton			1			1	2
Total	5	9	11	7	7	6	45

Of the 45 students residing in these two neighborhoods, 20 students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will be in middle school in three years from now. Provision has been made for the other 25 to attend the new school should they so choose.

► **To disrupt as few neighborhoods as possible and keep other schools viable**

No other school neighborhoods have been included in the recommended boundary for the new school. Specialized programs at the new school will include Functional Life Skills (FLS) and classes for English Language Learners (ELL). FLS students will come from around the city. It is proposed that ELLs living in the Clifford neighborhood and (who currently receive services at Reiche) as well as ELLs living in the Presumpscot School neighborhood (who currently receive services at East End Community School) attend the new school.

Impact on other schools

74 students outside the Clifford/former Baxter neighborhoods are included in the new school population as a result of the recommended boundary. These students represent 2.4% of the elementary student population in the district. The majority of the students from Longfellow, Presumpscot, and Riverton live within the former Baxter boundaries and were redistricted to those schools when Baxter closed.

<u>School</u>	<u>Baxter/Clifford Areas</u>	<u>ELL</u>	<u>FLS</u>
Clifford	242		
EECS		20	
Hall			10
Longfellow	31		
Lyseth			
Presumpscot	24		
Reiche		10	6
Riverton	39	3	
Total	336	33	

Total Recommended New School Population

■ Reunited Baxter and Clifford Base Neighborhoods – Regular Ed	336
■ Reunited Baxter and Clifford Base Neighborhoods – ELL	33
■ Current Clifford Students from Other Districts – Grades K – 2	24
■ Base Neighborhood Students now at Other Schools – Grades K - 2	25
■ FLS (from across the city)	16
Total	434

► To make all decisions with regard to best educational practices and programs. Bus routes will be of reasonable length for elementary school students. Walking routes will be planned for student safety.

► The transportation policy for elementary school students is as follows:

A kindergarten student qualifies for busing if the student lives over one half mile from school,
A student in grades 1 through 5 qualifies if the student lives over one mile from school.

► The following crossing guards may be needed for the this Ocean Avenue boundary scenario:

Baxter School @ Ocean Ave; Baxter School @ Walton St; Forest Ave @ Walton St.; Forest Ave @ Coyle St
(Cost per guard approx \$3600; currently 1 guard serve the Nathan Clifford area) Cost for exceptions to the busing policy can be compared to cost per guard.

► There is a possibility that one additional bus driver may be needed for the new school.

► FLS busing needs will be determined based on the addresses of the students at the time.

Bus #	Area	Other	Students	Miles	Time
Current Busing					
41	Ocean Ave	To Presumpscot (combined)	20	2.10	12.22
42	Baxter Area	To Longfellow (combined)	36	1.80	10.20
50	Outer Congress St	Includes FLS to Reiche	68	7.07	51.24
52	Baxter Area	To Riverton	41	6.20	32.21
61	Libbytown	FLS to Reiche / Reiche Combine	43	7.40	30.00
64	Uptown	Uptown / Reiche Combine	47	7.26	40.37
			Total	255	31.83 176.24
Proposed Busing					
50	Outer Congress St		75	6.51	47.12
52	Ocean Ave / Oakdale		78	8.98	47.32
64	East Deering / Uptown / Forest Ave		83	8.29	33.13
??	USM / Westgate		63	4.19	30.33
			Total	299	27.97 157.90

School Bus Rides Times

<u>Current</u> Grade	Time (min.)	<u>Proposed</u> Times (min.)
K	20.74	21.27
1	17.83	21.06
2	17.53	18.83
3	19.38	21.63
4	18.33	20.19
5	17.82	18.71
Average	18.76	20.36 (+1.6 min)

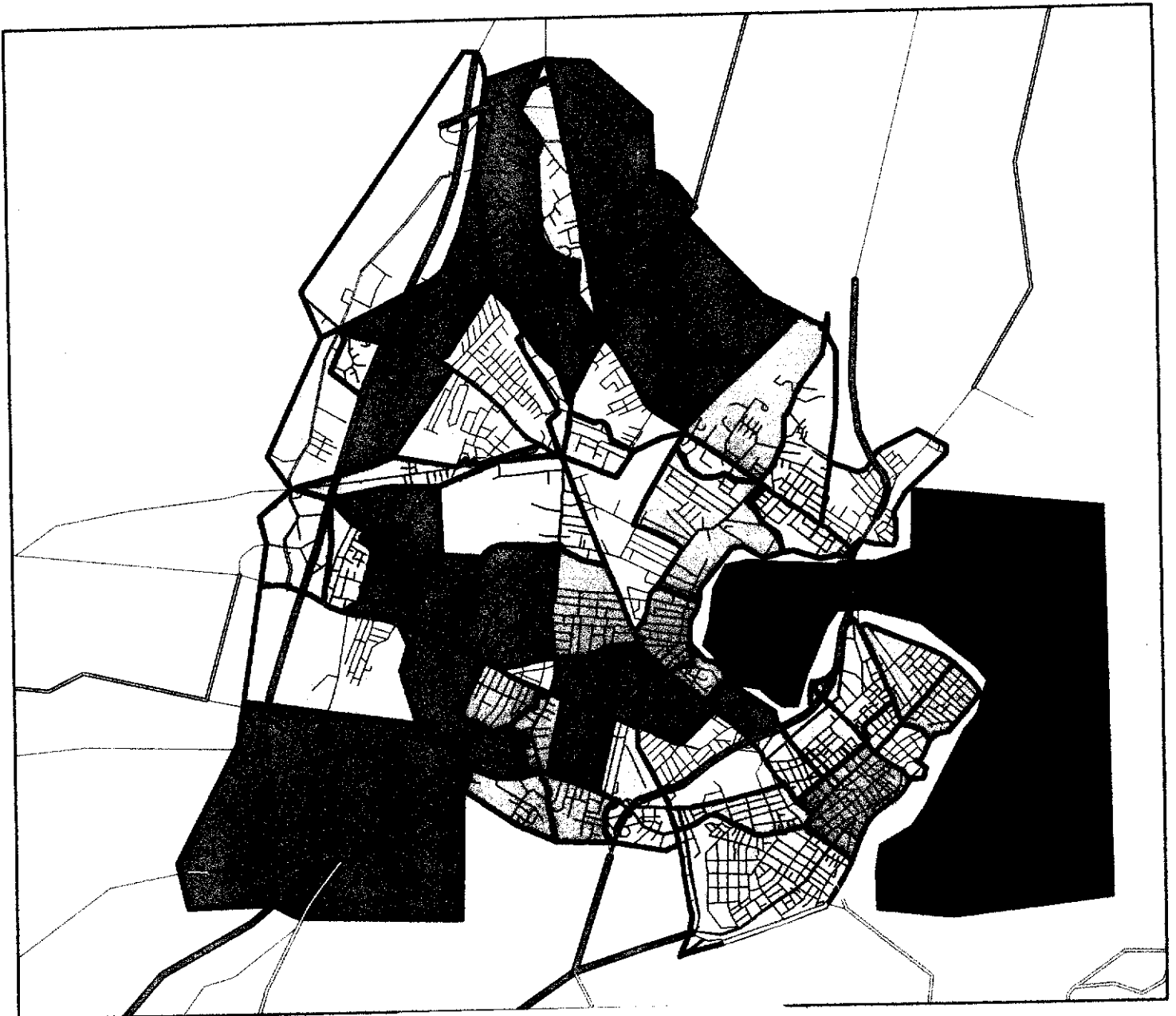
Distance to Bus Stop

<u>Current</u> Grade	Distance (miles)	<u>Proposed</u> Distance (miles)
K	.053	.064
1	.048	.071
2	.063	.069
3	.056	.075
4	.173	.057
5	.062	.068
Average	.076 (401 feet)	.067 (354 feet) (-47 feet)

Walkers – New School

Grade	#	Walkers - Clifford #
K	6	10
1	14	23
2	19	8
3	14	15
4	14	17
5	15	9
Total	82	82

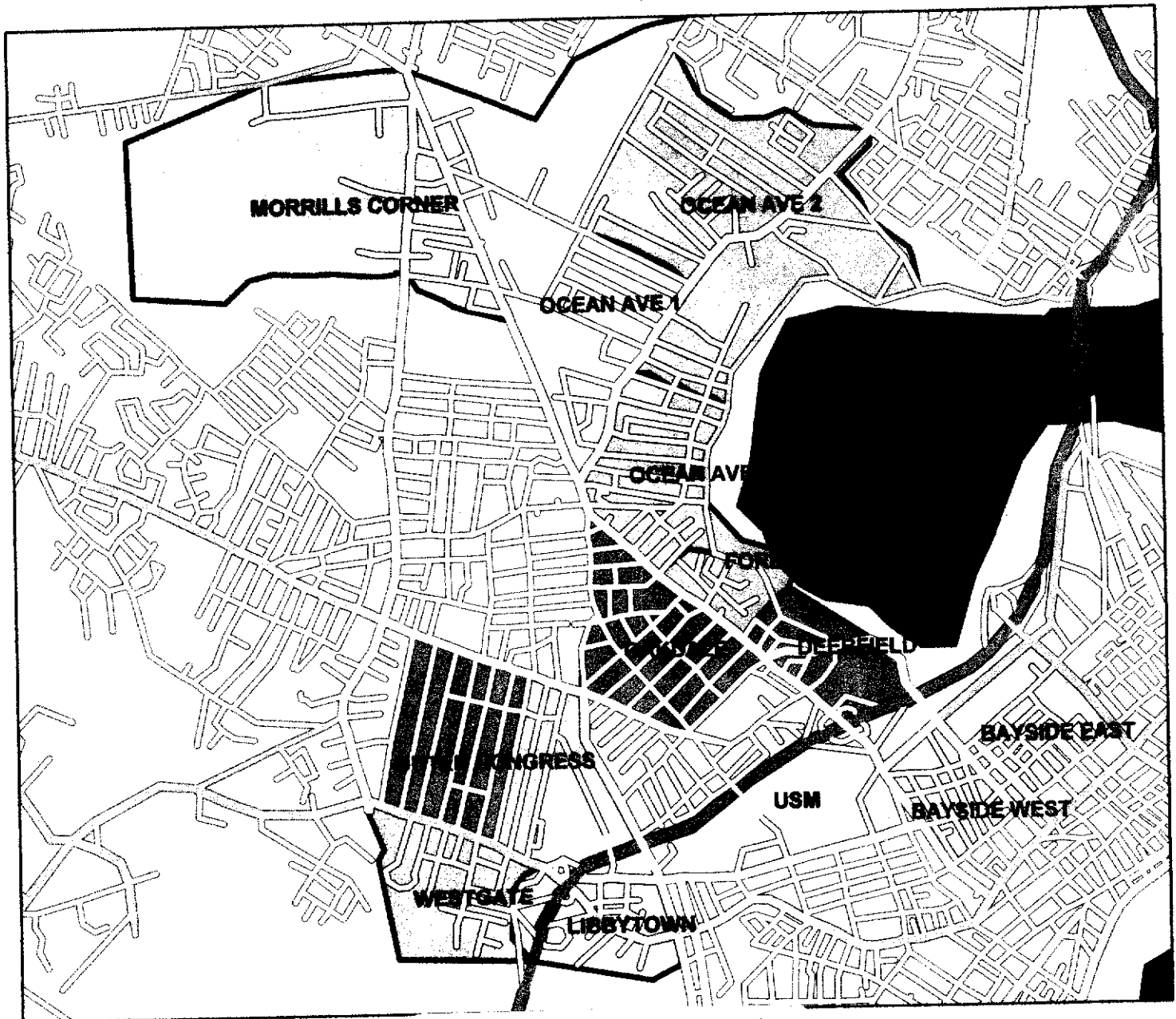
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Map 1 – Neighborhoods by F&R

- Orange – 0% to 19.9%
- Violet – 20% to 39.9%
- Peach – 40 to 59.9%
- Blue – 60 to 79.9%
- Yellow – 80% to 100%

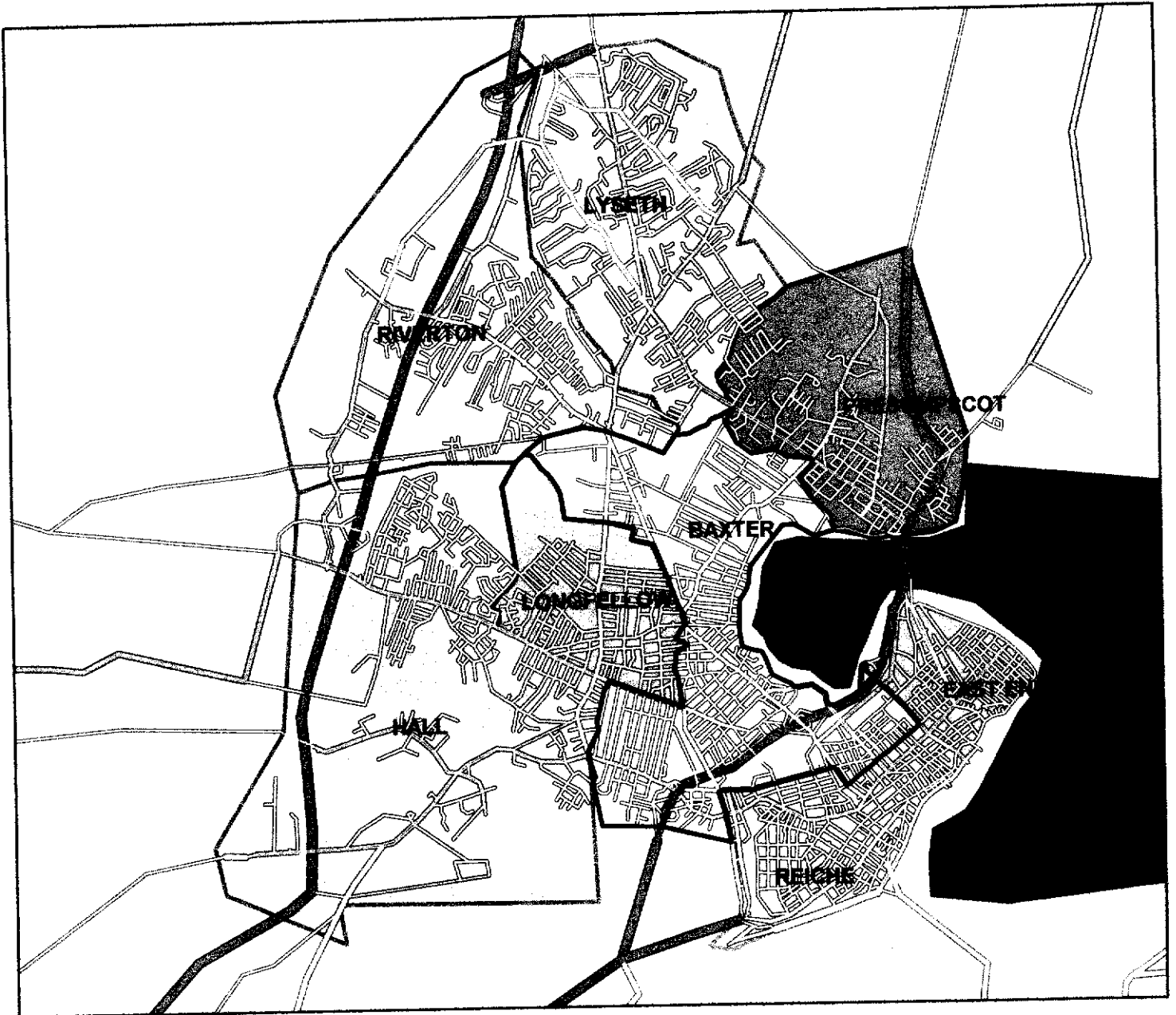
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MAP 2 – New School Neighborhoods

- Orange – 0% to 19.9%
- Violet – 20% to 39.9%
- Peach – 40 to 59.9%
- Blue – 60 to 79.9%
- Yellow – 80% to 100%

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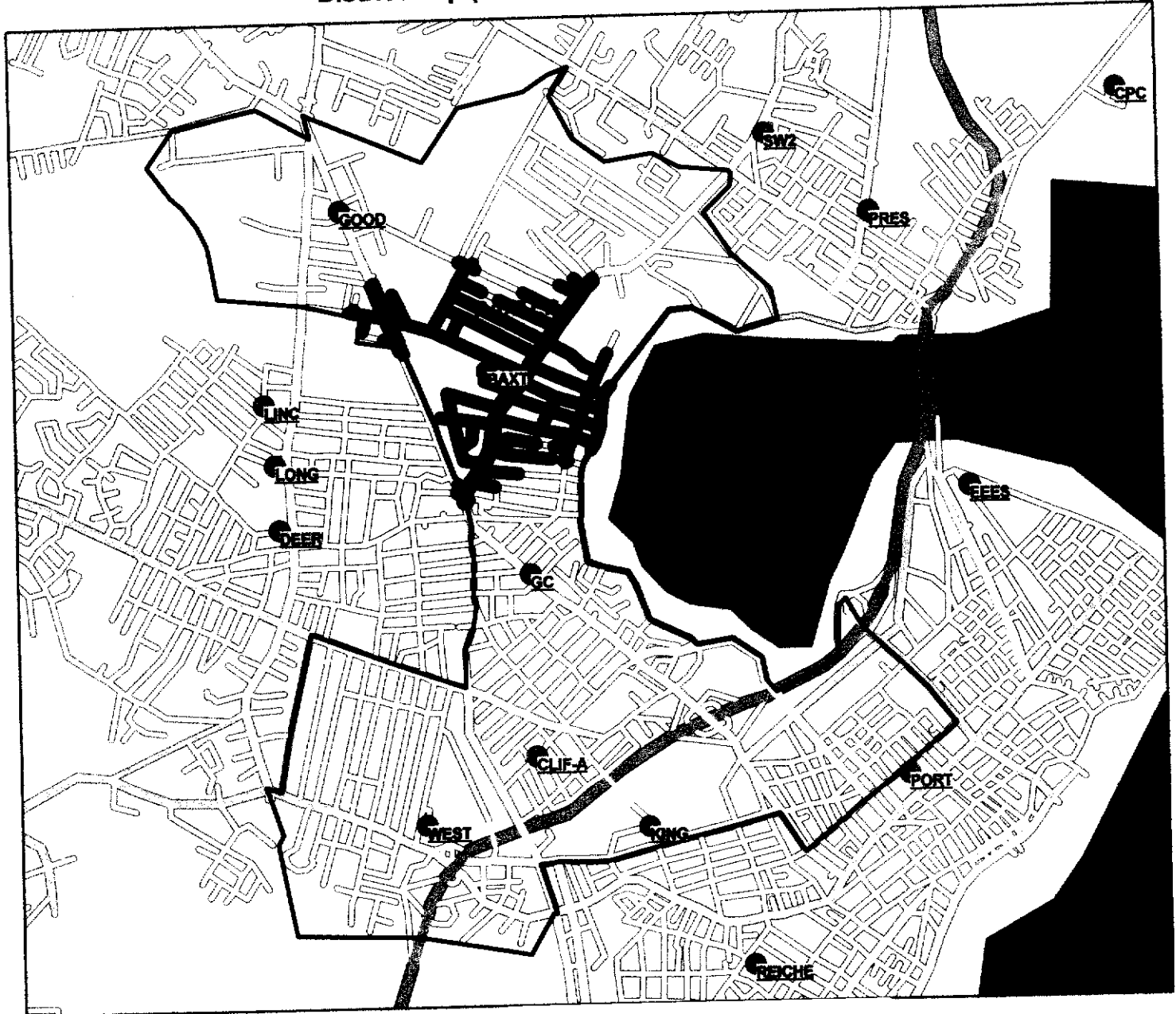
MAP 2a
New School Boundary Showing
Relationship to Other Districts

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Map 2b
New School Boundary
1 Mile Radius
1.5 Mile Radius

Portland Public Schools District Map (includes walkout information)



Walkout Origin Point:
Walk Hazard Restriction Level:

BAXTER SCHOOL
<None Specified>
0.5

**MAP 3 – New School Boundary
with Half-Mile Walk Out**

Portland Public Schools District Map (includes walkout information)

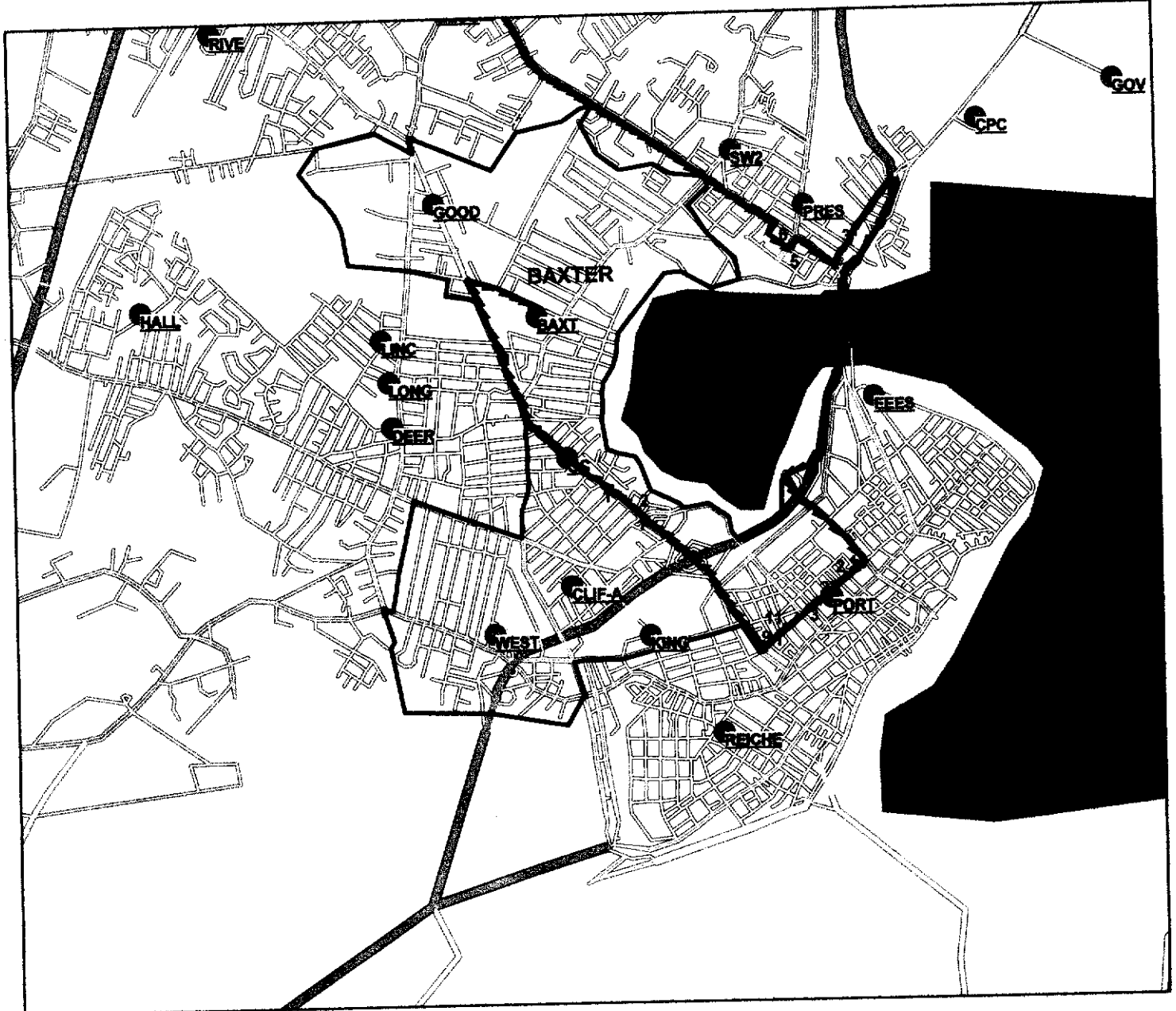


Walkout Origin Point:
Walk Hazard Restriction Level:

BAXTER SCHOOL
<None Specified>
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Map 4 – New School Boundary
with One Mile Walkout

Portland Public Schools Route Map

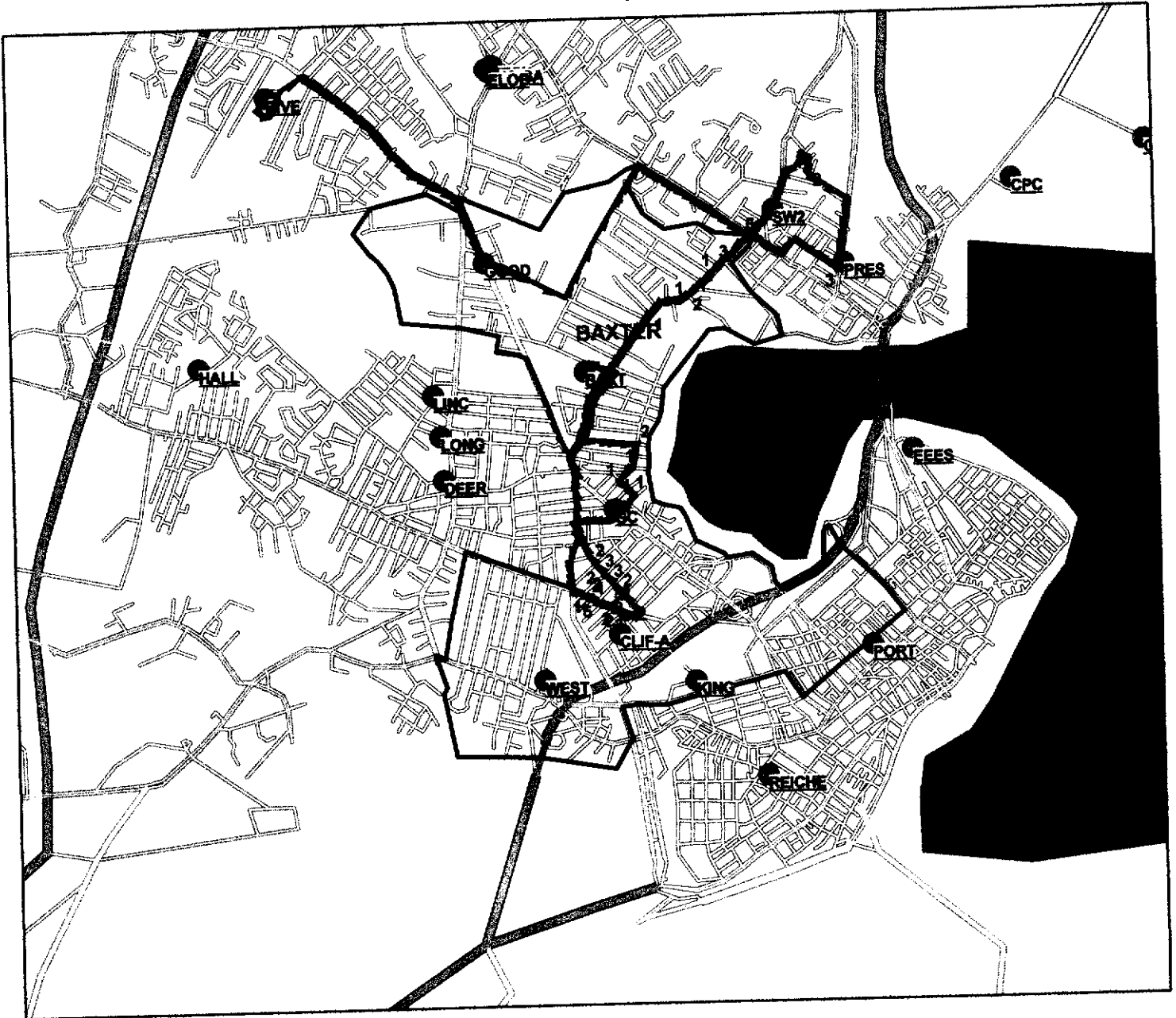


Route: **370**
 Vehicle: **A62**
 Anchor: **BAXT**
 Start Time: **8:16 AM**
 Pickups: **83**
 Distance: **8.29 mi.**

Desc: **UPTOWN-FOREST AVE**
 Driver:
 Max Load: **83**
 Arrival Time: **8:50 AM**
 Transfers On: **0**
 Transfers Off: **0**
 Days: **MTWHF**

MAP 5 – Bus Route 1
 East Deering
 Cumberland Ave
 Forest Ave

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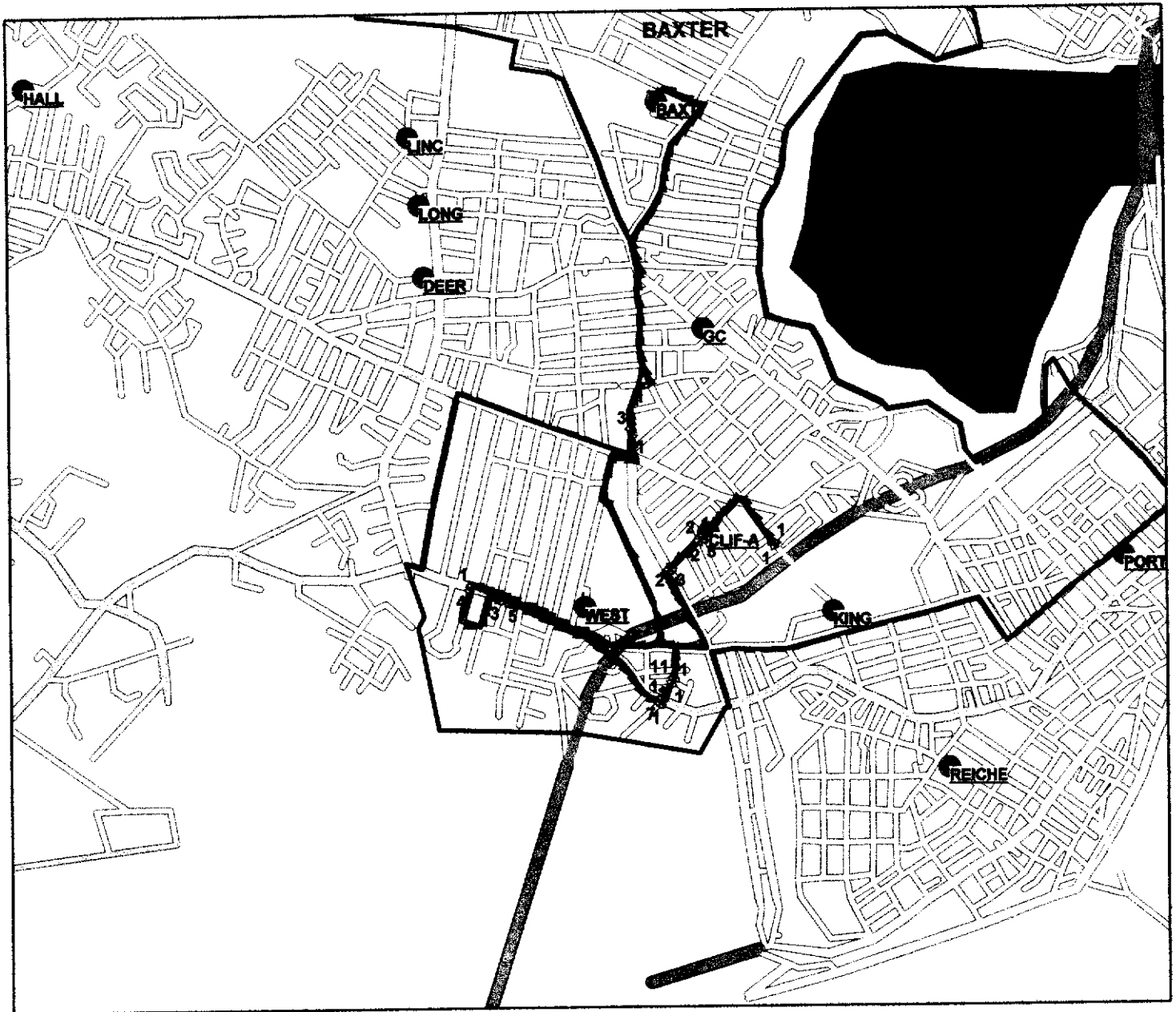


Route: **369**
 Vehicle: **A58**
 Anchor: **BAXT**
 Start Time: **8:02 AM**
 Pickups: **78**
 Distance: **8.98 mi.**

Desc: **OCEAN AVE - OAKDALE**
 Driver:
 Max Load: **78**
 Arrival Time: **8:50 AM**
 Transfers On: **0**
 Transfers Off: **0**
 Days: **MTWHF**

Map 6 – Bus Route 2
 Ocean Ave
 Back Cove (K's)
 Oakdale
 USM

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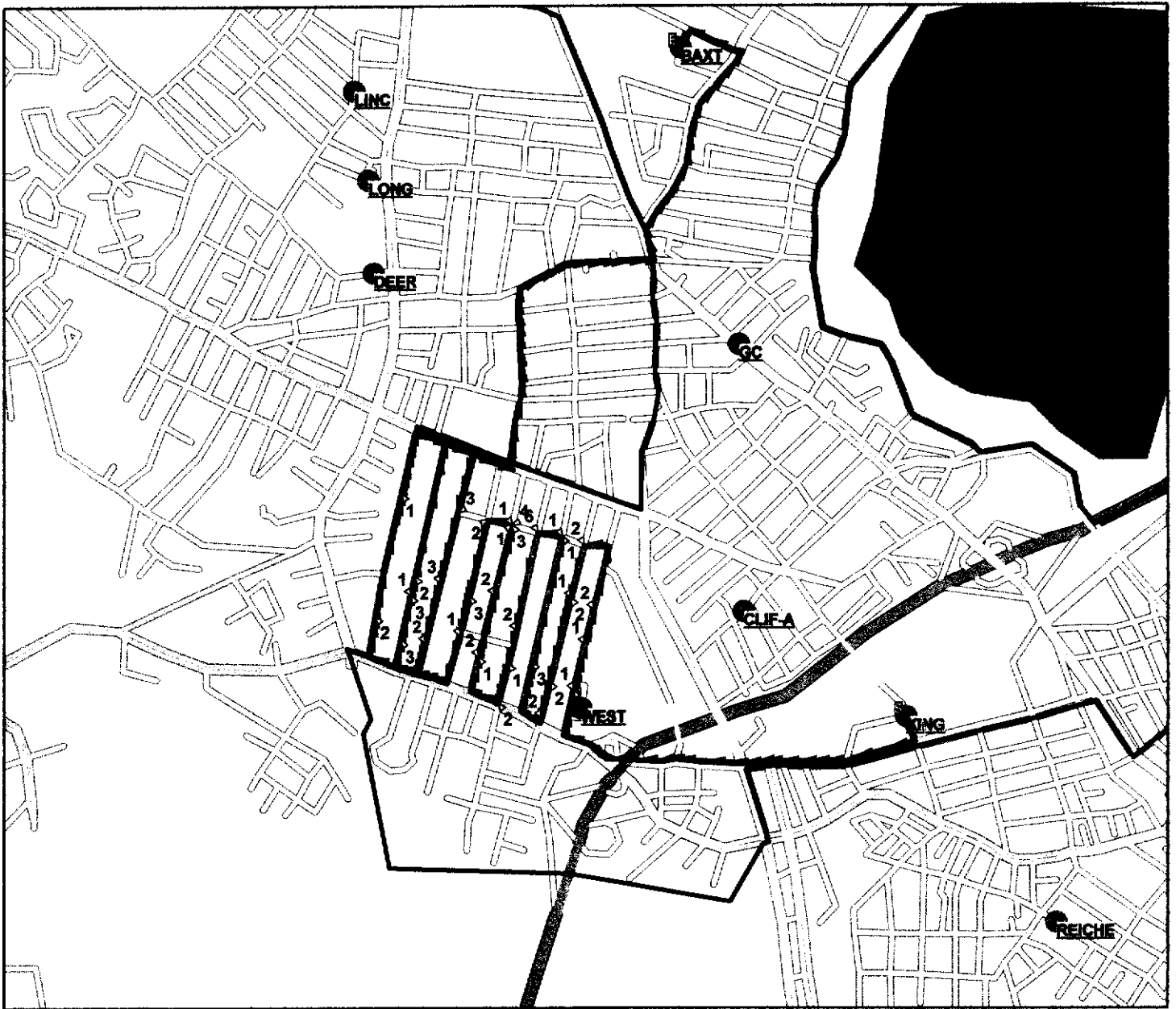


Route: **368**
 Vehicle: **A57**
 Anchor: **BAXT**
 Start Time: **8:19 AM**
 Pickups: **63**
 Distance: **4.19 mi.**

Desc: **USM - WESTGATE**
 Driver:
 Max Load: **63**
 Arrival Time: **8:50 AM**
 Transfers On: **0**
 Transfers Off: **0**
 Days: **MTWHF**

Map 7 - Bus Route 3
 Falmouth St Area
 Libbytown
 Westgate

Portland Public Schools Route Map



Route: **367**
 Vehicle: **A56**
 Anchor: **BAXT**
 Start Time: **8:02 AM**
 Pickups: **75**
 Distance: **6.51 mi.**

Desc: **OUTER CONGRESS**
 Driver:
 Max Load: **75**
 Arrival Time: **8:50 AM**
 Transfers On: **0**
 Transfers Off: **0**
 Days: **MTWHF**

MAP 8 – Bus Route 4
 Outer Congress St
 North Side Adjacent Streets
 Portion of Libbytown