

Additional Information From Growth and Planning Staff  
For The Board of Education Work Session On Assignment Recommendations  
For The 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-12 School Years  
January 22, 2009

Information Attached:

1. Summary of comments submitted to the website between Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>
2. Recommendations related to the “grandfathering” process
3. Recommendations for changes in staff recommendations presented on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>
4. Summary of recommended Traditional Calendar Option application patterns

## Online Comments Summary

Statistics:	Actual Count	%	
	1449	100.0%	Total Comments
	44	3.0%	Deleted because no school or node designation
	181	12.5%	Comments of support/praise
	986	68.0%	Comments of concern/dissatisfaction
	76	5.2%	Questions
	181	12.5%	Repeat comments
	19	1.3%	Comments with mixture of a question with either support/concern

- Approx.
- 190 comments were concerns with Wakefield nodes being reassigned to Heritage
  - 150 comments were concerns with Lacy nodes being reassigned to Stough
  - 108 comments were concerns with the reassignment of Leesville MS & Leesville HS
  - 68 comments were concerns with the reassignment of Apex MS & Apex HS
  - 68 comments were concerns with the reassignment of Middle Creek HS, Middle Creek MS & West Lake ES
  - 50 comments were concerns with the reassignment of Holly Springs HS area in particular Turner Creek ES & Holly Grove ES
  - 38 comments were concerns with the reassignment of Fuquay-Varina HS area
  - 38 comments were concerns with the reassignment of Green Hope HS area in particular Davis Dr. MS & West Cary MS
  - 36 comments were concerns with the reassignment of Panther Creek HS, Turner Creek ES, & wanting Cary HS in 2009
  - 30 comments were praising the reassignment of nodes to Stough ES
    - several comments were concerns about the "grandfathering" policy not being defined
    - several comments were concerns about the F&R is still too high at Lead Mine ES
    - several comments were directed at the need for neighborhood schooling

*Band has 11  
 hrs of comment.*

**Changes in the “grandfathering” process recommended by Growth and Planning Staff**  
January 22, 2009

“Grandfathering” is a term applied to transfer requests that are automatically approved by staff in June of each year when students are impacted by school assignment changes made by the Board of Education. On December 16<sup>th</sup>, staff recommended the following process:

*Staff recommends that transfer requests be automatically approved:*

1. *If they are submitted during the annual transfer application period*
- and*
2. *If the application is for a student who has been attending a WCPSS school and the Board’s action has changed the student’s assignment for the subsequent year to a school different from the current school*
- and*
3. *If one of the following statements is true:*
    - *The student is rising into grades 4 or 5, or*
    - *The student is rising into grades 7, 8, 10, 11, or 12 and the change in assignment is from an existing school to an existing school, or*
    - *The student is rising into grade 8 and the reassignment is to a new school.*

*Staff recommends that transfers not be approved by staff for students rising into grades 6, 7, 9, or 10 if the adopted Growth Management Plan places the student into a newly opening school. Staff also recommends that automatic approval of transfers not be extended to younger siblings of students approved under the criteria specified above.*

Recommended changes to the December 16<sup>th</sup> recommendation:

1. Staff recommends that a transfer request for a student be automatically approved if that particular student will be impacted by district assignment decisions twice within a three year period. For example, if a student was in School A as either a base or a calendar applicant and Board action changes that student’s assignment to School B and then subsequent Board action would change that student’s assignment to School C after less than three years in School B, a transfer request for the student to remain in School B would be automatically approved.
2. Staff recommends that when the “grandfathering” process leads to approval of a transfer for a student and the family applies for a transfer for a younger sibling who has also already begun attending the same school as the older sibling (for example, a rising 1<sup>st</sup> grade sibling of a rising 4<sup>th</sup> grade student or a rising 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student assigned to a new high school that has a rising 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade sibling) that the transfer request for the younger sibling automatically be approved.

**Changes in the Assignment Recommendations Presented to the Board of Education  
On December 16<sup>th</sup> by Growth and Planning Staff**

January 22, 2009

**Changes corrected on the school district website prior to public release on December 20<sup>th</sup>:**

1. Nodes 277.2 and 735.0 should have been recommended for assignment to Heritage High rather than H6 High. This was a coding error when keying information prior to the December 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
2. The year was changed for some high school moves associated with the opening of Heritage and H6 to 2010 if they were inadvertently keyed as 2009 or 2011. (This included nodes 206.0, 207.0, 218.0, 219.0, 326.0, 312.5, 322.1, 235.3, 658.0)

**Changes proposed by staff after hearing public input at the Board of Education's public hearings and considering comments submitted to the school system website:**

1. The year-round calendar application school for nine traditional calendar base nodes assigned to Lincoln Heights and Holly Ridge should be changed from Holly Grove Elementary to the new Herbert Akins Elementary. Herbert Akins will provide more capacity for applicants and this should help prevent overcrowding at Holly Grove. Holly Grove currently serves 91 year-round calendar applicants.
2. Change the year for moves from Lacy Elementary to Root Elementary from 2010 to 2009. This will prevent the loss of staff in 2009 who will be needed if the reassignment is implemented.
3. Change the year for moves from Panther Creek to Cary High School originally designated for 2010 to 2009. (The December 16<sup>th</sup> recommendations spread the reassignment from Panther Creek to Cary over two years.) This will provide more immediate utilization of available capacity at Cary High and has been requested by some of the potentially impacted families but will lead to the loss of some additional staff from Panther Creek when the enrollment is reduced.
- X 4. Change the year for the reassignment of node 658.0 from Green Hope High to Cary High from 2011 to 2009. There is no need to delay the reassignment until 2011. This move should align with other moves into Cary High.
- X 5. Change the year for the reassignment of nodes 441.1, 441.2, 441.3, 441.4, 442.1, 442.2, 442.3, and 446.0 from Carnage to Dillard Middle from 2010 to 2009. This should help prevent a one year decrease in staffing at Dillard Middle.
6. Leave nodes 580.0, 579.0 and 7.0 at Athens Drive rather than reassign them to Cary High School. This impacts less than ten students and not all Reedy Creek Middle nodes can be accommodated at Cary High.

7. Leave nodes 161.0 and 231.0 at Forestville Elementary rather than reassigning them to Lockhart Elementary. There appears to be sufficient capacity at Forestville and Lockhart does not need additional students because of anticipated growth. Leave the YR designation for these nodes at Jones Dairy rather than switching it to Lockhart.

8. Leave Forestville as the designated Traditional Calendar application school for Barwell Road's base area rather than changing the traditional calendar application designation to Creech Road.

9. Leave 322.1 and 338.1 at Jeffreys Grove Elementary rather than reassigning those nodes to Baileywick Elementary. This impacts only fourteen students, would have minimal impact on either school and the bus would still need to egress onto Creedmoor Road.

10. Leave nodes 497.2 and 497.3 at Smith Elementary rather than reassigning those nodes to Middle Creek Elementary. Leave the YR application designation for those nodes at Timber Drive. This will allow more room to accommodate potentially rapid growth in the Middle Creek area but does reduce the percentage of students from low-income families at Middle Creek. Smith can retain these nodes as it develops its magnet program.

11. Leave node 448.1 at Middle Creek Elementary rather than assigning it to the new Banks Road Elementary. Maintain the traditional calendar option for this node at Swift Creek. More than 60% of the elementary students in this node come from low-income families and 14% are LEP. This will help the comparability of Middle Creek and neighboring schools. Keep the middle school assignment for 448.1 at West Lake Middle rather than changing it to Holly Grove Middle. (Holly Grove Middle is the recommended middle school assignment for most of the Banks Road Elementary nodes).

12. Change the traditional calendar application school for nodes assigned to Vance Elementary and West Lake Elementary to Vandora Springs Elementary (from Smith Elementary) in 2011. This is a change from the December 16<sup>th</sup> recommendation of Aversboro and provides better balance and availability of traditional calendar seats in the Garner area.

13. Leave node 743.0 at Garner High School than reassigning it to Middle Creek High. Change the middle school assignment from North Garner Middle to East Garner Middle rather than reassigning it to West Lake Middle. These changes for this node will eliminate a split of a neighborhood and will impact fewer than ten students.

**Multi-year Reassignment Plan  
Proposed Traditional Calendar Application School Changes  
2009-10 through 2011-12**

Year Round/Modified	TCA 2008-09	TCA 2009-10	TCA 2010-11	TCA 2011-12
<b>Elementary Schools</b>				
Adams	Reedy Creek	Reedy Creek	Reedy Creek	Reedy Creek
Alston Ridge - E30			Green Hope	Green Hope
Ballentine	Lincoln Heights	Lincoln Heights	Lincoln Heights	Lincoln Heights
Banks Road - E23		Lincoln Heights	Lincoln Heights	Lincoln Heights
Barwell Road	Forestville	Forestville	Forestville	Forestville
Baucom	Penny Road	n/a	n/a	n/a
Brassfield	Lead Mine	Lead Mine	Lead Mine	Lead Mine
Brier Creek	Reedy Creek	Stough	Stough	Stough
Carpenter	Reedy Creek	Reedy Creek	Green Hope	Green Hope
Carver				
Durant Road	Rolesville	Rolesville	Rolesville	Rolesville
East Garner	Vandora Springs	Creech	Creech	Creech
E21				Forestville
Green	Lynn Road	Lynn Road	Lynn Road	Lynn Road
Green Hope	Weatherstone	Weatherstone	n/a	n/a
Harris Creek	Rolesville	Rolesville	Rolesville	Rolesville
Herbert Akins - E27		Lincoln Heights	Lincoln Heights	Lincoln Heights
Heritage	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	Wake Forest
Highcroft	Weatherstone	Weatherstone	Weatherstone	Weatherstone
Hodge Road	Forestville	Knightdale	Knightdale	Knightdale
Holly Grove	Penny Road	Holly Ridge	Holly Ridge	Holly Ridge
Holly Springs	Holly Ridge	Holly Ridge	Holly Ridge	Holly Ridge
Jones Dairy	Rolesville	Rolesville	Rolesville	Rolesville
Knightdale	Wakeion	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lake Myra - E34		Knightdale	Knightdale	Knightdale
Laurel Park	Briarcliff	Briarcliff	Briarcliff	Briarcliff
Leesville	Stough	Hilburn	Hilburn	Hilburn
Lockhart	Wakelon	Knightdale	Knightdale	Knightdale
Middle Creek	Swift Creek	Swift Creek	Swift Creek	Swift Creek
Mills Park	Weatherstone	Weatherstone	Weatherstone	Weatherstone
Morrisville	Weatherstone	Weatherstone	Weatherstone	Weatherstone
N. Forest Pines	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	Wake Forest	Wake Forest
Oak Grove	Briarcliff	Penny Road	Penny Road	Penny Road
Olive Chapel	Penny Road	Baucom	Baucom	Baucom
Partnership				
Pleasant Union	Lynn Road	Lynn Road	Lynn Road	Lynn Road
Rand Road	Aversboro	Aversboro	Aversboro	Aversboro
River Bend	Rolesville	Rolesville	Rolesville	Rolesville
Salem	Briarcliff	Briarcliff	Briarcliff	Briarcliff
Sanford Creek	Fox	Fox	Fox	Fox
Sycamore Creek	Hilburn	Hilburn	Hilburn	Hilburn
Timber Drive	Smith	Smith	Smith	Aversboro
Turner Creek	Penny Road	Baucom	Baucom	Baucom
Vance	Smith	Smith	Smith	Vandora
Wakefield	Rolesville	Rolesville	Rolesville	Rolesville
West Lake	Smith	Smith	Smith	Vandora
Wilburn	Fox	Fox	Fox	Fox
Willow Springs	Fuquay-Varina	Fuquay-Varina	Fuquay-Varina	Fuquay-Varina
<b>Middle Schools</b>				
Centennial				
Durant Road	West Millbrook	West Millbrook	West Millbrook	West Millbrook
East Cary	Reedy Creek	Reedy Creek	Reedy Creek	Reedy Creek
East Wake	Zebulon	Wendell	Wendell	Wendell
Heritage	Wake Forest-Rolesville	Wake Forest-Rolesville	Wake Forest-Rolesville	Wake Forest-Rolesville
Holly Grove - M9			Holly Ridge	Holly Ridge
Leesville		West Millbrook	West Millbrook	West Millbrook
Lufkin	Apex	Apex	Apex	Apex
Mills Park - M10			West Cary	West Cary
Moore Square				
North Garner	Dillard	Dillard	Dillard	Dillard
Rolesville - M6				Wakefield
Salem	Apex	Apex	Apex	Apex
West Lake	Dillard	Dillard	Dillard	Dillard
<b>High Schools</b>				
Southeast Raleigh				
			Changes from BOE Proposal	
New/Converted Trad	New/Converted YR	Modified	Change in App School	