



Student Assignment Meeting Summary

4/23/2025

Southwest DeKalb High School Library

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Meeting Agenda

- ✓ Welcome and housekeeping
- ✓ Vision and outcomes
- ✓ Review guiding principles and example
- ✓ Understand the BIG QUESTION
- ✓ Understanding MIRACLES
- ✓ Develop 2-3 guiding principles for each SAP area (buildings, boundaries, and programs)
- ✓ Review the SAP timeline
- ✓ Understand next steps and complete the exit ticket

Key Takeaways

- ★ In the fall, SAP will be transitioning from planning to implementation, using community-informed guiding principles to shape multiple school boundaries and program scenarios.
- ★ Stakeholder feedback, historical context, and program sustainability are being deeply integrated into the decision-making process.
- ★ Final recommendations will be based on narrowed guiding principles and evaluated through community-informed metrics and engagement tools.

Topics

Communication and Participation

- Monthly video updates inform stakeholders and promote transparency; different regions are represented in each video.
- New member onboarding is in progress, with engagement from board members and previous participants.



- Upcoming Summer Institute will engage diverse district stakeholders in evaluating draft scenarios and feedback.

Scenario Design and Data Tools

- Various boundary scenarios are being developed using puzzle-piece maps, cluster models, scatter maps, and online tools.
- Clustering may balance student populations across schools, though implications differ depending on student density and existing infrastructure.
- Planning Department is generating multiple data-driven maps based on guiding principles and feedback.

Research and Insight Gathering

- The Student Assignment Team has conducted over 100 school visits, gathering an understanding of localized needs and community concerns.
- Hanover Research is studying national models for boundary and program redesign.
- Feedback from school leaders and communities will be critical to shaping operationally realistic scenarios.

Guiding Principles Development

- Common Themes:
 - Maintaining Communities
 - Improving Access
 - Honoring Historical Context
 - Stabilizing Transient Populations
- Principles will be refined and voted on, narrowing to a manageable list (ideally under 15) for ranking scenarios.
- Scenario evaluation will consider equity, financial sustainability, transportation feasibility, and alignment with community goals.

Next Steps

Review additional data posted to Google Drive and website.

Continue brainstorming ideas for guiding principles.



Southwest Committee's next meeting is scheduled for May 21.