



Student Assignment Meeting Summary

3/19/2025

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 this meeting, the Southwest Committee discussed reimagining educational models, improving community engagement, and addressing challenges in school facilities and programs, with an emphasis on integrating K-12 models and enhancing local school options.

Topics

Reimagining Educational Models

- There is a consideration for creating more K-8 schools, which could better serve students across multiple grade levels.
- The process will involve extensive feedback from both parents and community members to ensure the new models align with their needs and expectations.
- Reassessing current school structures and exploring alternative educational models will be key to improving student outcomes and ensuring schools are meeting the evolving needs of the community.



Community Engagement and Collaboration

- Building stronger relationships between schools and the local community is seen as crucial for fostering educational success and creating more viable school models.
- Athletics, school facilities, and partnerships with local organizations are highlighted as areas where collaboration can help better serve the community and enhance school programs.
- Communication efforts need to be improved by offering more in-person and virtual meetings that are accessible to all community members to ensure transparency and input.

School Facilities and Resources

- There is an ongoing effort to evaluate underutilized spaces within schools, with the aim of redistributing resources to areas where they are most needed.
- School facilities, including athletic facilities, need to be assessed for their condition, and improvements may be necessary to support the growing demands of the student population.
- An audit of building and athletic facilities is underway, focusing on issues like ADA compliance, infrastructure conditions, and the overall use of space, which will help inform future decisions about school structures.

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 April 23.