



Student Assignment Meeting Summary

9/24/2025

Lakeside High School Cafeteria

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Meeting Agenda

- ✓ Welcome
- ✓ New Teams by District
- ✓ Session Schedule
- ✓ Meeting Norm
- ✓ Welcome HPM
- ✓ Big Question
- ✓ Today's Goal and Current Challenges
- ✓ DCSD Special Programs
- ✓ Magnet Schools of America
- ✓ Work Session
- ✓ Share Out and Consensus
- ✓ Exit Ticket
- ✓ What's Next

“We can’t do everything at once — how do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time.”

Meeting Objectives

- Focus on a strategic decision about how special programs should be placed throughout the district.
- Introduce and preview a new data dashboard to support decision-making.
- Use working group time to explore program placement models and reach consensus.



Big Question

Should DeKalb County School District's special programs be offered in a few schools across the district (centralized), or embedded within neighborhood schools (decentralized)?

This foundational question will drive future decisions around:

- Facility usage
- Access and Opportunity
- Program consistency and sustainability

Team Consensus

- **Neighborhood Schools Model** receives the **most support overall** for meeting guiding principles, especially access, opportunity, and operational efficiency.
- **Hybrid/Regional Models** also show promise as a balanced solution, combining resource concentration for specialized programs with geographic distribution.
- Special Considerations:
 - All neighborhood schools in DCSD should be excellent options.
 - Limit the number of specialized programs offered to elementary-aged students.

HPM Dashboard Preview

The new [interactive dashboard](#) provides:

- School-by-school data on enrollment, capacity, facility condition, and educational adequacy
- Ability to combine or compare schools
- Toggle data by school level (elementary/middle/high) and year
- Glossary of definitions for transparency
- "This gives us a single source of truth to support data-driven planning."

Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 - VIRTUAL